

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 7 - TERM 2

ST RITA'S SCHOOL SOUTH JOHNSTONE



3rd June

Dear Parents and Caregivers

So much has happened in the last week and all I can say is what a bunch of incredibly talented kids go to our school. The efforts of students and staff have been showcased with the Year Four/Five class winning both their choral speaking sections at the Young Performers Competition last Wednesday. The Year Two class competing for their first time with a poem of their own choice received a Highly Commended award. Well done to both classes. Many of our students have also competed outside school bringing home a swag of awards.

Last Thursday and Friday a number of children from the Year Six and Seven class competed at the Far North Queensland Futsal Championships at the Redlynch Sports Stadium. I would firstly like to thank Mr Rossi for coaching the teams. On Thursday the boys, with very stiff competition placed third in their pool after six games. Mr Rossi and I were proud of their sporting spirit on the day, especially coming from behind in three games to end with a draw.

On Friday the girls were very successful reaching the Grand Final. In a David and Goliath battle the girls went down eight-nil. Everyone was impressed by the fact that these girls represented almost all of the girls in our Six/Seven class, whereas Holy Cross who defeated us, had approximately 130 girls to choose from. Just goes to show we may be small but we are extremely talented.

On Sunday the majority of these children then had to back up for Peninsula soccer. Rebecca Piccolo was chosen in the possible and probable team as in

Cairns today. I would like to thank all the parents but particularly Charles Manitto and Scott Davies for training the boys' team and Paul Piccolo who helped train the girls team.

With under two weeks to go now until the fete, and a long weekend in the middle, it is now time to start thinking about Cent Sale prizes, baking, what do I have for the White Elephant and Plant stalls, how am I going to help out? If you have someone who can bake for us just contact the office and we will supply ingredients. If you have any Cent Sale prizes please send them in before Wednesday next week. White elephant items can be sent in towards the end of next week. Let's get behind selling raffle tickets as well. The major prize of a \$1000 holiday voucher is very enticing. A \$50 book seller's prize will be given to the person who sells the most tickets. Prayers for fine weather will also be appreciated.

This Thursday night Dylan Manitto, William Leoni, Kiara Foschi, Bennett Buchanan, Sophie Leonardi, Jett Piccolo and Juanita Filby will be making their Confirmation. As they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we give them all our prayers and best wishes.

This Friday we will have a free dress day with children being asked to bring along a chocolate.

Have a great week. God bless.
Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**



A Day of Great Joy! Sunday was the feast of the Ascension of Jesus. This holy day (forty days after Easter) celebrates the mystery that Jesus left his disciples and went to his father.

The story told in Acts 1: 1-11 and in Matthew's Gospel 28:16-20 clearly expresses the truth that Jesus returns to his heavenly home with God, and that he promises his continual presence 'to the end of time.'

After three years of living, working, and praying with the disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world. This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples who, although prepared to go the appointed place, still hesitate. Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, he sends them out to all nations.

DID YOU KNOW ?

- In Matthew's Gospel, many of the important moments of Jesus' life are located on mountaintops - his temptation, his transfiguration, the greatest teaching of the 'sermon on the mount' and now this final instruction to his disciples.
- In this way Matthew draws parallels with Moses, the great leader and lawgiver who encountered God on the mountaintop.
- The word 'apostle' comes from the Greek word meaning 'one who is sent out.'

REFLECTION :

Although we do not see Jesus with our own eyes, this feast reminds us to see Jesus in others.

How do we do this ?

Am I ready to do this ?

Am I ready to continue Jesus' work ?



PRAYER :

Lord God, You give us great joy as we celebrate the feast of the ascension of your Son, Jesus. Make us witnesses to his gospel, and may we always seek his presence here among us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

APRE CONFERENCE :

Last week I attended the APRE Conference facilitated by Catholic Education Services (Cairns) which was held at Mission Beach. The focus of the three day inservice was the new Religious Education Curriculum which will be implemented within our diocese in the near future.

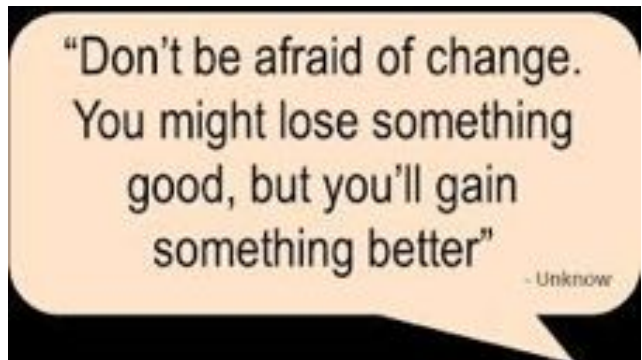
It is a comprehensive and sequential plan for Religious Education from Prep to Year 12 that has been created by a team of dedicated and professional Religious Education personnel from the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Overall, attending this conference was a very positive experience and one that has certainly encouraged me to reflect on the concept of change.

Until next week.

Peace be with you,

Denise



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

*The next assembly will be in
Week 10.*

URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FETE
PLASTIC BAGS & CENT SALE PRIZES
These can be left at the office. Thank you.



HEAD LICE

Once again the appearance of **HEAD LICE** has been reported. I desperately urge parents to check their child's hair daily for signs of infestation.

If eggs or lice are found, please treat with the required medication. This is available from any chemist shop. Eggs must be combed out before returning your child to school.

Remember daily checks will help keep this problem under control. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE



Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees. Please kindly make every effort to pay any outstanding fees as a matter of urgency. This is particularly important this term as we start to purchase items for fete preparations. If you are having any difficulties paying please contact Jenni or Vicki. Thank you.

TERM 2 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES



If your child has not given these to you, please look in their school bag. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sean and Karen from KZ7 for their donation towards the Year 6/7 camp from their slushy sales at their fitness challenge on the weekend.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE – INNISFAIL ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7 & 8 – 2015

Limited vacancies are still available for 2015. Applications for enrolment may be obtained from the College office at 66 Owen Street, Innisfail or by phoning 40 635 300.

Orientation Days for incoming students are as follows:

- Year 8 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 22nd October
- Year 7 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 5th November.

Enrolment packages are available from St Rita's school office.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE INNISFAIL OPEN EVENING

For families with children of all ages

Thursday, 5th June, 5pm – 7pm

TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

All tuckshop orders **MUST** be glued to a paper bag so that food items can be placed inside.

FREE DRESS THIS FRIDAY FOR A CHOCOLATE

A big thank you for all the donations brought in so far. Please kindly send a chocolate item with your child on Friday. Families with more than two children need only bring in two items. These donations are a huge help with the fete.

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 50 18 BSB: 084352

ST RITA'S FETE NEXT SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2014 4.00PM – 9.00PM

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 1, 2014 Bus Fare Assistance

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 May 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.

ICAS Testing Dates Years 3-7

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
Science		CLOSED	
Writing		CLOSED	
Spelling		CLOSED	
English	29 July	24 June	\$8.80
Maths	12 Aug	24 June	\$8.80

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any late nominations so please have your envelope into the school office by 9.00am of the closing date indicated. Thank you.

HOMework CLUB

The facility operates from Monday to Friday. A teacher will be on duty Monday to Thursday until **4.30pm and 4.00pm on Friday**. A booking sheet operates through the school office.

Children **MUST** be booked in to use the facility **BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN** as there are days that Homework Club cannot run due to staff responsibilities off campus.

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

6th, 7th & 8th June

Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

**“The Grand Budapest Hotel” -
Rated: M**

Little Athletics Queensland (LAQ) Winter Championships

Sat 28th & Sun 29th June 2014

Townsville Sports Reserve

For children 6 - 16

Nomination fees per child:

LAQ Registered \$10.00

Non-LAQ Registered \$15.00

For further detail visit the LAQ webpage

www.laq.org.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 2

WEEK 7	
1 st June	Sunday - Peninsula Soccer
4 th June	ICAS Science
WEEK 8	
9 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
14th June	SCHOOL FETE
17 - 19 June	Sports Rotations - 1.00pm
WEEK 9	
16 th June	ICAS Writing
17 th June	ICAS Spelling
20 th June	Fitzgerald -v- Palmerston Day
WEEK 10	
22 nd June	Peninsula Touch & Softball
24 th June	Reading Day - Tully (P-Yr 3)
26 th June	Brave Hearts
27 th June	End of Term

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3	
11 th July	Innisfail & District Show
14 th July	Start of Term
27 th July – 1 st Aug	Catholic Education Week
28 th July	Catholic Education Week Mass at Good Counsel College
6 th Aug	Maggie Dent
18 th & 19 th Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
27,28 & 29 Aug	Year 4/5 Camp
14 th to 18 th Sept	Year 6/7 Camp
19 th Sept	End of Term



GIRLS FUTSAL

TERM 4	
6 th Oct	Labour Day Holiday
7 th Oct	Start of Term
8 th Oct	Parent Session – Puberty Talk Years 2-3
9 th – 10 th Oct	Year 2/3 Camp
22 nd Oct	Wonder of Living (Years 1-7)
31 st Oct	World Teachers Day
4 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
10 th – 14 th Nov	Prep to Year 2 Swimming
17 th – 21 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 to 7 Swimming • Christmas Book Fair
11 th	Remembrance Day
5 th Dec	End of Term



PENINSULA GIRLS SOCCER



BOYS FUTSAL



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