

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 9 2015

8 September 2015



WALK-A-THON: SPONSOR SHEETS & MONEY ARE DUE BY TOMORROW PLEASE SO THAT PRIZES CAN BE PRESENTED BY TERM END. THANK YOU

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This will be my last newsletter for the term. I want to thank everyone for what has been a very hectic term. I am looking forward to my time away but at the same time will miss everyone. Denise will be in charge in my absence.

Today we head off on the last of our school camps for the year. I realize that camps take me out of the school, but they are an opportunity for myself and the teachers to interact with the children in a different setting. Camps are one of the biggest memories the children have of their schooling years. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Longreach last week. The landscape in that part of the world is certainly different than here. They had signs out asking people to pray for rain. The children had the opportunity to interact and forge friendships with other children they will be headed off to high school with next year.

This Friday is Teacher Aides Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful bunch of ladies who go over and above their call of duty working with the staff and children each day. They are certainly a valuable part of our staff.

Congratulations to the five year four boys (Keiran, Damien, Jack, Luke, Kohan) who over the past two weeks have received Eucharist for the first time.

Other exciting news in our Parish is the ordination of Deacon Nathan Mackay to the priesthood on Friday night September 18th. This is the first ordination in the Diocese in over 20 years. Nathan has asked that we all pray for him this week leading up to his ordination. Nathan will be visible in our school as he has been assigned to the Parish.

Please keep the night of Tuesday, October 13th in your calendars. We have signed a three year contract with *Real Schools Australia* to work in our school with the teachers, students and parents. Adam Voigt the founder of Real Schools will be in the school on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th. I ask everyone to make the effort to attend this meeting. More information will be provided to you in the next week with a video link from Adam himself explaining our partnership in more detail.

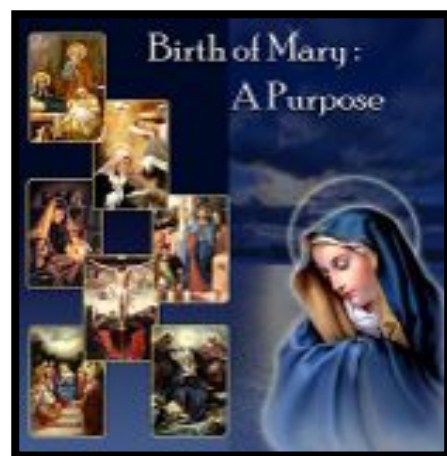
Please keep in your prayers the Riera family with the passing of their patriarch Conrad Riera early yesterday morning. The Riera family have had a long association with St Rita's and the whole South Johnstone community. Conrad is the great uncle of Jess and Luke Magnanini.

Two other dates for you to put on your calendars for next term are the return of Maggie Dent on Tuesday 6th October (the first day of next term at 7 p.m. in the GCPS theatrette. There is no charge for the evening. For our new parents Maggie is an author and educator as well as the mother of four boys. She is passionate about the education of children. We have some of Maggie's books on our Parent Education Stand in the library. The other date is the return of Susan McLean on Thursday, October 29th. Susan was the expert we engaged early in the year to speak on cyber-bullying so if you missed her, try to get along on this night. More information will be given early next term.

Thank you all, God bless, have a great week. For those travelling over the holidays, near and far, travel safe and I will see you all next term.

Vicki

Mary was born to be the mother of the saviour of the world, the spiritual mother of all people and the holiest of God's creatures. Her birth then, is certainly something to celebrate. We rejoice in her birthday as the Church as done from the earliest times. Mary is one of only three birthdays in the Church calendar along with the birth of Jesus (December 25th) and John the Baptist (June 26th). The reason for this is their extraordinary mission in the history of salvation. In a nutshell, this is an important feast day as it prepares the way for the birth of Christ. As Catholics we honour Mary because God himself honoured her. When we praise and honour Mary it is God that we are really praising and honouring because her holiness was the work of God in her.



There is NO Assembly this week.

TUCKSHOP

There is NO tuckshop this week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
SEPTEMBER 8th**

On Tuesday the Church celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in other words Mary's birthday. Historically, scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth, however the Church does acknowledge that from the very moment of her conception she was totally free from sin and remained free from sin for her whole life. Her parents are St Anne and St Joachim.

***An Irish Litany of Mary**
Great Mary
Greatest of Marys
Greatest of Women
Mother of Eternal Glory
Mother of the Golden Light
Honour of the Sky
Temple of the Divinity
Fountain of the Gardens
Serene as the Moon
Bright as the Sun
Garden Enclosed
Temple of the Living God
Light of Nazareth
Beauty of the World
Queen of Life
Ladder of Heaven
Mother of God
Pray for Us
AMEN.*

(Sources – www.catholicism.about.com,
www.catholic.org and
www.marypages.com)



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM : FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to our five Year 4 boys – Luke, Jack, Damien, Kohan and Keiran who have now received eucharist for the first time. They are now full members of the Catholic Church and we wish them well as they proceed with God’s richest blessings and the special gift of his son, Jesus.

ORDINATION OF DEACON NATHAN MCKAY : FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Last week during Class Visits Deacon Nathan McKay accompanied Fr Kerry. The children had the opportunity to meet and talk with him. We wish Deacon Nathan all the very best as he embarks on this very special vocation and look forward to seeing him in our parish and school. Mother of Good Counsel Parish is organizing a bus to transport people interested in attending Deacon Nathan’s ordination at St. Monica’s Cathedral. The bus will leave the Parish Centre around 5.15pm on Friday 18th September and will return after the ceremony. A small travel fee will be payable to cover costs. If you would like to make the trip please contact the Parish as soon as possible to add your name to the list.

Enjoy the rest of the week. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Regards, Assistant
Denise (Acting
APRE – Assistant
to the Principal, Religious Education)



CENT SALE

Melbourne Cup is looming. For those new parents who are unaware – traditionally our P & F organize a Melbourne Cup Luncheon (in the Shire Hall for approximately 220 guests). It is a big event with Fashions on the Field, Cent Sale, Monster Goose, entertainment, sweeps etc.

It is time to start watching out for suitable items that you might like to donate as a cent sale prize. So keep an eye out for sale items over the holidays and please bring anything in that you would like to donate. They should be taken to the tuckshop. Melissa Leonardi is coordinating the cent sale again this year. If you have no idea, please don’t hesitate to ask Melissa or at the office for any ideas.

Learning rugby skills again this week with Stephen from the REDS c/- the Sporting Schools Grant



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 3

9-11 Sept Yr 4/5 Camp Barrabadeen
18 Sept End of Term

TERM 4

6 Oct Start of Term 4
14 Oct Billy Slater Cup
3 Nov Melbourne Cup
9-13 Nov Swimming – lower school
11 Nov Remembrance Day
16-20 Nov Swimming – upper school



YR 4/5 CAMP BARRABADEEN



Instruction



Team building balance exercise



The dentist chair!!



Well Women's Clinics
(These clinics are available to
Medicare eligible clients)



**Innisfail Hospital – Mondays 21st
& 28th Sept – Ph: 4226 4812**
**Innisfail Mamu – Tuesday 29th Sept – Ph: 4061
5102**

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.



Presents
Trainwreck (M15+)
4, 5 & 6 September
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



Are you due for a DENTAL CHECK?

Use your Medicare \$ and see Giulia for an out of school appointment OR a Saturday for your convenience.

Medicare \$ expire on 31/12/15. Use it before you lose it.

All eligible Child Dental Benefit Scheme claims are bulk billed.

Phone Riverside family Dental on 40611588 or call in at 6 Fitzgerald Esplanade Innisfail.

Riverside Family Dental are also Member Care providers for BUPA, MEDIBANK, HCF, TUH, and HBA.



INNISFAIL ROAR FOOTBALL

- WEDNESDAY SEP 16TH 2015 4.30PM TO 7.30PM
- REGISTRATION FROM 4.15PM
- COST: \$60.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES SUPPORTERS PACK
- VENUE: CASTOR PARK MOURILYAN
- OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM 5-14YEARS NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- 3HRS OF FUN FILLED FOOTBALL, PLUS GAMES IN THE INFLATABLE FIELD.
- BBQ & CANTEEN WILL BE OPERATING ON THE NIGHT.
- REGISTER ON LINE: WWW.ROARACTIVE.COM.AU
- ANY INQUIRES PLEASE CALL CHARLES MANITTO 0418772381
- BRISBANE ROAR ARE CONDUCTING THIS CLINIC WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE



JAMIE GOSLING FOOTBALL ACADEMY PRESENTS



September School Holiday Soccer Clinic

Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd & Thur 24 Sep

9am - 12 noon each day

- **VENUE:** Stratford FC (cnr Magazine & Arnold Sts)
- **COST:** JGFA players - \$75 for 3 days or \$30 per day
Non-JGFA - \$90 for 3 days or \$35 per day
- **AGES:** For players aged 5-14
- **WHAT TO BRING:** Playing kit, soccer boots & water bottle
- **WHAT'S ON:** Skills, Techniques, Team Games, World Cup, Competitions, Challenges, Speed Gun, Fun!

Every child who attends will receive a certificate and a chance to win prizes!

ENROL ONLINE NOW AT WWW.JGFA.COM.AU

MORE INFO: Call Jamie on 0405 181 626 or email info@jgfa.com.au

LAUNCH INTO **CRICKET AT**
BLAST OFF!
 SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC



WITH A GUEST COACH FROM
**BRISBANE
 HEAT**

**OCTOBER 1 & 2 AT ENDEAVOUR PARK
 AGES 6 TO 14 ++ BOYS AND GIRLS**



Stockland **Bendigo Bank** **GO TO**
CRICKETFARNORTH.QLD.CRICKET.COM.AU
FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS AND INFO

st.george
ROOKIES
2REDS
 .com.au

**SCHOOL
 HOLIDAY
 CLINIC**

\$40
 VALUED AT
 OVER \$300

- 2. 4 hour Coaching Session tailored to your age group
- 3. Family Pass to the 2015 National Rugby Championship or 2016 St.George Queensland Reds home game
- 4. 10% off Reds Merchandise (excludes sale items)
- 5. St.George Rookies2Reds hat and ball

LOCATION: 200-212 Progress Rd, White Rock QLD 4868 -Trinity Anglican School

DATE: Monday 21st September 2015

TIME: 9:00am – 1:00pm

AGE GROUPS: 5-7 Little Legends, 8-9 Junior Champs, 10-11 Future Stars

North Queensland Coordinator - Steven Page – steven.page@qr.com.au

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY FROM ROOKIES2RED TODAY
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OR CALL 1300 QLD REDS (1300 753 733)