

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 - TERM 4



**ST RITA'S SCHOOL
SOUTH JOHNSTONE**

15TH October, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Wednesday was our first "Get Set for Prep" session for 2013. If you know of anyone who may be still making up their mind regarding Prep, please express to them that they are more than welcome to come one week to see what we have to offer.

On Wednesday 23rd October, the Year Seven class will be going to Good Counsel College for their orientation day. It is up to parents to transport them there and pick them up when the session is finished. It would be wonderful to see the children back at school at the end of the session.

In last week's newsletter, I neglected to congratulate the Year Seven girls who accompanied me to the Mary Mills Netball Carnival at the Redlynch Sports Stadium, on the last day of last term. I would like to congratulate these eight girls who conducted themselves extremely well all day. We finished second in our pool, which meant we were in the top six teams. This is the best outcome we have had since the competition was set in motion six years ago.

Eamonn Ross is off to Brisbane with the Peninsula Track and Field Team this week, to compete in the State Titles in the 800m. Our support and best wishes go with him in this event and we cannot wait to hear about his experience.

Coming home with today's newsletter is a copy of the endorsed Code of Conduct for Parents. Some time ago I brought your attention to a draft version. This policy is now effective and I ask ALL parents to read it carefully.

Just a reminder that next Monday, 21st is a pupil free day. The staff get together with the teachers from the four other southern deanery schools and review our work in comparison to standards set in the other schools. It is a great networking day and many solid working relationships are formed for the betterment of the staff and our students.

Tomorrow is "School Officers Day". I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working school officers. Without their dedication and assistance around the school many activities would not go ahead. Thank you girls from the whole school community for your hard work.

Have a great week. God bless

Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Keeping the Gospel Alive...

In this Sunday's gospel Luke 17:11-19 we hear the recount of the ten lepers who are healed by Jesus but only one returns to give thanks to him and he was a Samaritan. We hear Jesus say as he often does when he performs his miracles "Get up and go on your way; your faith has saved you". Miracles need faith and belief in God to work and Jesus reminds us of this each time he performs a miracle. With faith and belief great things can happen.



***A flower cannot blossom without sunshine,
and man cannot live without love. (Max Muller)***

Socketober

Crazy Dress Up Sock Day – 31st October 2013. Come to school dressed up with socks. How many ways can you use socks? The challenge is to be creative and try to surprise me with your crazy design. The cost is a gold coin to go towards the missions to help the homeless children in Mongolia. Let's see if we can make a difference.

Mission Box – don't forget to keep bringing in your coins to put in your mission box. Which class will have the most money to give to the missions?

Yours in the risen Christ
Angela Cristaudo
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**TUCKSHOP
THIS FRIDAY**

**NO ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK**

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ.

CES is currently in the process of completing the annual ACARA Student Background Data (SBD) collection on behalf of all MAZE schools. This information is required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools. ACARA has provided the privacy notice below for parents prior to CES submitting the data collection to QCEC. The data will be uploaded to ACARA no later than Friday 18th October. Should a family object to their data being uploaded they **MUST CONTACT THEIR PRINCIPAL NO LATER THAN THIS WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER.**

ACARA PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education. This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes: formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice. Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au

**Payment of
SCHOOL FEES**

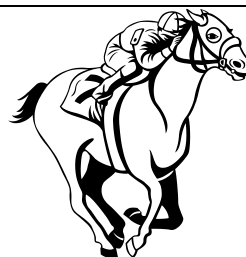


Term 4 School Fees will go out this week. Please ask your child for them as they will have an envelope in their bag. Every effort should be made to pay the fees by the due date, 31 October. If you are having difficulties paying please contact Jenni or Vicki .

**BUS FARE ASSISTANCE & STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL
ASSISTANCE REBATE APPLICATIONS
CLOSE ON 31ST OCTOBER.**

Please access the following link:

www.schooltransport.com.au



**MELBOURNE CUP
LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY, 5TH
NOVEMBER.**

ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY.

A flyer seeking parent helpers for the day will be sent home today. If you can help out please complete and return to the school office by next Monday. Many hands make light work.

We are desperately looking for Cent Sale and Monster Goose prizes. Please remember to keep an eye out for suitable items and bring them into the office.

DIRECT DEBITING SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Please indicate in your description whether the amount is for fees or other. Amounts without a description will automatically go against school fees.

Account Name: RCTC for the Diocese of Cairns - St Rita's School, South Johnstone

Account No: 00000 5018 BSB: 084352

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7



**DUE: WEDNESDAY,
23RD OCTOBER**

- Cheques are to be made payable to **ST RITA'S SCHOOL**
- Fill out orders with black or blue pens
- Club intro packs **MUST** have the accompanying subscription coupons attached with order
- Credit card payments – 1800 557 908
- On line –
www.scholastic.com.au/payment

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAY

Good Counsel College Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Parents will receive a letter through the mail with details. If you do not receive a letter please contact the college on 40 63 5300.

WATER CONFIDENCE CLASSES Weeks 6 & 7



Below are the dates and times for swimming classes to be held in November. Please mark these dates in your diary. Please complete and sign the permission for to travel by bus and to take part in water confidence classes. This was sent out last week.

Cost - \$25 per child, this is for pool admission and cost of the bus. Please pay to the office as soon as possible.

Week 6 11th to 15th November - Prep
to Year 2 - (10.15am to
11.15am)

Week 7 18th to 22nd November - Year
3 to 7 - (10.15am to 11.15am)



Diocese of Cairns
Presents:

Personal Development

**Puberty Talks
Years 5, 6 & 7
Wednesday 16
October**

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Commencing 18th November

This is a wonderful opportunity to shop for Christmas. A great and varied selection of books will be displayed in the library throughout this week. Please don't leave your choices until the last minute - first in best dressed. We will not be re-ordering books.

Calendar of Events Term 4



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 2, 2013



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$22/week* on fares to and from school (* \$17/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and [apply at www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 October 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

WEEK 2	
16 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yr 5, 6 & 7 Puberty Talk ➤ Yr 3/4 Class visit 11.30am ➤ Yr 2 Class visit 12.00pm
WEEK 3	
21 Oct	Monday -PUPIL FREE DAY (CTJ Day for teachers)
23 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Year 8 - 2014 Orientation Day GCC ➤ Yr 1 Class visit 9.30am ➤ Prep Class visit 9.50am
WEEK 4	
30 Oct	Yr 3/4 Liturgy of the Word 9.30am
1 Nov	All Saints Day Whole School Mass 10.00am
WEEK 5	
6 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Liturgy of the Word Yr 2 10.30am ➤ Liturgy of the Word Yr 1/Prep 11.30am
WEEK 6	
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Liturgy 9.00am
11 to 15 Nov	Swimming P - Yr 2 (10.15 to 11.15am)
12 Nov	School Performance Tours - 1.40pm "It's a Mad World"
15 Nov	Kanga Cricket
WEEK 7	
18 - 22 Nov	Swimming Yr 3 - 7 (10.15 - 11.15am)
18 Nov	BOOK FAIR WEEK
WEEK 8	
27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yr 4 & 5 Reconciliation ➤ Yr 6/7 League Tag Day - Callendar Park
WEEK 9	
4 Dec	CHRISTMAS CONCERT
6 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ End of Year Mass 10.30am ➤ End of School Year 12.00pm

2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR		
Term 1	Tues 28 Jan - Fri 4 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tues 22 April - Fri 27 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept	10 weeks
Term 4	Tues 7 Oct - Fri 5 Dec	9 weeks

4 SALE

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE UNIFORMS

(Only worn for one term)

1	Tie		\$4
2	Junior Blouse	Size 14Y	\$25 each
3	Junior Skorts	Size 12Y	\$25 each
1	Sport Shirt	Size 12	\$24
1	Sport Shorts	Size 10	\$15
1	Pullover Jumper		\$20
1	St Rita's Blue Shirt		\$5.00

Please see someone from St Rita's school office if you are interested in the above.

INNISFAIL JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION

Just a reminder that the sign up for the Innisfail Junior Touch Football Competition is TOMORROW between 5 and 6pm at Wangan Sports Grounds. Ages 7 to 12 years. Cost \$20 for the six week competition.



MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

18, 19 & 20 October
Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

"SONGS FOR MARION" Rated: M