

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 2, Week 8 2016

31 May 2016



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another huge week ahead:

- This week is National Reconciliation Week. On Friday the Year One class will be honouring this, as part of their Prayer Assembly, which this week is back in the little hall.
- State of Origin tomorrow with the children being able to dress in their favourite colours
- Tomorrow the Year Two, Three and Fours have their term liturgy at 10:15am in the church and the Year 5/6 class have Reconciliation with Fr Kerry at 11:30 am.
- Thursday is a huge day in our school calendar with our Non State Schools external audit. Every 5 years non-state schools have to undergo an audit for funding purposes. This involves an external auditor (who is coming from the Rockhampton Diocese, my School Development Officer, Mr Paul Cazzulino, and a peer principal, Deacon Michael Lindsay, principal St Joseph's Atherton, coming into the school to talk with myself and staff as well as parents and students to ascertain all procedures are followed correctly and that the school has future direction. If you see these visitors around the school please give them a hearty welcome.
- Friday night at 6:30pm the P&F have their next fundraiser with their NEON disco at the PCYC. Mandy is still in need

of helpers particularly when the children arrive as they are all issued an arm band with a contact number on it.

Last week the Year Four and Five class participated in our first camp of the year. Thank you to teachers and parents who helped out in any way to make this camp the success it was despite the weather. The Echo Creek Camp is all about team building and I was extremely pleased to see many of the children step up to help out their team members. There are certainly some budding leaders amongst this group of children.

Children are in the midst of end of term testing with teachers beginning to prepare end of Semester reports which will go home in the last week of term. Please ensure that your child has the necessary equipment, is getting a good nights sleep and having a hearty breakfast.

Keep the last week of term free as we have sports rotations of an afternoon from Tuesday and the week culminates with Palmy/Fitzy day on the last day of term. Parents begin your training now for the parent relay and ballgames.

Have a great week. God bless.

Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

On Sunday we celebrated The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – or the Feast of Corpus Christi as it is also known. This is a special time to celebrate the belief in the body and blood of Jesus Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.



THE WORD : LUKE 9:11-17

After Jesus finished teaching the crowd, the people were very hungry. The disciples came to Jesus – they had only five loaves and two fish and there were more than 5000 men. Jesus took the loaves and fish, said the blessing and gave them to the disciples for the people. They all ate their fill and there were twelve baskets of scraps left over.

LOOK CLOSER

Jesus shows us that he cares deeply for his followers. He nourishes us not only spiritually, but physically as well. The feast of The Body and Blood of Christ (or Corpus Christi in Latin) reminds us that Jesus gives us his own body and blood so that we might live with him forever.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

We pause to give special consideration to the Bread of Life nourishing our lives. When we break bread and share one cup we recall that sacred meal between Jesus and his disciples just before he died on the cross. For Catholics, Eucharist is the one of the most important aspects of our shared faith. Receiving the Body of Blood of Christ deepens our union with him and calls us to communion with one another.

LET'S PRAY

O Lord Jesus Christ,
You who have given us
Your precious Body and Blood
to be our meat and drink,
Grant that through frequent reception of You
in the Holy Eucharist,
We may be strengthened in mind and body
to do Your holy will.

AMEN

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
have mercy on us.

CLASS LITURGIES AND CELEBRATIONS:



This week is a busy time for a number of classes. On Wednesday (1st June) the Year 2/3 and 3/4 classes will celebrate with a Liturgy of the Word in the church at 10.15am. The theme they have chosen is 'Love Thy Neighbour' and is based on the gospel story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). This parable holds an important message for each one of us. Also on Wednesday the Year 6 will go to Reconciliation with Father Kerry at 11.30am. This is an opportunity for the children to receive the sacrament and encourages them to 'begin again' and make better choices in the future. On Friday (3rd June) the Year 1 class will host our Prayer Assembly which will be held in the Little Hall at 9.00am. Please feel free to join us at any of these times as your presence makes it extra special for the children and we welcome your participation.

FR BUTCHER MEMORIAL MASS:



Last Wednesday morning our six School Leaders and I attended the Memorial Mass for Father John Butcher who served as parish priest in Mourilyan and South Johnstone during the late 1970's and 1980's. It was a small but wonderful celebration of his life in which Father Kerry and Father Butcher's sister, Olive spoke of his character and dedication to his profession. Tamsin, Dylan, Tyla, Blake, Sophie and Zac represented St Rita's in a very positive light on this special occasion. Remembering and honouring the past is important as we learn from those who have gone before us and this in turn, can affect our future direction as well.

As a reminder of the past and his connection with our parish, Mrs Bryan has sent along a photo of her receiving First Holy Communion from Father Butcher in Christ the King Church at Mourilyan. Thank you Mrs Bryan for this special memory.



Cutting of the cake, Feast of St Ritas Day



MINI VINNIES NEWS:



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Keep an eye out for the Mini Vinnies crew at St. Rita's as we very quickly approach the season of Winter. This is a time when we get busy doing 'good work' for others. In the coming weeks the committee will launch the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal along with other ways that our school community can be involved in and promote the work of this wonderful Catholic charity organization.



Wishing you all much joy and sunshine this week. Peace be with you.

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

TUCKSHOP

Friday 17 June, Week 10, we are looking for volunteers to help with tuckshop. If there is anyone out there that can help, please let Malinda know.

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



ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

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

Week 8 3 June
Week 10 17 June

YEAR 4/5 CAMP ECHO CREEK



Team Building



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW DATES IN YELLOW

TERM 2

- 3 June DISCO - PCYC
- 13-17 June ICAS Writing
- 15 June ICAS Spelling
- 14 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
- 14-15 July Strawberry & Cream Stall
Innisfail Show
- 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
- 2 Sept Father's Night**
- 16 Sept End of Term

TERM 4

- 3 Oct Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 4 Oct Start of Term 4
- 25 Oct Wonder of Living
Afternoon Parent Session
- 26 Oct 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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

Please note the change of date above
(concert now on Tuesday 14 June)

IGAS TESTING DATES YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Subject	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price.
Digital Tech	closed		
Science	closed		
Writing	closed		
Spelling	closed		
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.



Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mamu Innisfail – Tuesday 21st June – Ph: 4061 5102

Innisfail Hospital – Monday 27th June – Ph: 4226 4812

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.



Presents

Allegiant (M)

3, 4 & 5 June

7.30pm

Admission \$8.00



NEON DISCO

3rd JUNE | 6:30PM – 8:30PM | \$5 PER CHILD

AT THE INNISFAIL PCYC
Primary School Ages Only



DANCE OFF
COMPETITION



FULLY ADULT SUPERVISED

All children to be registered at drop off



Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education in Dimbulah

To Seek, To Strive, To Find for Love of God



All past Teachers, Teacher Aides, Administration Staff,
Parents, Students and Community Members are
invited to attend the weekend of festivities.

Saturday 27th August

Dinner Dance, Dimbulah Shire Hall

Doors open 6pm, Dinner served 6.30pm, Music by local band 'Careless'

Sunday 28th August

10am Sign-on and Celebration Mass, St Anthony's Church, followed by
activities, fashion parade, class displays, photos and memorabilia from the past

Guest Speakers and cake cutting

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea available for purchase from
P & F Association stall

Photos and contributions are sought to assist with a **Commemorative 50
Years Book**. Businesses and families are invited to sponsor a page. The
booklet, souvenir items including a paver engraved with family details
are available for purchase from the website. Visit www.sta.qld.edu.au or
Facebook Page 'St Anthony's Celebrates 50 years'.

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2016 Safeguarding Children Conference

Our Children,

Our Communities,

Our Future



*Education staff,
Diocesan & Parish
staff and
volunteers,
Parents*



Date: Saturday, 11 June 2016
Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm
Venue: Pullman Cairns International
Website: www.2016safeguardingchildren.weebly.com

Presentations, Practical Workshops,
Parent Sessions and Resources Expo.

Registration closes 27 May 2016



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