

# ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 2, Week 5 2016

10 May 2016



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to Moara and all who were involved in any way with our Mothers' Day Morning Tea. Everyone attending had a great time with prizes being spread across the hall. There are no finances to report at present.

This is a big week for the Year 3 and 5 classes, with NAPLAN starting this morning. Please ensure your child comes to school having a hearty breakfast and a positive attitude. NAPLAN is a series of tests in one week of these children's lives. They do not represent the true capabilities of these children. They do not indicate the road these children have travelled, or how they may have been feeling on the day. All we ask is they do their best. We are proud of each one of them.

Keep the following in your diaries for next week:

- Book Fair will be running all week in the small hall. A percentage of all money spent on books goes back to the school, which allows us to purchase new stock for the library. Mrs Kelly is very good at gauging the children's interest and purchasing books they will be inspired to read. Book Fair will be available from 8am until just before morning bell and till 3.30pm (except Friday afternoon when it will be packed up for return).

- A select group of students to fill an U12 boys and U10 girl's team will be heading to the FNQ School Futsal Titles in Redlynch, on Monday and Wednesday respectively, with Mr Rossi. We wish them luck. St Rita's has always done well at these championships with our boys teams making the semi-finals in the last two years and the girl's the grand finals.
- On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> a group of our Year 4 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation .
- Next Tuesday morning at 8.50am is our next P&F meeting. Please take note of the earlier starting time.
- Wednesday – Prep/Year1 liturgy.

Prep packages for 2017 will be sent home this week to siblings. It is most important that these be filled in and returned to the school office **as soon as possible** as we have had an unprecedented amount of interest for Prep next year.

Congratulations to Mrs Jess Sinton (our Year 4/5 teacher last year with Mrs Curzon) who gave birth to a baby girl, Evie Grace, yesterday afternoon. Mum and bub are doing fine.

Have a great week, God bless.

Vicki

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



## **MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY**

***During the month of May we pay special tribute to Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all Christians.***

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary - a practice that dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. This custom honours the Blessed Virgin Mary and brings rich benefits to Christian people. Mary is regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ.

This month of devotion is characterized by special hymns and the use of flowers to honour Mary as the mother of God and as a woman free from sin. During May, it is common practise for Catholics to set up shrines to Mary that highlight the very important role she plays in our faith.

Mary is the first among all saints and she is known by many different names, such as 'Queen of Heaven'. 'Our Lady Help of Christians' is the patron saint of Australia.

Mary is always ready to help her children when they call upon her. Her special prayer is the 'Hail Mary' and saying the Rosary is a special way of connecting with her.



## **HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS IMAGE OF MARY IN OUR SCHOOL OFFICE?**

This is 'OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS, HELP OF CHRISTIANS'. It is a replica of the beautiful painting by Sydney portrait artist, Paul Newton, who was commissioned to paint this new image of Our Lady and the Child Jesus to coincide with World Youth Day 2008.

Using Australian icons and motifs, Paul was able to create a uniquely Australian image of Our Lady presenting baby Jesus to the world. He did this after doing a lot of research on other paintings of the Mother and Child from history of traditional Western art.

Speaking of his painting, Paul said, "The wattle was an obvious symbol of Australia as the golden wattle is the national emblem of Australia, and I gave her this garland instead of giving her a halo or crown, the thing that you traditionally see Mary wearing."

"The landscape was again meant to be symbolic on a number of levels. The water flowing through in that meandering river was symbolic of the Holy Spirit, as well as in more literal ways suggesting the Australian outback with the scattered gum trees and a barren landscape."

The original painting hangs in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney and was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008. It truly is an amazing piece of Australian religious art that so effectively captures the essence and importance of Mary for all Australians and indeed for all Christians.

(Source – Extract from St. Columban's Mission Society [www.columban.org.au](http://www.columban.org.au))

## **PRAYER FOR LIFE**

**HEAVENLY FATHER,  
THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY,  
INSTIL IN US AN EVER GREATER RESPECT FOR  
EVERY HUMAN LIFE.  
GRANT US YOUR WISOM AND PEACE AS WE  
WORK  
TOGETHER WITH ALL PEOPLE OF GOODWILL  
TO BUILD A NEW CIVILISATION OF LIFE AND LOVE.  
  
GUIDE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, POLICY  
MAKERS  
AND SCIENTISTS SO THAT PROGRESS  
CONTRIBUTES TO THE  
WELL-BEING OF HUMANITY AND JUSTICE,  
EQUALITY AND FLOURISHING FOR ALL.  
  
WE PRAY THAT OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY WILL  
ALWAYS  
SEEK TO UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN  
PERSON  
REGARDLESS OF AGE, SICKNESS OR DISABILITY.**

WE PRAY THAT WE MIGHT BE AUTHENTIC  
WITNESSES  
TO THE GOSPEL OF LIFE AND COURAGEOUSLY  
TRANSFORM THE WORLD WITH LOVE.

OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS  
PRAY FOR US.  
AMEN

Wishing you all a wonderful week. Hope all our St Rita's mums had a great day on Sunday.

Peace be with you.

Regards,

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

## TUCKSHOP

There is tuckshop this week. Please ask your child for a menu.



## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Approximately 9am in the Big Hall unless otherwise advised. Please note the schedule is subject to change if necessary.

Week 6 20 May

Week 8 3 June

Week 10 17 June

## Mother's Day

### RAFFLE WINNERS

First Margaret Graham  
Second Dianne Volpe  
Third Chris Bullman

### CONGRATULATIONS

## SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Reminder Notices for unpaid Term 2 School Fees were emailed out last Thursday. School Fees are now overdue. Every effort should be made to pay your balance as a matter of urgency.

**CES are making a push to enforce strict debt collection procedures.** As such if you do not have a regular payment plan in place, please make arrangements for payment as a matter of urgency. Please, if you are having difficulties do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Vicki

## CAMP FEES

When your child's Camp arrangements are finalized your child's teacher will advise you of the cost of the camp. **Camp Fees will then be added to your School Fee Statement** and the statement will be emailed to you. The Camp Fee component of your statement is due within two weeks of issue. Camp Fees are payable before your child goes on camp.

The Year 4/5 Camp Fee of \$130 has now been added to the statements.

## BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will be held during the week of 16 May.

Book Fair is our biggest school library fundraiser so please support it.

Perhaps you have some birthday or Christmas presents to buy?

# ICAS TESTING DATES YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Subject	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price.
Digital Tech	closed		
Science	closed		
Writing	13-17/06/16	23/05/16	\$17.00
Spelling	15/06/16	25/05/16	\$11.00
English	02/08/16	12/07/16	\$8.00
Maths	16/08/16	26/07/16	\$8.00

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any late nominations so please have your payment in prior to the closing date. Thank you.

26 Oct	Afternoon Parent Session Good Counsel College Year 7 Orientation Day
27 Oct	Wonder of Living Class Sessions
2 Nov	Melbourne Cup
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
2 Dec 12.30pm	School Finishes



Presents  
**Jungle Book in 3D**  
(PG)

13, 14 & 15 May  
7.30pm  
Admission \$8.00



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW DATES IN YELLOW

### TERM 2

16-20 May	Book Fair
17 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
20 May	Peninsula Cross Country
23-25 May	Yr 4/5 Camp – Eco Creek
31 May	ICAS Science
3 June	DISCO - PCYC
13-17 June	ICAS Writing
15 June	ICAS Spelling
15 June 1.30	Instrumental Music Concert
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, 29 July	District Field & Athletics
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
25 Oct	Wonder of Living



### Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Innisfail Hospital – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Ph: 4226 4812

Mamu Innisfail – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Ph: 4061 5102

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.



# DYNAMIC KIDS

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 -12 YEARS

Meeting once a month

**MAY 13<sup>th</sup> BASKETBALL @ The Youth Shed**

Bring a smile & energy and get ready for fun nite

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> HEALTH & FITNESS @ The Youth Shed**  
Learn about your bones & muscles and do a bit of  
massaging

**4:30 – 6:30 pm (NEW TIME)**

Harvest Church, 191-193 Mourilyan Road

**Cost \$4 – food & drinks supplied**

Phone Karen 40642480 A/H for more info

## ETTY BAY SLSC SIGN ON DAY

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>  
May  
9.00 am

Absolutely anyone can join! Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer surf lifesaver or a ripper? We need both skilled and supportive members to not only help patrol the beautiful ETTY Bay, but to fill a number of other important roles.

You could be a patrolling lifesaver, a ripper, a first aid officer, a coach, an official, a fundraiser, a supervisor for our junior activities program, a committee member, a trainer & assessor or a rescue boat driver. We even have roles for people who love to cook up a BBQ!

Joining age is 7 years as at 30<sup>th</sup> September (or 5 years as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept if you have an active sibling or parent). You don't have to be a super fit swimmer, as long as you have a positive attitude, you've got what it takes.

Become a part of an Australian icon and become a surf lifesaver today. No matter if you are young or simply young at heart, there is a role for everyone both on and off the beach. TCU can make a difference to the safety of your beach and community.

Lifesavers come from all walks of life, all ages, shapes and sizes. Surf lifesaving has been built by volunteers who love the beach and their community, who are looking for fun, fitness and seeking new skills and challenges.

To find out more about how you can become a member, please visit the ETTY Bay SLSC on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

What you will need at Sign on Day

- Birth Certificate, (Driver's licence for new members)
- 2 forms of ID for members 18 & over (for Blue Card Application)

For members looking to join in & have a go on the day please bring:-

- togs, sunscreen, water & a hat

Ages  
7 to 70  
years &  
over

