

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3 - TERM 4



ST RITA'S SCHOOL
SOUTH JOHNSTONE

22nd October, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday the staff joined with the staff from the other four primary schools of the southern deanery as well as teachers from Sacred Heart Thursday Island, to moderate the work being undertaken in our schools. It was an extremely positive day with teachers being affirmed for the hard work they are undertaking and sharing of ideas. I realize pupil free days may cause inconvenience to families, but the work undertaken yesterday will greatly assist teachers in the education of your children.

This Sunday is national Grandparents day. On Friday the Prep class will be holding their annual "Grandparents' Day" after assembly. I searched for some interesting grandparents quotes and came up with the following:

- Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love.
- A grandparent is someone who has silver in their hair and gold in their hearts
- Grandparents aren't old; they've been having fun longer

Take the time on Sunday to visit grandparents to honour their contribution to our lives.

On a sad note we send our love and best wishes to the Davies family, Jordon (Year 5) and Damien (Year 2) who lost their granddad on Sunday morning.

This Friday at assembly we will be presenting prizes for our recent walkathon. I am pleased to announce that a total of \$7 500 was raised. What a fantastic effort. Thank you to all the children who took the time to raise money. A list of winners will appear in next week's newsletter.

The final school fees for the year came home last week. We ask that you settle these as soon as possible so that we can meet our financial commitments for the year. If you are having any problems I urge you to contact the school office.

Please keep the Cent Sale prizes for Melbourne Cup coming in. If you have not yet booked a table it would be advisable to do so as there are not many left. As this is our last major fundraiser for the year we ask everyone to get right behind it.

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers Day. St Rita's is blessed to have such a wonderful, dedicated, hardworking staff who strive hard to nurture our children and give them a broad variety of educational skills and experiences.

Thank you for your continued support. God bless, have a great week.

Vicki

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Keeping the Gospel Alive...

In this Sunday's readings we hear how persistence and perseverance are important qualities to have when praying. Combine these with faith and strengthen our relationship with God. Talk to God and keep talking. Have faith that he is listening to you. Answers may not seem to come immediately but persistence and patience and faith that God will answer and help you is the foundation of praying and building that relationship with God.



Your words, O Lord, are Spirit, and they are life.

Assembly

This week we are celebrating World Teachers Day at assembly as well as thanking all our staff who help with the education and development of our children and make a difference.

Socktober

Don't forget Crazy Dress Up Sock Day on 31st October 2013. Keep thinking of how you are going to use socks when you dress up. Gold coin donation for missions.

Mission Box –keep bringing in coins for the mission box. Which class will have the most money to give to the missions?

Yours in the risen Christ

Angela Cristaudo
APRE

TUCKSHOP
THIS FRIDAY

ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK

(We will be handing out prizes for our recent walkathon.)

PRAYERS FOR THE DAVIES FAMILY

Please keep the Davies family, Jordan (Year 5) and Damien (Year 2) in your prayers. Their grandfather, Herman Stoter passed away on Sunday morning. The funeral will be held at Black's at 1.30pm this Friday.



Payment of SCHOOL FEES



Term 4 school fees were sent home last week with the eldest child in each family. 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

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORTS BUS

Yr 4 -7 students are attending Friday Interschool Sport again this Term. The total cost for Term 3 & 4 bus is \$18.

Jenni will send home an envelope to each family detailing any amounts owing. Please pay as soon as possible. Thank you.



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY.

MONSTER GOOSE TICKETS went home with your eldest child last Friday. Lots of FANTASTIC prizes to be won. These tickets must be returned to the office, even if unsold, by Monday 4 November. Thank you. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL BAG.

If you are able to help out in any way for the Melbourne Cup, please return the Parent Helper Flyer to the office or see Jenni or Jade. Thank you.

Any donations for Cent Sale or Monster Goose prizes need to be left at the office by 28 October. Thank you.

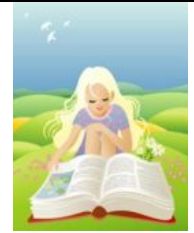
DIRECT DEBITING SCHOOL PAYMENTS

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: TOMORROW!

- 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

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.

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)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Commencing 18th November



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 by 31 October 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

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.

CARD MAKING CLASSES WITH MICHELLE ZAHRA

THIS SATURDAY

2.00pm and 4.00pm
303 Lawrence Road.

Classes are \$15.

Please phone 0429 642 022



MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA 25, 26 & 27 October

Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

"Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" in 3D
Rated: PG

Calendar of Events Term 4

WEEK 3	
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 11.30m
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