

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 – TERM 3

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



22nd July, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to the 20 parents who braved the cold last night to attend Christine Coops presentation on navigating our kids to adolescence. The night was highly informative and gave the attending parents many useful strategies to use. Christine has informed me that she is heading north again in October and if the interest is there she would be willing to run another night session.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. The theme for the week is "Come Live Life in all its Fullness." Some of our students have starred on the advertising posters. Next Tuesday, July 29th the whole school will be travelling by bus, in the morning, to attend the southern deanery mass, this year to be held at Good Counsel College. Following the mass we will enter into a series of activities, similar to the process followed at St Rita's for the past few years.

Congratulations to Miss Lizzio who has received notification that she was nominated for a 'Spirit of Catholic Education Award.' Although unsuccessful in her nomination we at St Rita's know of her wonderful work and dedication to the students and the school .

Thank you for your co-operation with the implementation of the shared services project. Term fess should be generated on the new system by the end of next week so please look out for them in your child's port. On that subject, please make it a practice (particularly parents of children in the

older grades) to regularly check your child's port. Parents regularly come to the office stating they have not received something only to find it in the bottom of their child's port.

Please note the change in the P&F date to Monday, August 4th. This meeting is the July/August meeting. If anyone has ideas for a Father's Day Raffle and Father's Day activities please let me know.

Good luck to Rebecca Piccolo who today head to Mt. Isa with the Peninsula Girls U'12 Soccer team.

Please note a few amendments in the calendar of events. Maggie Dent is now Thursday August 7th. Book Week Dress Up day is Friday August 22nd. Get those costumes ready.

Have a great week. God bless.

Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2014**

Next week we will celebrate **Catholic Education Week (27th July – 2nd August)**. This annual event will be commemorated across Queensland and is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Come, live life in all its fullness.**



This inspirational call is based on the Gospel of John (10:10), challenging those who answer it to "live fully".

Reflecting this Gospel call, our school, like all Catholic schools, strives to provide a learning experience through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically – and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer.

During **Catholic Education Week 2014**, Catholic Education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how their communities are encouraging and providing opportunities for their members to **“Come, live life in all its fullness.”**

There are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 143 000 students and employ almost 17 000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate this very special week in some way.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week and we hope you are able to join in the celebrations with us. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Peace be with you,
Denise

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Positive Parenting

There are many influences affecting our children today that we find difficult to control, so we need all the help we can get to have a handful of strategies that we can use to help raise our children in a positive and nurturing environment. Each week I will attempt to have an idea or strategy that you may like to use or put away in your toolbox of tricks. This week I have attached a menu for the whole family to try. It is a great way to kick start and maintain a positive lifestyle. Print it off and keep it on the fridge so you remember everyday what your goals are and what you are focusing on that day. Have a great week every one and enjoy your family.
Angela Cristaudo

SCHOOL CAPTAIN PHOTOS

Envelopes for school captain photos were handed to Year 6 and 7 students yesterday. If you wish to order any of these please do so by **FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST**. Please take the time to read the information detailed on the front of the envelope, enclose the correct money, as we pass these envelopes, unopened, to the company.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGES TO OFFICE PROCEDURES

During weeks 1 - 3 of this term, (14 July to 1 August), Catholic Education are implementing new Student Information and Finance Systems.

During this period Jenni will not be available for any financial information you may require. Santina will be manning the office from 8.15am to 9.00am from Monday to Thursday of these weeks and from 2.30pm to 3.00pm in the afternoon.

We ask that during this transition period that calls and visits to the office be kept to an absolute minimum. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

Tuckshop for this term will feature a new menu for each week. The ladies in charge each week will decide the menu for the week. **PLEASE HAVE ORDERS INTO THE CONTAINER IN THE OFFICE BEFORE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.** Thank you.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TUCKSHOP ORDERS

Tuckshop order forms, (printed on blue paper), were sent home with students yesterday. **ORDERS MUST BE INTO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 9.30AM THIS THURSDAY**. Orders for the carnival held on Wednesday, 6 August are for selected students only and orders for the carnival are for students from Year 1 to 7.

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

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

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.

GOONDI SCOUT GROUP is open to new members.

All interested youth and adults are invited to the scout den in **Wattle Street** on **Friday** nights 6yrs- 11. yrs at 6.30pm and 10 ½ yrs -14yrs at 7.00.

40616220 / 40614724 (den Friday nights only). If you enjoy Camping, Canoeing and other outdoor activities and learning new skills then you'll love being a Scout! Life as a Scout is full of adventure and teamwork. You'll earn badges to wear on your uniform, make friends and have loads of fun! Scouting is for everyone, Girls and Boys. Since Scouting began a large number of successful people from various walks of life were Scouts. People like *Neil Armstrong, David Beckham, Dick smith, Barack Obama, Bill Gates, Steven Spielberg* you will be surprised of how scouting can help **you** in the future.

Scouting is the largest youth organisation in the world... We are also in need of leaders if you are interested in scouting please come to the den Friday 7pm. G.L. Elizabeth Seymour (*Inkala*)

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

25, 26 & 27 July

Commencing 7.30pm

Admission \$8

"The Fault in Our Stars" - Rated: M

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

WEEK 2	
21 July	Christine Coop 7-9pm
WEEK 3	
27 th July – 1 st Aug	Catholic Education Week
29 th July (Tuesday)	Catholic Education Week Mass at Good Counsel College
WEEK 4	
5 Aug	Yr 8 Enrolment Night - GCC
6 th Aug	SMC – Field Events (selected students)
7 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMC – Whole School Sports Day• Yr7 Enrolment Night – GCC• Maggie Dent
WEEK 6	
18 th & 19 th Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
22nd Aug	BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY
WEEK 7	
27,28 & 29 Aug	Year 4/5 Camp
WEEK 9	
12 Sept	NAIDOC Activities Day
WEEK 10	
14 th to 18 th Sept	Year 6/7 Camp
19 th Sept	End of Term

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4

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	Yr 8 Orientation Day - GCC
23 rd Oct	Wonder of Living (Yrs 1-7)
31 st Oct	World Teachers Day
4 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
5 Nov	Yr 7 Orientation Day - GCC
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 Nov	Remembrance Day
1 st Dec	Year 6/7 Graduation Night
3 rd Dec	Christmas Concert
5 th Dec	End of Term