

# ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 9 2015

1 December 2015



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we enter the final week of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for a wonderful 2015. Without the support from home, a school is just an institution. St Rita's is a family and this is what makes us special.

Yesterday we held the finals of our annual handball competition. All children in the school partake in this competition. Congratulations to Braden Venables who is our overall school champion. A list of class winners appears later in the newsletter.

Over the past few weeks the children have also been busy playing chess. The school champion for 2015 will be announced at assembly on Friday morning.

Last night family and friends celebrated with the Year Six children, reminiscing over the last seven years of their primary school education. We now wish these young people all the best for the future.

This afternoon we were entertained by the instrumental music class at their end of year concert. The children practiced hard for this event and were very excited to showcase their talents. Thank you to Mr Wiltshire for all the hard work he has put in with the group this year. Remember there

will be vacancies next year so contact the office early in the year.

Last Friday night Mrs Kenny once again, with the aide of the talented St Rita's children, presented a very entertaining concert with a Christmas in Australia theme. Denise and the students put in many hours of hard work but the final product is always fantastic.

Report cards will come home tomorrow along with portfolios and 2016 class lists. Please take time to look at these as a lot of time and effort goes into their production. In the back of your child's portfolio will be their class requirements for 2016.

On Friday morning we have a special assembly soon after the morning bell, followed by Graduation Mass at 10.30am which everyone is welcome to attend. Following mass we come back across to school, cut the end of year cake and school is dismissed at 12p.m. Please ensure that all children are picked up at this time.

Please take time to attend one of the Christmas masses and remember the true meaning of Christmas. For everyone travelling have a safe journey. School resumes Wednesday, 27 January 2016 at 8.50 am.

God bless, have a well earned rest.

Vicki



Artwork by Eva Bertram



Special Graduation Assembly this week followed by Graduation Mass at 10.30.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### ADVENT IS HERE: IT IS TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF JESUS

Advent is traditionally a time for preparing for Christmas. The Advent wreath is an important symbol of this very special time. The **Advent Wreath** is an evergreen circular garland that represents our continuous life with Christ. Four candles are placed inside the wreath. Three of these are purple and one is pink. The purple represents hope, peace and love; while the pink represents joy. One candle is lit for each of the four weeks of Advent. A white candle known as the Christ candle stands in the centre. This is lit on Christmas Eve and reminds us that Christ is the light of the world.



### JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON !

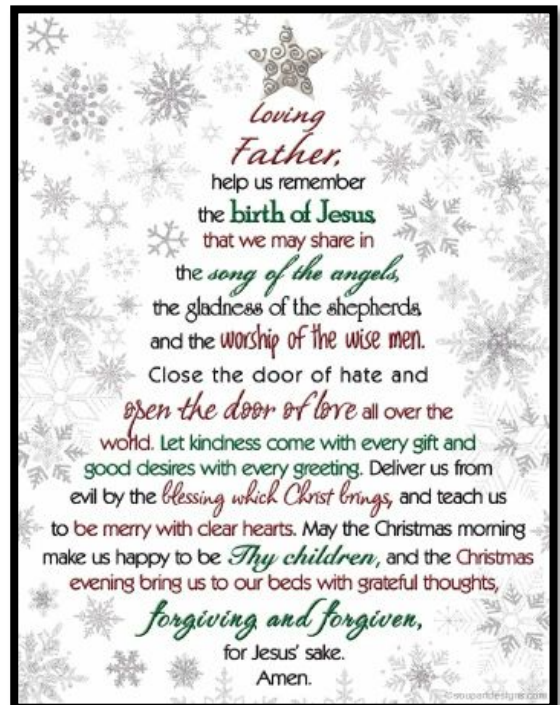
Christians prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus by remembering the longing of the Jews for a Messiah. In Advent, we are reminded of how much we ourselves also need a Saviour, and we look forward to our Saviour's second coming even as we get ready to celebrate his first coming at Christmas. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word '**adventus**' which means 'coming' or 'visit'. In the season with the same name, we keep in mind both '**advents**' of Christ – the first in Bethlehem and the second that is yet to come.



### DID YOU KNOW?

**THE CHRISTIAN SEASON OF CHRISTMAS ACTUALLY BEGINS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND LASTS FOR 12 DAYS, ENDING ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER :



Wishing you and your family a very happy and holy Christmas. May the peace of Christ be with you all and may you all return safely to St. Rita's in 2016.

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





Photograph – Maria Girgenti



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## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

School will be dismissed at 12pm. Please ensure that all children are picked up at this time. Homework Club will not be operating and no staff are available for supervision.



Jack and Eden with their 'three dimensional' Christmas trees

## LIBRARY BOOKS & HOME READERS

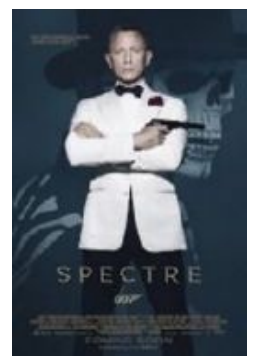
A reminder that ALL school library books should now be returned to the library. Please kindly also thoroughly check at home for any home readers. These must be returned to school. Thank you.

## HANDBALL RESULTS

PREP RUNNER UP	Kenyan Henaway
<b>PREP WINNER</b>	Jack Croatto
YEAR 1 RUNNER UP	Jasper Curzon
<b>YEAR 1 WINNER</b>	Happy Venables
YEAR 2 RUNNER UP	Kayden Plumb
<b>YEAR 2 WINNER</b>	Jack Bertram
YEAR 3 RUNNER UP	Declan Adams
<b>YEAR 3 WINNER</b>	Kayden Crowley
YEAR 4 RUNNER UP	Jack Lodge
<b>YEAR 4 WINNER</b>	Kohan Spry
YEAR 5 RUNNER UP	Blake Taylor
<b>YEAR 5 WINNER</b>	Dylan Manitto
YEAR 6 RUNNER UP	Isaac Darveniza
<b>YEAR 6 WINNER</b>	Braden Venables
<b>OVERALL WINNER</b>	Braden Venables



Presents  
**SPECTRE 007 (M)**  
 4, 5 & 6 Dec  
 7.30pm  
 Admission \$8.00



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

## TERM 4

2 Dec	<b>Volunteer's Morning Tea 9am</b>
2 Dec	Yr 5/6 Warrina Lakes
4 Dec	Graduation Assembly Graduation Mass 10.30am End of Term – 12pm (No homework Club)
<b>2016</b>	
25 Jan	Pupil Free Day
26 Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday
27 Jan	First day of school (9 wks)
<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>Parent Seminar- Mark Davidson</b>
24 March	Last day Term 1
11 April	First day Term 2 (11 wks)
24 June	Last day Term 2
11 July	First day Term 3 (10 wks)
16 Sept	Last day Term 3
4 Oct	First day Term 4 (9 wks)
2 Dec	Last day of school 2016

## CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

6.30PM

**Calling for all parts: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels and animals.**

Come and be part of the real meaning of Christmas. Practice for the Children's Gospel will be on Friday 11 and 18 December, commencing at 3.30pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail. Please contact Maria Clark on 4063 2210 or 0448 716 271 or Angie Sheerans on 0409 871 636.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR 2016

School uniforms will be on sale through the office from Tuesday 19 January to Friday 22 January, 2016 from 9am to 2pm.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque; no credit card facilities available. Sorry we cannot give out change. Please itemize your order on the back of an envelope and fill out your details on the front. This will make things a lot quicker and easier.

Uniform prices are -

Skorts	\$20
Blouses	\$30
Sports shorts	\$20
Sports shirts	\$30
Hair scrunchies	various
School badges	\$4.50

If you have a child that requires an odd size uniform, please contact Margaret Tinney on 0422 951 862. Margaret sews the girl's blouses and skorts for the school.

## PARENT -V- STUDENT SOCCER

A hard fought match with the parents taking the trophy off the reigning student champs (with much help from ex-St Rita's students!!). Thank you again to all that played today.





# KIDS' CLUB

SOUTH JOHNSTONE HALL

2pm - 4pm

Saturday 19/12/2015 - 23/01/2016

This summer, SJYACAInc will host a family circle/kids' club on Saturday afternoons at the S J Hall.

We invite families to attend (children *must* be accompanied by an adult) to share skills and participate in activities over the long holiday break.

Entry: Gold Coin donation per person, or \$5 per family

Afternoon tea provided

## LES CAVANAGH WINS MAREEBA KARTING CLUB 2015 CADET A CHAMPIONSHIP

The Mareeba Karting Club held the final round of the 2015 Championship Series last Saturday. Les Cavanagh (Kart Number 09) finished the round with enough points to clinch the 2015 Championship in the Cadet A class against a field of strong competitors.

This capped off a year of level-headed, consistent driving that saw Les place 2nd in the 2015 Horst Kipper Memorial Cup in April - finishing only one point behind the winner.

Les was also awarded the Fairest & Most Consistent trophy which is given to the driver in the club who shows the cleanest and most consistent driving and the most excellent attitude both on and off the track.

All in all, a fantastic achievement for a young man who only started racing in September 2013.



Les Cavanagh in full flight



Another Race Win in the bag



Winners are Grimmers



Les Cavanagh Leads the field at the Mareeba Skako Trac