

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 2 2016
2 February 2016



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to bring your attention to a mistake in my letter last week. The P&F Annual General meeting will be held on Monday, February 15th not 16th. The meeting will be in the staff room at 9am. If you cannot attend the meeting and have some great fundraising ideas or agenda items, please let us know. We will not be able to have a fete this year due to our building project so need to supplement this income. Just a reminder that the P&F are still collecting batteries. To our new parents, if you have or know of anyone who has batteries please contact the office. If anyone can help Paul Calleja and Duncan Plumb with this project let us know, as I know we missed out on some batteries last year as these two gentlemen got very busy.

Some dates for you to put in your calendars of exciting upcoming workshops for parents are:

Monday Feb 22nd 7-9 pm. Mark Davidson will be returning to St Rita's. Mark has not been to present a workshop for about 5 years. He speaks about children's behavior and is highly entertaining. Last time he visited we had about 100 parents in attendance.

Friday Feb 19th 10.45-12.45pm (following our first assembly) Dot Shae (who has held the role of Learning Support Liaison Officer for CES as well as Learning Support Teacher

here at St Rita's) will conduct a workshop on "Helping your child to read at home" and if time some hands on Maths activities.

April 18th and 19th Adam Voigt will be back in the school to work with teachers, parents and students. Keep the night of Monday 18th free.

Teachers recently completed an audit of home reading books and to their dismay many are missing. Can you please take time to check your child's bedroom to see if there are any there. We have had families returning books in the last week following spring cleans over the holidays. A considerable outlay has been made on these books, which cost between \$6 - \$15 each. I thank the P&F for their commitment to funding the purchase of some new books.

This Friday morning is our opening school mass at 11.30a.m. Parents are invited to attend as our new school leaders for 2016 will be commissioned at the mass. I thank the Year 5/6 class on their maturity with the voting process. Congratulations to the following students on their election to roles as leaders. :

School Captains	Tamsin Darveniza Dylan Manitto
Fitzgerald Captains	Tyla Plumb Blake Taylor
Palmerston Captains	Sophie Leonardi Zac Betts

Do we have a mum out there who is willing to take on the role of Tuckshop Convener for 2016. It would be a shame for this facility not to be available as it is a great fundraiser for the P&F.

Listed below are the dates for class meetings. These meetings are offered immediately after school and it is important that you make time to get along to these so that you are clear on the expectations in each classroom so there is continuity between school and home. This will also be a good time to touch base with the teachers as to your child's progress thus far this year. Please note that Year 2/3 have their meeting this week. It is unfortunate that Year 1 and year 5/6 have to double up days but it affects 2 families. The older children can bring home notes.

Prep	Tuesday 9 th Feb
Year 1	Monday 8 th Feb
Year 2/3	Thursday 4 th Feb
Year 3/4	Thursday 11 th Feb
Year 5/6	Monday 8 th Feb

The children certainly enjoyed their tennis sessions with Travis from Farinelli Tennis Academy (an ex St Rita's student) this week. The Sporting Schools Grant has given us the opportunity over the past year to offer our students a variety of activities to get active, at no cost. There are very limited spaces still available so if you child/children are interested get their names in at the office ASAP.

Thank you to the parents who have come forward to donate their time to complete odd jobs around the school. We are still looking for someone to take on the mowing, or some of it.

Just a reminder to the parents, that if your child arrives late or you are picking them up early, for whatever reason, they must be signed in and out through the office. This is a workplace health and safety issue particularly in the event of a fire.

Please keep an eye out for term fees, which will be run this week. Thank you to the families who have paid their resource levies. These need to be paid by the end of week three (February 13).

In conclusion I wish to inform you that I will be out of the school from February 24th returning on March 14th. During this time I will be attending the LA congress. The LA congress is a world-wide religion conference held in Los Angeles each year. For the past four years Catholic Education Office Cairns, has taken a group of delegates and this year I was lucky enough to have been selected to attend. Some of you may remember Mrs Bryan attending the same conference. I am looking forward to attending talks with very learned presenters as well as the expo of religious goods. In my absence Mrs Kenny will be taking on my duties.

Thank you all, have a great week.

God bless

Vicki

BEGINNING OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Friday, 5 February

11.30am

ALL WELCOME



FIRST ASSEMBLY

19 February (Week 4)

In the school hall after the morning bell.

We will welcome all new students, present class awards and birthdays.

RESOURCE LEVY

A reminder that the Annual Resource Levy of **\$140 per child in Years 1 – 6 and \$160 per child in Prep** is due for payment by the **13 February** to enable us to pay our accounts. If you are experiencing difficulties please contact the school office. **Parents who are direct debiting fees on a weekly/fortnightly basis are asked to please pay the resource levy either by EFT or into the school office, either by cash or cheque made out to the school.**

PRESENTATION

“Laudato Si”

Twilight Session on “Laudato Si” an Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate by Pope Francis:

Guest Presenter Fr John Chalmers, Venue Mother of Good Counsel Parish Centre, Monday 8th February from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

FROZIES

Frozies go on sale this week.

50c each

They are available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from the tuckshop after the school bell.

ICAS TESTING DATES

YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Subject	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price.
Digital Tech	17/05/16	03/05/16	\$8.00
Science	31/05/16	17/05/16	\$8.00
Writing	13-17/06/16	30/05/16	\$17.00

Spelling	15/06/16	01/06/16	\$11.00
English	02/08/16	19/07/16	\$8.00
Maths	16/08/16	02/08/16	\$8.00

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any late nominations so please have your

SCHOOL FEES – METHODS OF PAYMENT

Term 1 School Fees will be run THIS week. These fees will include Instrumental Music.

Please note the following IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

If paying your fees in full over the internet please use your SURNAME, FIRST NAME/S as a reference and use the following account details -

bsb 084-352

a/c 000005018

a/c name: RCTC St Rita’s School Sth Johnstone

If you are setting up regular internet payments you must use your REFERENCE NUMBER followed by your Surname as a reference; and please use the following account details –

bsb 084-352

a/c 000017401

a/c name: RCTC St Rita’s School Sth Johnstone

Whilst cash payments can be made at the office **any day except Wednesday**, EFT payments or Direct Debits set up through the office are the two **PREFERED** ways to pay your fees.

Please note that BPay is available, however does cost the school a small amount of money. You will find the biller code on your statement. **IN THIS CASE, YOU WILL NEED TO USE YOUR NUMERIC REFERENCE NUMBER.**

Thank you, Jenni

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

YEARS 1-6

Our Instrumental Music Program started today, however there are still spaces available if your child wishes to learn an instrument. Lessons this year are **\$15.50 per week**. Payment will be added to your School Fees Statement, however **MUST** be paid at the beginning of each term. If your child needs to hire an instrument, the hiring cost is **\$20 per term**. This covers ongoing maintenance.

PLEASE NOTE – This service is being provided by a private instrumental teacher whom we pay on a fortnightly basis. **IF INSTRUMENTAL ACCOUNTS ARE NOT PROMPTLY PAID WITHIN THE ALLOCATED PERIOD, LESSONS WILL HAVE TO CEASE. NATHAN, THE INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER, WILL BE COMMENCING LESSONS NEXT WEEK.**

LIBRARY

Each student will require a library bag to take books home. We have a very extensive range of books. Please make sure your child borrows each week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW DATES IN YELLOW

TERM 1

3 Feb	Yr 5/6 begin Chinese Online Yr 5/6 MJR Day
14 Feb	St Valentine's Day
18 Feb	Ash Wednesday
19 Feb	Parent Workshop 'Helping you Child to Read at Home'
22 Feb	7-9pm Mark Davidson Child Behaviour Consultant
17 March	St Patrick's Day End of Term 1
24 March	School Cross Country
25 March	Good Friday
27 March	Easter Sunday

TERM 2

11 April	Start Term 2
18 April	Real Schools – Adam Voigt

25 April	Anzac Day
2 May	Labour Day public holiday
8 May	Mother's Day
17 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
23-25 May	Yr 4/5 Camp – Eco Creek
31 May	ICAS Science
13-17 June	ICAS Writing
15 June	ICAS Spelling
20-24 June	Interhouse Sports Week
24 June	End of Term

TERM 3

11 July	Start of Term 3
25-29 July	Catholic Education Week
27 July	School Photos
2 Aug	ICAS English
3-4 Aug	Prep/Yr 1 Camp
16 August	ICAS Maths
30 Aug-2 Sept	Yr 6 Camp – Charters Towers
16 Sept	End of Term

TERM 4

3 Oct	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 Oct	Start of Term 4
2 Nov	Melbourne Cup
11 Nov	Remembrance Day



Presents
Point Break (M)
5, 6 & 7 Feb
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



ST RITA'S SCALLYWAGS PLAYGROUP

Meets every Tuesday
9am – 11am
Crafts & cooking activities begin at 9.30am
All welcome

Goondi Scout Group



Goondi Scout is open to new members aged 6years – 15years. Scouting offers and educational program for all ages. Scouting is the largest youth organisation in world teaching life skills and survival skills. With outdoor activities e.g.; abseiling, canoeing, bushwalking and camping. See you at the Goondi Scout den in Wattle Street, Friday nights 6pm for 6-10yrs 7pm for 10yers and over, closed in shoes to be worn.

More info call GL. Elizabeth Seymour. 40616220

Sign On
Thursday 11 Feb

when: THURSDAY 11 February
time: 5pm - 6.15pm
where: Castor Park, Mourilyan
All interested players must REGISTER ONLINE
(www.myfootballclub.com.au) – no manual registrations in accordance with FNQ Zone.
Uniforms on sale
For more information call Charles Manitto ph. 0418 772 381

Children of all ages can join.
Squirts are ages 3 – 5 years.
Come and join the fun.
A great way for children to keep fit and active and make new friends ...
Training is every Thursday at 5pm

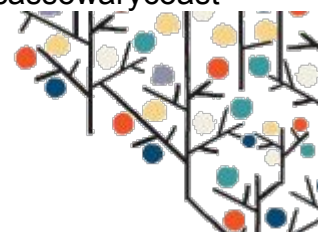
Returning to School Behaviour:
Now that your child has returned to school, they will be learning new things and facing new challenges that can be difficult and distracting. To help with this adjustment, here are some tips to choose and trial. See what works best for your family

- Have a predictable routine after school that involves healthy food choices and an opportunity to wind down
- Home work – have clear expectations, rewards and consequences e.g. TV is turned on when home work is finished
- Practice social skills at home, talk about being a good friend, taking turns in games and activities, asking what others might like or do
- Have realistic expectations for yourself and the kids. Trying to be perfect can set us up for frustration and disappointment. The pushing of boundaries and new emerging behaviours is natural at the start of the school year
- Swearing, lying and cheating are fairly common behaviours in school-aged children. Talk to your children about family values, rules and fairness
- Be **Firm, Kind and Consistent** to make it work

For help/ideas chat to your Parenting Promotion Officer: Jolene 0488321605 F
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Hoop Camp
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Kids Hoop Camp (5-10yr) \$5
3.30-4.00pm

Ladies 'Express H.I.I.T' \$10
4:30-5pm

Ladies Hoop Camp \$10
5.20-6pm

East Innisfail State School
Every Wednesday

(07) 40 616 870

Bring a Towel!

Contours Innisfail