

# Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 9 - TERM 2

**ST RITA'S SCHOOL**

**SOUTH JOHNSTONE**



17 June, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A huge thank you to the people who helped make Saturday's fete the huge success it was. The feedback from the community has been extremely positive. Final figures are not available at the moment but takings on the night were well above anticipated levels. I would ask all parents if they could, while the night is fresh in our minds to sit down and fill in the fete survey form attached to the newsletter, think of positives and negatives for the night as this will only make the next one even better. If you have any unsold raffle tickets at home please send them in.

Congratulations to the Coconuts team, who defeated Spry's Painting in the tug-a-war. We also thank these teams for their \$750 donation from their prize money. We may be small but we have shown we can put on a good show.

You may not want to hear this next piece of information but attached to this newsletter is the Strawberries and Cream Roster for the Innisfail Show, which this year falls over the next holidays and is only three weeks away. Those families who were unable to help out at the fete might be able to help out at this event. Workers receive free entry into the show. ***This needs to be returned to the office by next Monday so the roster can be***

***formalised and sent home.*** The roster has the names of people who worked last year. If you cannot do this year just take your name off and move it somewhere else.

Hopefully this week we will be able to get through our Palmerston/Fitzgerald sports events. Each afternoon from 1.15p.m, we will endeavour to have our field events, culminating with track events on Friday. Everyone is welcome to come along each afternoon and join in the fun on Friday. (Maybe some of the dads will not want to be involved in the tug-of-war after Saturday night). There will be a sausage sizzle lunch on Friday. Bring along \$2 and get a sausage on bread.

If your child is in Year Six or Seven and you missed Mr Reed's presentation yesterday afternoon, we can give you a copy of his power point presentation to watch.

We have received notification from the State P & F association to keep Wednesday 23 July, in your diaries for the first in a series of P & F webinars for parents and particularly for P&F Executive members. The webinars will be on the role of P&F and parents as partners and leaders in Catholic schools. You are asked to contact [info@pandf.org.au](mailto:info@pandf.org.au) to register your interest.

Congratulations to Natasja Crowley who was the winner of the \$100 Scratchie Board being raffled for the Year 6/7 camp.

Children are busy in classes finishing assessment pieces. Mid-year report cards will come home next Wednesday 25th so please check your child's port. If you wish to discuss results with your child's teacher please make an appointment to do so. Take time to affirm with your child their efforts. They have worked hard and the majority of them to the best of their ability so let them know you are proud of them.

Next week Prep to Year Three will be attending the Circus Reading Day in Tully. If you haven't sent back your permission form, please do so. Keep Thursday of next week in your diaries for the Dance Fever showcase morning. Come and join in the fun.

At last night's P & F meeting the subject was raised of ordering our blue sport shirt for parents. Parents expressed a wish to be identified with their child's school and stated they would proudly wear the shirt. If you would like to order a shirt (which would be approximately \$40) please fill in the tear off section at the end of the newsletter. Please do this before the holidays as if there is enough interest they can be ordered straight away.

Have a great week. God bless.

Vicki

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### POPE FRANCIS - THE PEOPLE'S POPE

Last Wednesday all class teachers had the privilege of participating in the annual e-conference facilitated by Broken Bay Institute. The topic this year was Pope Francis and his ministry modelled on St. Peter.

Through the six sessions much was discovered about Pope Francis and the manner in which he is leading the Catholic Church as well as specific details from his Apostolic Exhortation - *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

This was an extremely interesting and thought provoking presentation on one of the most powerful men in the world - but more than this, it gave an invaluable insight into the phenomenon of Pope Francis' rising popularity and the overall example he is setting for all Catholics.

### BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE POPE

Jorge Mario Bergoglio  
17 December, 1936  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Bishop of Rome  
Papal name in honour of  
St. Francis of Assisi  
First Jesuit Pope

*DID YOU KNOW THAT POPE FRANCIS WAS NAMED TIME MAGAZINE 'PERSON OF THE YEAR' 2013 ?*



The following is a list of 20 interesting things that you may not know about the Pope - all of which have endeared him to the people of the world regardless of age, race or even religion in some cases.

- He has conquered the internet - using social media like Twitter and recently participated in the first papal 'selfie'.
- He has put into writing his tough talk about global capitalism
- He sneaks out of the Vatican to hang out with homeless Romans.
- He was a bouncer at a bar.
- He is a sports fan.
- He gave 100 individual hugs to wheel-chair bound visitors.

- He auctioned his motorcycle to benefit charity.
- He dresses in simple, plain vestments and prefers silver to gold.
- He has a sense of humour.
- He embraced (hugged and kissed) Vinicio Riva, a severely disfigured man.
- He washed the feet of female prisoners during a Holy Thursday ceremony.
- He resides in a modest apartment and not the usual 'Papal Suite'.
- He has called for cooperation between faiths.
- He has acknowledged that atheists can be good people.
- He refused to send away a child who ran onto the stage when he was speaking.
- He understands the 'modern family'.
- He is not looking to be an idol.
- He invited homeless men to his birthday party.
- He is committed to ending corruption and isn't afraid of the mafia.
- He drives an old Renault rather than the typical Mercedes.

*Pope Francis is certainly 'walking the walk' and is an excellent example of Jesus' love at work in the world today.*

### **YEAR 4/5 AND 6/7 CLASS MASS** **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

This Wednesday the year 4/5 and 6/7 classes will celebrate a Liturgy of the Eucharist in the Church at 11.30 am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Have a wonderful second last week.  
Peace be with you,

Denise

### **ATTENTION** **YR 6 & 7 PARENTS** **CANBERRA TRIP**

All monies and names MUST be into the school office **NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY.**

***Please note - any people pulling out now will incur a \$250 fee for loss of deposit on airfares already paid by the school.***

### **STRAWBERRIES & CREAM SHOW ROSTER**

We have only these last two weeks of term to fill the Strawberry & Cream Roster for our stall at this year's Innisfail Show. The show this year is during the school holidays on 10 and 11 July. To make it possible to organise the roster in such a short time, last year's roster has been attached. We have removed the families who have left since last year. It would be greatly appreciated if you could have a look at the roster and get in touch with the office to either -

- have your name added to the roster;
- have your name shifted to a different shift; or
- have your name removed from the roster if you cannot do your shift.

Remember this is during the second week of the school holidays. Show tickets are issued to stall workers to get free admission to the show. Perhaps you can help out this year. It is not all hard work.

## NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

*There will be assembly next week  
when we will be adopting our new cop  
- Senior Constable Sam Baxter*



## 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.

## NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK & NEXT

*IF SPORTS DAY IS HELD THIS  
FRIDAY, WE WILL HOLD A \$2  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE.*

## 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Year 7 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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

## TENNIS AUSTRALIA

St Rita's school is an official venue of Tennis Australia's National School Partnership Program. The eldest student in each family will bring home today a flyer titled MLC Hot Shots. Every child who registers receives a free T-shirt and \$2 goes towards the school to spend on sports equipment. It only takes two minutes to complete. Thank you for supporting this program.

## 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 ***before the end of Term 3 otherwise new system procedures will have to be put into place.*** If you are having any difficulties paying please contact Jenni or Vicki. Thank you.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES - TERM 2



If your child has not given these to you, please look in their school bag. 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 50 18 BSB: 084352

**CHRISTINE COOP  
INSERVICE  
21 JULY - 7 TO 9 PM  
TOPIC - TBA**

**ICAS Testing Dates Years 3-7**

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
English	29 July	<b>24 June</b>	\$8.80
Maths	12 Aug	<b>24 June</b>	\$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.

**SCHOOL DENTAL**

Did you know that your child/ren are eligible for a **free** dental check up every 12 months? The School Dental Clinic will be open over the school holidays. To make an appointment please call **40160518**.

**MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA  
13, 14 & 15 June**

Commencing 7.30pm  
Admission \$8

**“Godzilla” - Rated: M**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 2**

<b>WEEK 9</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Writing
17 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Spelling
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Fitzy -v- Palmy Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Peninsula Touch & Softball
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading Day – Tully (P-Yr 3)
26 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brave Hearts</li> <li>• Dance Fever Showcase – 9.00am</li> </ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>TERM 3</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Innisfail & District Show
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of Term
27 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Catholic Education Week
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Catholic Education Week Mass at Good Counsel College
5 Aug	Yr 7 Enrolment Night - GCC
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Maggie Dent
7 Aug	Yr 8 Enrolment Night - GCC
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
27,28 & 29 Aug	Year 4/5 Camp
12 Sept	NADOC Activities Day
14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6/7 Camp
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	End of Term

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

**PARENT SPORTS SHIRT ORDER SLIP**

I wish to order a Size \_\_\_\_\_ sports shirt for myself.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_