

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5 - TERM 4



ST RITA'S SCHOOL
SOUTH JOHNSTONE

5th November, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very busy week lies ahead for our parent body, with Melbourne Cup luncheon being held today. This year we are hosting 250 guests, meaning that it will be one of the biggest functions in the area.

Congratulations to the P&F for their commitment, hard work and creativity. The gamble we made when we moved to the shire hall last year has certainly paid off.

Next week the junior classes head off to swimming. A list of swimming helpers is featured later in the newsletter. Please take the time to check that your name is on it if you have volunteered your time.

Accompanying this newsletter are Silkwood/Mena Creek sports association raffle tickets. I realize the timing isn't ideal, given families just had Melbourne Cup raffle tickets, but I deliberately held off sending them home until Melbourne Cup was finished. The association's only fund raising means is through the sale of raffle tickets. Please get behind this, as the money is used to buy medals, shirts for students who represent the district at Peninsula level and to support students who then go on to state level, as well as any equipment needed to host the sporting days held throughout the year. There are only 5 tickets at \$1 each and the prizes are excellent.

Congratulations to Mrs Riera who announced last week that she and Ray are to have a baby next May. April will be returning to St. Rita's first term next year and will take maternity leave as from Easter.

My apologies to Anna-Louise Celledoni, whose named appeared incorrectly in last week's newsletter. Anna-Louise was the over-all winner of the walk-a-thon fundraising prize. There were some fantastic prizes aided by the generous donations of the Johnstone Mill, Coastal Broadcasters (4KZ), Paronella Park and Telequip.

Many thanks to the parents who have already come to see me regarding movements for next year. This certainly makes my job a lot easier. Interviews have been held for Mrs Bryan's replacement and an announcement will be made as soon as CES have approved our decision. Class allocations for 2014 will be given in the next two weeks once enrolments have been finalized.

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, there are still a large amount of outstanding fees. Please make these a priority to pay in the coming weeks. If you are experiencing difficulty please come and see me. Communication with the office is important.

Remember to keep Wednesday, 20th November free for our RREAP cluster parent information day with presenter Christine Coop. A flyer is attached giving more details of this day. Please fill in the tear-off section at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office **no later than Monday, 18th**. This is for catering purposes.

An important reminder – Parents **MUST** sign the attendance book on the counter if their child is a late arrival or an early departure.

Let me finish this week with a thought:
A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I live in, how much money I had in the bank but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child – Forest Witcraft.

God bless, have a good week
Vicki

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please keep Sarina Pappalardo, (our library aide), in your prayers as her mother, Carmela Pagano, passed away last week in Sydney.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

KEEPING THE GOSPEL ALIVE...



In this Sunday's readings we heard the story of Zacchaeus, the story of the tax collector who was a little man and climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see Jesus as he walked by. We don't need to climb a tree or even a mountain to find

God. After all, God is everywhere. We just need to open our eyes, ears and hearts to see. God wants to be found. The story of Zacchaeus is telling us that we may need to take risks and go outside our comfort zone if we really want to do what we know is right or make changes in our lives for the better. We may even surprise ourselves with the response and the transformation in our lives that we make with one small step.

Are you ready to go out on a limb like Zacchaeus?

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

SOCKTOBER



Crazy Dress Up Sock Day - What a day. There was a huge array of colour and some very unusual ways of wearing socks on Thursday. I was blown away. It was absolutely overwhelming to see the enthusiasm that the

children showed in supporting the homeless children in Mongolia. Thank you so much for supporting us and I will share our fundraising total with you when I have finished counting all the mission boxes and tallied them.

CLASS LITURGIES

- Yr 2 Class Liturgy 10:30 in the church.
- Prep & Yr 1 Class Liturgy 11:30 in the church.

Please come along and join us at both liturgies.

Yours in the risen Christ
Angela Cristaudo
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**ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK**

KANGA CRICKET CARNIVAL

Students, who are the eldest in the family, will bring home a book of raffle tickets today, to raise funds for the Silkwood Mena Creek District Sports Association. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, November 15 at the carnival. Tickets are \$1 each.

There are four draws:

- \$50 Bunnings Voucher
- \$50 Woolworths Voucher
- 2 x \$50 Event Cinemas Vouchers

PLEASE RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS, SOLD OR UNSOLD BY NEXT WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.



INFORMATION UPDATE FOR 2014

Last week eldest in the family students were given an "Information Update for 2014" form. If your child hasn't brought this form home please collect one from the office.

Please complete and return to the school office by **NEXT MONDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2013.**

PLEASE NOTE: All families **MUST** complete this form on **both sides** to enable us to update our school records.

**TUCKSHOP
THIS FRIDAY**

SCHOOL FEES NOW OVERDUE!



Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. If you have money outstanding, please make every effort to this as a matter of urgency. If you are having difficulty paying please contact Jenni or Vicki.

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.

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

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)

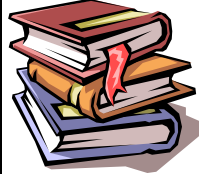


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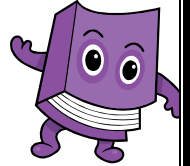
8, 9 & 10 November
Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

"ONE DIRECTION This is Us" in 3D Rated: PG

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



**COMMENCING
MONDAY
18 NOVEMBER**



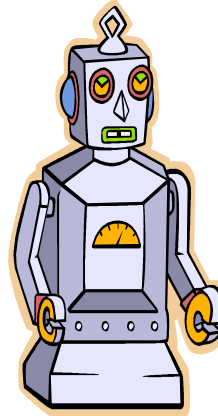
Our final Book Fair for this year will be held in Week 7. We have been promised a wonderful selection of books. Please come and view as soon as possible, as we will not be re-ordering books.



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



BUILD A ROBOT COMPETITION



Following the "Mad Scientist" theme of our Book Fair, families are invited to create a robot. Great prizes to be won. Robots are due in Friday, 15th.

FREE Well Women's Clinic - Innisfail Hospital Friday 15th & Thursday 28th 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

Calendar of Events Term 4

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

PARENTING FOR RESILIENCE WITH CHRISTINE COOPE

Name: _____

I will be attending the Christine Coope
workshop on Wednesday, 20th November.

Number attending: _____