

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 1 2015

6 October 2015



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 – our final and extremely busy period of the year. Hopefully we have all students back on deck today after an enjoyable and restful holiday break and ready to jump straight into the term's activities.

Today we welcome two new students to our St Rita's school community. We trust that Sarah-Lee and Jacob Murphy-Way will enjoy their time with us and that it will be a positive and rewarding experience for them both. Sarah-Lee will join our Year 4's, while Jacob will be Year 1.

This Wednesday we will host the first of our 'Get-Set-For-Prep' sessions. Please be aware of our extra little guests around the school and the added congestion down in the Prep area on these mornings. These sessions are a wonderful way of introducing our Prep students for 2016 (and their families) to the daily routines of school life. Please extend a warm welcome to any new faces and give directions if necessary.

Parenting in the 21st century is no easy feat. Now while there is a lot of information out there in regard to what you 'should do' and what you 'shouldn't do', it is not often that we have the opportunity to sit and listen to someone who has a wealth of experience (backed up by personal research) right here in Innisfail. Maggie Dent is a mother of four, a teacher and a parent educator

whose outlook on modern-day parenting is practical, understandable and highly entertaining.

As previously advertised, Maggie's presentation on the '**Nine Things Parents Need to Know to Raise Successful Children**' is on tonight in the Good Counsel Primary School Theatrette from 7 – 9 pm. It is free of charge to St Rita's families and is definitely worth getting along to. Hope to see as many of you as possible there.

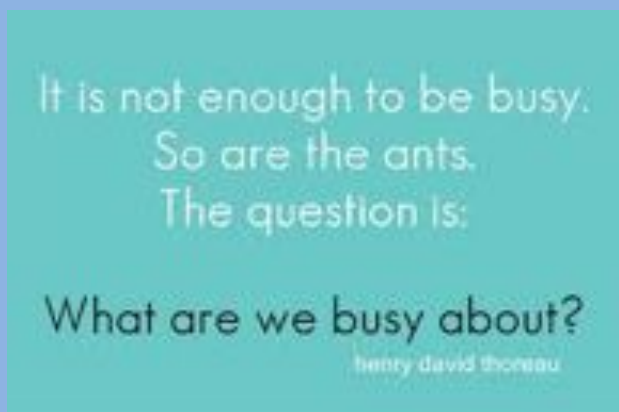
Next week we also have the **Real Schools Parent Information Evening**. 'Real Schools' is an initiative we are undertaking to further develop the relationship between school and home. The founder and facilitator of the program is Adam Voigt. As Vicki has outlined previously, we have entered into a 3 year contract with Real Schools Australia which involves working with teachers, students and parents.

Please be aware that the date for the Parent Night is now **Monday 12th October** and the Student Day is Tuesday 13th October. We apologize for any inconvenience, but it was necessary to reschedule due to a clash of times with another event. Please try to keep this date free to attend this special meeting.

In terms of staff news we congratulate Miss Watkins who became engaged over the holidays. We wish her and her fiancé all the very best for a wonderful future together.

At the same time, our deepest sympathies go to Mrs Curzon on the recent passing of her uncle- Bozie Darveniza. Please keep the members of the Curzon and Darveniza families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Some people question the notion of 'busyness', while others I suppose do not have time to stop and even think about it. The following quote sheds a little light on the topic.



Have a wonderful first week back. GO COWBOYS !!

Regards,
Denise (Acting Principal)

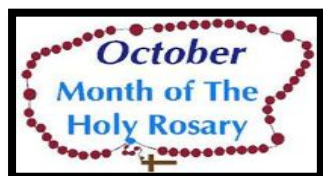


There is NO Assembly this week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This is mainly due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection and guidance she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.



During October, we are reminded of the importance of uniting our prayers with the Mother of God and conforming ourselves to Christ as revealed in the mysteries of His life.

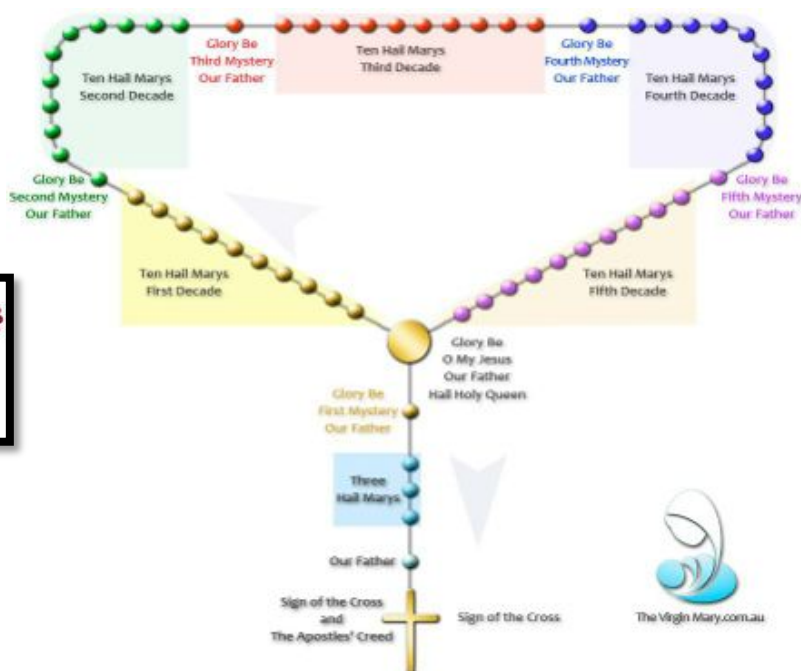
When praying the Rosary, believers focus on the joyful mysteries surrounding His birth; the luminous mysteries of His ministry of teaching and healing; the sorrowful mysteries of His passion and death; and the glorious mysteries of His triumph and resurrection.

So why pray the Rosary?

It is suggested that one reason may be because it can benefit anyone at any stage of their spiritual life from beginners to the advanced. The 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' teaches about various types of prayer including **vocal prayer**, **meditation** and **contemplation**.

The Rosary is a vocal prayer, a meditation and can lead to contemplation (a higher form of prayer). Praying the decades (10 Hail Marys) of the Rosary is not necessarily about focusing on the meaning of each word of each prayer. Rather it is more about pondering the mystery for that decade. The Rosary is a prayer of the gospels as we not only reflect on the gospel scenes, but most of the prayers are also taken from Scripture verses.

In this month of October, it is suggested that we consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a way of drawing closer to Jesus and Mary.



(Sources - www.catholic.net/index ,
www.catholic.org/saints/calendar/october.php
how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com)



SOCKTOBER: SOCK IT TO POVERTY

Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way that our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission month in October. The 'sock it to something' concept is an Australian expression that means to fight, punch or strike out at. For example, each year Socktober will sock it to social issues such as poverty, child labour, child trafficking and homelessness.



Stay tuned for more information in regard to this very worthy cause and exactly how St. Rita's students can participate.

Have a wonderful week. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Regards,

Denise (Acting APRE)



Please keep the Maund family (Tiarah Yr2, Tahlily Yr 3) in your prayers due to the recent loss of their grandmother, Lorraine Burger.

PUPIL FREE DAY

19 October – Week 3 Term 4

There will be no staff at school on this day as they will be attending compulsory seminars at other venues. You will need to make arrangements for the care of your child/ren for this day. Thank you.

TUCKSHOP

There is NO tuckshop this week

NOT TO BE MISSED!! REAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER

Because this is such a special event we are giving away TWO LUCKY DOOR PRIZES for those in attendance. You have to be there to win. Your child will enjoy these prizes too!

A flyer and a video link is below from Adam explaining our partnership in more detail. The Introductory Video invitation is available at this link:

<https://youtu.be/szdUhwFZVI0>.

MAGGIE DENT PARENT SEMINAR

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"9 THINGS PARENTS NEED TO RAISE SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN"
A back to basics guide to calm, common-sense, connected care Birth-8
Parent Session
A P&F INITIATIVE

More children than ever are arriving in our schools with one or more developmental delays and this creates a "gap" that is almost impossible to overcome throughout the school journey. Maggie explores the role of healthy parenting quality early years education with back-to-basics, common-sense guide to what is essential for young children to be able to thrive.

Come and join Maggie - a sought after and popular keynote speaker being an excellent "info-trainer", whose sessions are informative and entertaining, based on evidence-based research.

- ◆ The role of healthy parenting
- ◆ What is essential for young children to be able to thrive and be ready for school
- ◆ Positive parenting
- ◆ And more

WHEN: TUESDAY OCT 6
WHERE: GCPS THEATRETTE 7pm to 9pm
FREE ENTRY - BRING A FRIEND



And the runners up from each year level.



WALK-A-THON

During the last week of Term 3 we were very proud to announce the winners who raised the highest amount of sponsorship money for each year level. The winners were:

Prep Ashton Cini
Yr 1 Ruben Puccini
Yr 2 Hayley Wollschlager
Yr 3 Jorja Buchanan
Yr 4 Kohan Spry
Yr 5 Dylan Manitto
Yr 6 Anna-Louise Celledoni
Class Party Winners – Year 5/6

Absent from the photo below is Ruben Puccini, Year 1. A huge \$8,526 .00 was raised this year. Anna-Louise Celledoni was the overall winner, raising a HUGE \$1,397.00. We thank all the students and parents for their support in this project.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?

Our program is offered to students in Year 1 to Year 6. Should you wish for your child to participate in the program, an agreement can be obtained from the office. The cost is \$15.50 per lesson (one lesson per week) and this fee is added to your school fee statement. Mr Wilshire would like to encourage any child interested. Instruments taught include –

GUITAR / BASS GUITAR

KEYBOARD

WOODWIND - Flute, Clarinet,

Saxophone

BRASS - Trumpet, Baritone, trombone

PERCUSSION – Drums

MELBOURNE CUP

Melbourne Cup is ONLY FOUR WEEKS AWAY.

Volunteer helpers for the day will be requested soon.

Or perhaps you wish to sit and enjoy – look out for the booking information to come out soon.

MONSTER GOOSE – perhaps you have a donation for a goose prize?

CENT SALE - Keep an eye out for sale items 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 or any parent who may have been involved in past years.

ROTARY CAIRNS SUNRISE & AVANTI PLUS CAIRNS



RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR THE (DR EDWARD KOCH FOUNDATION) DECLAN CROUCH FUND



**Lots of fun for the family!
Plenty of activities!**

Family Riders
Registration from 8:00am to 8:15am.

Adult Cyclists
Registration from 6:30am to depart 6:45am



Major prize for the highest fund raiser!

www.familybikeride.org.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 4

6 Oct	Start of Term 4
Wks 1-5	Interschool Sport
14 Oct	Billy Slater Cup
19 Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
3 Nov	Melbourne Cup
9-13 Nov	Swimming – lower school
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
16-20 Nov	Swimming – upper school

2016

25 Jan **First Day of School**



Presents
Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (M)
9,10 & 11 October
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 8 Fitzgerald Esplanade Innisfail.

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

