

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 3 2015

20 October 2015



**CENT SALE DONATIONS DESPERATELY NEEDED
THIS WEEK FOR MELBOURNE CUP. THANK YOU**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome "Back to the Future". Today is the date that Marty McFly keyed into his delorian to go ahead in time. It is marvellous to see what they thought 2015 would look like back in 1985 - quite different.

On Monday, whilst the students enjoyed a three day weekend, the staff worked hard meeting with staff in their specific year levels from five other catholic schools for CTJ day. Teachers shared work samples, checked criteria sheets and assessment tasks to ensure that what they are doing in their classrooms aligns with that of other schools. All have expressed what a positive experience it was having time to network, share ideas and resources, as well as affirming what they are doing.

You all would have noticed the Life Education van in the carpark at the end of last week and the beginning of this week. All classes attended the van, learning about stranger danger, contacting emergency services, healthy eating and body systems. Gemma, the consultant in the van, was alarmed that many of the children do not know their address and phone number. This is very important in rural areas as a lot of houses do not have a "number". Attached to this newsletter is a form you can fill out

with your children and leave on the fridge to revisit regularly. Another interesting fact I learnt recently was the "code word". This is a word only known to yourself and your children in the event that someone else, not known to them, has to pick them up from an activity. Their first question to the person is, "What is our family "code word"? They then know whether this person is a friend or foe.

Over the past week interviews have been held for teaching positions in 2016. One position will be re-advertised this weekend. In the coming weeks the teachers and myself will begin to look at the configuration of classes for next year. It is extremely important that you notify us if you are intending to leave St Rita's next year, as we have had enrolment enquiries. If you do know of anyone who may be thinking of enrolling their children, please urge them to do so as soon as possible. I do know that some parents get quite anxious at this time of year, but be assured that the staff know your children very well and make every endeavour to place them where we feel meets their academic and social needs.

With just under two weeks until the P&F's annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon, help is urgently needed. I ask all parents if they can only give a little time setting up and cleaning up. Your help will be invaluable.

Donations for cent sale prizes are also needed. This is the major fundraiser for the year and is always a huge success so please get behind it.

The children have certainly been enjoying the AFL sessions with Keiran, both during and after school. It certainly is a different skill set from their normal soccer or league.

Thank you to the 36 parents who have taken time in their busy schedules to complete the parent survey. I am told the survey is now extended until the end of this week so I ask all parents to get on and fill it in. As I explained results from this survey are used for planning purposes and help with our accreditation with the Non State Schools Board. The link is as follows:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohnstoneParent2015StRitas>

Please keep in your prayers the Caltabiano family (Keiran Year 4 and Victoria Year 1) following the passing of their beloved great nonna. May God keep her safely in the palm of his hands.

As you may or may not know our grounds are kept looking great with the assistance of Mr Anthony Calleja and Mr Paul Taylor. As this is Anthony and Lina's last year at St Rita's, we are asking if there are any other parents in the school who could volunteer their time to undertake this activity. If you can could you please contact the school office (this involves mowing, trimming hedges and poisoning fence lines).

Please keep next Monday morning October 26th free for our next P&F meeting. Following the success of our last morning meeting we have decided to trial another. See you all in the staff room at 9.00 a.m.

I will be away in Brisbane from Tuesday onward next week as my husband undergoes surgery. At this stage all going well I will be back for the beginning of the following school week. Denise will once again be in charge in my absence.

Thank you for your continued support. Term Four is certainly going very fast and it is extremely important with teachers finalizing work that children be present in class. Week six and seven are our swimming weeks this year. Look out in your child's bag for the swimming helpers form.

God bless, have a great week.

Vicki



No assembly this week.

P & F MEETING

Our next meeting will be next Monday, 26 October, at 9am.

CYBER SAFETY SUSAN MCLEAN

For those of you who were unable to attend the Cyber Safety Seminar we had earlier in the year, there is another opportunity. Susan McLean will be at Good Counsel Primary on 29 October. More information will be provided when it comes to hand.

TUCKSHOP

There IS tuckshop this week. Please ask your child for a menu. Due to the Pupil Free Day on Monday, this week the tuckshop orders can be in by Thursday morning.

CENT SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!



We are in need of items for our Cent Sale for Melbourne Cup. This is the biggest money raiser on the day. Please keep an eye out for sale items. Please bring anything in that you would like to donate by 23 October. Items 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.

MELBOURNE CUP

Melbourne Cup is **ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY**. Seats are filling fast so if you want to book a table/seats please contact – Tanya Pensini tany@plumbbuilding.com.au ph: 0417705498.

A Volunteer helpers form went out today. It would be appreciated if this form could be returned to the office by 19 October. Any bit of help goes a long way and is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately head lice have again reared their ugly heads. Not to treat your child/children is unfair to the parents who are vigilant in the fight to keep them at bay. Please make every effort this week to apply treatment to your child's hair, and continuously throughout the next week. If we all make every effort at the same time, the fight is made much easier. If you do regularly treat your child/children without success, it is suggested repeated combing over a number of days and/or a different product should be applied.

BILLY SLATER CHALLENGE



GCC ORIENTATION DAY 28 OCTOBER 9AM – 1PM

Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the college.

ST RITA'S SCALLYWAGS PLAYGROUP

The St Rita's Scallywags Playgroup meets every Tuesday 9am – 11.30am.

Children aged 0 to 5 years are welcome.

Bring some morning tea for your child.

Tea and coffee are provided.

For more details – Malinda Eaves ph. 0417 121 118

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 4

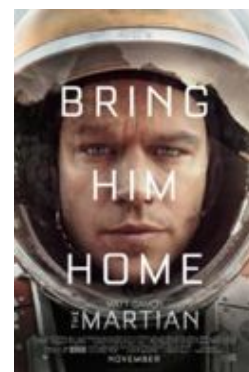
Wks 1-5	Interschool Sport
28 Oct	Year 7 GCC Orientation Day
29 Oct	Susan McLean – Cyber Safety
	Good Counsel Primary
3 Nov	Melbourne Cup
9-13 Nov	Swimming – lower school
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
16-20 Nov	Swimming – upper school
16-20 Nov	Book Fair

2016

25 Jan First Day of School



Presents
THE MARTIAN(M)
23, 24 & 25 October
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



DYNAMIC KIDS

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6 -12 YEARS

23rd October

Final Club Meet for 2015

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Christian Outreach Centre

191-193 Mourilyan Road

Cost \$4

Hugh craft night, cooking and presents!!

Phone Karen 40642480 A/H

For more info



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 2, 2015



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$33/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability** rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by **31 October 2015**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Keep reading for information on two external activities

Making your anger a positive experience

A brief anger management workshop —

To help you understand the emotion and create a more positive outcome

9am—1pm

Friday, 30 Oct 2015

Phone to register—**40 438400**

Community Support Centre Innisfail,

13—17 Donald St., Innisfail



Free workshop — Community Support Centre Innisfail Inc., primarily funded by Department of Communities

TROPICAL JOURNEYS
GREAT BARRIER REEF
MARATHON FESTIVAL
PORT DOUGLAS

Run For The Reef!

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015

2.5KM JUNIOR CHALLENGE — 9AM RACE START
Age Categories: Under 14, Under 12, Under 10, Under 8

5KM BENDIGO BANK 5000 — 8.30AM

10KM NEWSPORT — 7AM

REGISTER ONLINE
GREATBARRIERREEFMARATHON.COM.AU

Or on the day (at least 45minutes prior to race start time)

FACEBOOK.COM/GRPMARATHON

TROPICAL JOURNEYS PORT DOUGLAS Bendigo Bank IT'S LIVE!