

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 4 2016

16 February 2016



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A huge thanks to the mums who attended the P&F AGM yesterday morning. Please take time to read my report and the minutes of the meeting. Congratulations to the new office bearers for 2016 who are:

President	Melissa Leonardi
Vice president	Moara Crowley
Secretary	Michelle Mann
Treasurer	Blaise Cini

We are in need of someone to coordinate the Welcome Night on March 18th. This is a casual get together welcoming new families to the school and a chance for them to meet and talk with families that have been at the school for some time. The coordinator organizes pizzas for the night as well as finding a suitable movie for the juniors and the seniors. Someone may have a different idea for the evening that you can suggest at the office. In the past we have had a bocce night and games evening.

As part of yesterday's meeting, it was discussed that to effectively run tuckshop we need more helpers. If you can help in any way, even if it is baking something at home, please talk to Malinda Eaves, our new tuckshop coordinator, or contact the office. Perhaps if Friday is inconvenient and a group of mums wish to get together, tuckshop could be run on a different day for that week.

A reminder to parents, that this Friday is our first assembly for the year. The school

captains will be presented their badges. Class and birthday awards will be presented. Hopefully you have all set aside a few hours to attend the workshop following assembly on "Helping your child to read at home."

Another reminder about next Monday night also, our night with Mark Davidson on behavior management. You are more than welcome to bring a friend.

I urge all parents to ensure that their contact details are correct, given the bomb threat that occurred at the Innisfail Community Kindy last week. As mentioned in my principal's report to the P&F yesterday, I ask parents in the unlikely event of this occurring, not to ring the school and clog up the phone lines. You will be notified if something happens when it is timely for us to do so. To new parents, and those of you who have updated your phones in the last couple of years, PLEASE download the Skoolbag App – Saint Rita's South Johnstone. Skoolbag enables us to send to push a notification to parents and is the most effective way of notifying of an emergency.

This Friday and over the weekend the solar panels will be installed on the big hall. This project is being undertaken in conjunction with Diocesan Services and will see great savings in our power bill.

Thank you for your continuing support. God bless. Have a great week.

Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LENT

LENT IS: A SPECIAL TIME TO REFLECT AND RENEW
During Lent Christians make a special effort to look at how we live our lives as disciples of Jesus and try to change the way we live. During Lent we are reminded that we are all tempted to do the wrong thing at times but it is when we give in to the temptation that we forget to follow the example of Jesus and forget to remain faithful to God.

Last Sunday was the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. The gospel story from Luke (4:1-13) presents Jesus' struggle to remain true to himself and his faith while in the wilderness. In testing Jesus, Satan is testing God himself and is dismissed from the story with the words – 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test'.



- What are the great temptations in your life at the present time?
- Which of the temptations faced by Jesus – material security, power or prestige offers the greatest challenge to you?
- How do you overcome temptation when it arises?
- In what ways have you been 'led by the Spirit through the wilderness'?

A LENTEN PRAYER BASED ON PSALM 91

Loving God

Be with us when we are in trouble.

You are our fortress,

Our place of safety.

You are God and we trust you.

Be with us always.

AMEN

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016

Project Compassion is Caritas' Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal that brings thousands of Australian's together in

solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme for project compassion 2016 is **'LEARNING MORE, CREATING CHANGE.'**



As Pope Francis says, '*Education is an act of hope,*' so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide virtual learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, they could not do the work they do. St. Rita's is committed to helping this wonderful Catholic organization in its mission to assist the poorest of the poor in countries all over the world as well as here in Australia. So once again, we will participate in fundraising and collecting donations during the Lenten period.

In 2015 Project Compassion raised \$11.57 million. Caritas Australia thanks all its generous supporters who participated and showed they believe in a more just world.

You can donate to this very worthy cause through the Project Compassion box in your child/children's classroom or the larger box in the school office. Every little bit counts !

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY :

THIS FRIDAY

This Friday (19th February) we will hold our first school assembly for the year. It will be in the Little Hall starting at 8:45 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Regards,

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



FIRST ASSEMBLY

This Friday in the school hall after the morning bell.

We will welcome all new students, present Captain's badges, class awards and birthdays.

PHOTOS OF STUDENTS

Throughout the year if you have any 'stand out' photos of students taken at our school events, please email it to the office. Whilst we can't be flooded with photos, any photos supplied can be kept aside ready for use in the end of year DVD. This will make Mrs Magnanini's job much easier.

It is also timely to remind parents that before they use any photos taken at school events that contain children other than their own, they need to obtain permission from all the childrens' parents before they use the photograph in social media.

MORE P & F NEWS

BATTERIES

A reminder to collect your old car, truck, tractor, motorbike, boat.....batteries. This is a major fundraiser for the P & F. Don't throw them out!!! Our collection point is at the Calleja farm on Boogan Road, Boogan. If you can help collect batteries from businesses in town or local farms can you please offer your help at the office.

SEEKING SOME HELP

We are seeking a volunteer to be our **Grant's Coordinator**. Please speak up if you want to help. You won't be expected to do this alone.

At this time of year we try to have someone nominate to coordinate each of our main events throughout the year. These coordinators do not do all the work themselves, but rather coordinate the

event with a team of helpers. If you would like to coordinate one of the events below, please let us know as soon as possible. If the event has a name against it, speak up- that person might swap to different event.

Welcome Night	????
Mother's Day Morning Tea	Mo Crowley
Strawberries & Cream	Michelle Mann & Malinda Eaves
Father's Night	Rebecca Eilers
Melbourne Cup	Tanya Pensini & Jo Spry
(Tanya & Jo would like to hand over the 'reins' to someone else – are you interested?)	
Christmas Concert	????
(sale of softdrinks, tea/coffee only)	
Disco @ PCYC	Mandy Stone
Lamington Drive	Michelle Mann & Malinda Eaves



LAMINGTON DRIVE

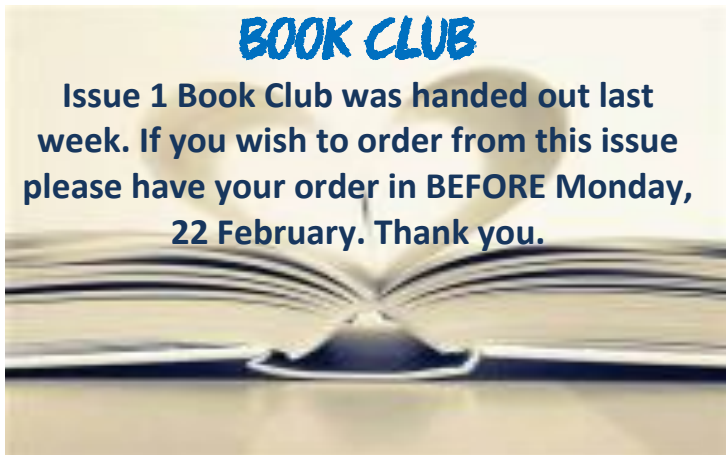
Our first fundraiser for the year !! Attached to this email is an order form and each eldest child in the family will be given a hard copy to bring home tomorrow. Lamingtons will be made Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March. Those returning an order form will be advised of the relevant pick up date. Please see Michelle Mann or Malinda Eaves if you have any questions. Thank you.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING ON-LINE SURVEY

Catholic Education in Cairns is currently preparing a new strategic plan for 2016-2018. As part of the consultation process we have developed confidential on-line surveys for staff, parents and communities, and our parishes. These surveys take about 15 minutes and can be accessed on the home page of our website www.cns.catholic.edu.au. We encourage all members of our Catholic Education community to participate in the survey. This is your opportunity to tell us what you would like to see prioritised over the next three years. Survey responses close on 22 February. It is expected the new strategic plan will be finalised in May.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 Book Club was handed out last week. If you wish to order from this issue please have your order in BEFORE Monday, 22 February. Thank you.



Sacramental Program 2016

REMINDER - Enrolments forms are now available for the Sacramental Program for 2016. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year (or an older grade) then please contact Angie at the Parish Office on 40616633 or drop in to collect your enrolment form.

The Sacramental Program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Lisa DeBuck

Sacramental Coordinator

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 payment in prior to the closing date. Thank you.



Presents

The Revenant (M)

19, 20 & 21 Feb

7.30pm

Admission \$8.00



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW DATES IN YELLOW

TERM 1


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

29 April	District Cross Country
2 May	Labour Day public holiday
8 May	Mother's Day
17 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
20 May	Peninsula Cross Country
23-25 May	Yr 4/5 Camp – Eco Creek
27, 29 May	District Field & Athletics
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

**HOOP CAMP IS AT
ST RITA'S !!!!!
Wednesdays 5-6pm**



CONTOURS INNISFAIL

Ladies Hoop Camp

14-70 years old




5pm to 6pm

Now at


ST Rita's

South Johnstone

\$10

07) 40 616 870

Bring a Towel!  Contours Innisfail



**Training Starts
Thursday 25 Feb**

Next sign on day – 25 Feb

when: THURSDAY 25 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

