

# NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 - TERM 4



**ST RITA'S SCHOOL  
SOUTH JOHNSTONE**

29th October, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of the staff of St. Rita's I would like to thank the P & F for their thoughtfulness on Friday for World Teachers' Day. A special thank you to Jenni Taylor and Melissa Leonardi who helped out with yard duty. As I said on Friday, "Children are the reason we have a job and the wonderful children of St. Rita's make our job so much easier".

Friday also saw the Prep children host their grandparents at a very special morning tea to celebrate Grandparents' Day. It was very gratifying to see the children proudly showing their grandparents their work and playing games with them.

Friday was a big day, with the prizes given for highest fundraisers for our 2013 Walk-a-thon. Congratulations to Anna-Louise Celledoni who was the highest fundraiser, winning a Samsung Galaxy tablet. A list of class winners appears later in the newsletter along with a photo of the children with their prizes. Year One claimed the prize of a class party after raising the highest total.

In two weeks time Prep to Year 2 have their swimming confidence classes from 10.15 to 11.15am. The children **will not** be allowed in the water without a sun safe shirt. This is the middle of the day and we are a sun safe school.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help out. If you have not paid the \$25 to cover costs of the bus and pool entry please do so as soon as possible.

Keep Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> free. Our next RREAP Parents PD will be held that day at St. Rita's. We have engaged Christine Coop who will be talking to the parents on "Parenting for Resilience in Your Kids" and the teachers will also attend a session that afternoon. Christine is highly skilled in this area, and this topic is highly pertinent to the children of this generation. Talking to teachers from all systems, public or independent, "resilience" is one of the top issues to deal with in the education system today. I do realize it is the week that the Year Three to Seven classes will be swimming, but parents will be welcome to join the discussions after swimming.

The count-down is now on for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon next Tuesday. The function is now booked out, a testament to the fantastic function it is annually. As you know running a function like this is demanding and requires lots of work, so if you can help out in any way, big or small, please get in contact with Jade Buchanan or Jenni Taylor.

November 15<sup>th</sup> is Kanga Cricket Day. St. Rita's will be running the tuckshop on this day. Lina Calleja needs as much help as possible. Volunteers will have to be at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds at 9.00 a.m. to help make lunches. Not everyone needs to stay for the whole day, once the lunches are made you are free to head off if you wish, but you are more than welcome to stay and watch the games. If you can help, please contact Lina or leave your name at the school office. We truly appreciate the dedicated group of parents who make running our tuckshop possible.

God bless, have a great week

Vicki

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Keeping the Gospel Alive...

In this Sunday's readings we hear how prayer is an essential part of Christian spirituality. Jesus chose two contrasting characters for his teaching on prayer: a Pharisee who was supposed to be a model of spiritual life and a tax collector who was despised by the religious as a sinner. The Pharisee stands up but the tax collector stands at a distance. The Pharisee prays and compares himself to others. He considers himself better than them. The tax collector however considers himself unworthy of looking up to God and says simply "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Which of these two men has a true understanding of prayer? Which of these two men is seeking a true relationship with God? How do you know that you have prayed well?

***O Lord, Teach us to pray so that we may become more like you.***

### SOCKTOBER

#### **Crazy Dress Up Sock Day -**



this  
Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> October  
2013. Dress up in your most  
creative sock outfit. How  
outlandish can you be? Bring in  
a 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?



### ALL SAINTS WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

This Friday at 10:00am we will be celebrating All Saints Mass to remember all holy men and women, known or unknown who have modelled their lives on the commandments and Jesus. Please come and join us.

Yours in the risen Christ

Angela Cristaudo  
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## TEACHERS

A teacher is someone who looks after our children five days a week.

Accolades and awards for this they don't seek.  
They teach our children to read, write and spell  
And also have to listen to the stories they tell.

A doctor and nurse, they sometimes have to be  
And in some cases they're called on to be referee.  
The younger ones are always the hardest to teach  
But a teacher will set little goals for them to reach.

Learning is always done with a little fun  
A gold star or sticker when the job is done.  
To see how they're progressing, they will give kids  
a test  
And are always happy as long as they've tried their best.

A teacher will come to a school, after a while  
they will go.  
But the dedication they have will always show.  
So we just wanted to say thank you without a  
fuss  
So here it is "Thank you" from all of us.

(Tania Dalla Vecchia)



## INFORMATION UPDATE FOR 2014

Students, who are the eldest in the family, will be given today an "Information Update for 2014" form. Please complete both sides of the page and return to the school office by **MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013.** All families **MUST** complete this form to enable us to update our school records.

### TUCKSHOP THIS FRIDAY

Tuckshop helpers needed at Kanga Cricket on  
15 November at Silkwood in the morning only.  
Please see Lina.

## NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

### SCHOOL FEES DUE 31 OCTOBER



If your account shows a minus balance, this means you are in credit. If you are having difficulties paying please contact Jenni or Vicki.

### 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.



### WALKATHON CLASS WINNERS

Prep	Evita Piccolo
Year 1	Kaitlyn Mann
Year 2	Rachel Urquhart
Year 3	Bennett Buchanan
Year 4	Imogen Stanley
Year 5	Mikki Buchanan
Year 6	Jordan Lindsay
Year 7	Tyarne Stanley

**Over all Winner** - Anna-Louise Stanley

Fundraising Winner - everyone who fundraised went into a draw for a Coconut Village \$100 voucher  
Winner - Coen Stephensen

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

Please access the following link:

[www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)

### FREE Well Women's Clinic - Innisfail Hospital Friday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

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. For appointments please phone 4226 4812 or 0428 781 421



### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.

Monster Goose tickets must be returned to the office, even if unsold, by **Monday 4 November**.

Cent Sale prizes are being wrapped on Thursday or Friday, so if you have a donation please bring it in.

We are still hunting for some helpers for the day. If you can help out please see Jenni or Jade.

### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOURS

#### "IT'S A MAD WORLD"

School Performance Tours production for this term is "It's a Mad World", commencing at 1.40pm, on Tuesday, November 12.



**Cost of admission is \$6 per student or \$12 per family.** Payment must be made before the performance date.

#### It's a Mad World

*Picture a man living in a circus world, where everything that surrounds him represents an opportunity for the mad and ridiculous. Brushing teeth and getting dressed seem simple chores until suspending juggling balls in the air are added to the equation. The humble kitchen becomes a treasure trove of possibilities, culminating in a mass of crockery spinning precariously on long thin poles.*

### 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



### MUNRO THEATRE

#### BABINDA

1,2 & 3 November  
Commencing 7.30pm  
Admission \$8

**"We're the Millers"**  
Rated: M15+

### WATER CONFIDENCE CLASSES Weeks 6 & 7

Please complete and sign the permission for to travel by bus and to take part in water confidence classes. THIS WAS SENT HOME A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. EXTRA FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

**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)

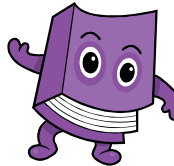
## Calendar of Events Term 4

<b>WEEK 4</b>	
30 Oct	Yr 3/4 Liturgy of the Word 9.30am
1 Nov	All Saints Day Whole School Mass 10.00am
<b>WEEK 5</b>	
6 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Liturgy of the Word Yr 2 10.30am</li> <li>➤ Liturgy of the Word Yr 1/Prep 11.30m</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 6</b>	
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
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
18 - 22 Nov	Swimming Yr 3 - 7 ( 10.15 - 11.15am)
18 Nov	<b>BOOK FAIR WEEK</b>
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Yr 4 &amp; 5 Reconciliation</li> <li>➤ Yr 6/7 League Tag Day - Callendar Park</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
4 Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT</b>
6 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ End of Year Mass 10.30am</li> <li>➤ End of School Year 12.00pm</li> </ul>

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



**COMMENCING  
MONDAY  
18 NOVEMBER**



Our final Book Fair for this year will be held in Week 7. We have been promised a wonderful selection of books. Please come and view as soon as possible, as we will not be re-ordering books.

**THIS IS A  
WONDERFUL  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO SHOP FOR  
CHRISTMAS**



## 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