

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 – TERM 3

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



5th August, 2014



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Following on from **Catholic Education Week**, this week is **National Vocations Awareness Week**. During this week we focus on each person's vocation, especially our primary vocation – the call to holiness. **NVAW** provides an opportunity for all Australian dioceses, parishes, schools, religious communities, youth and campus ministers and other Catholic organizations to focus at the same time on this 'call'. The call to holiness put simply, is the call to become all that God has created us to be, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul and to share our gifts and talents for the common good of all society. A vocation within the context of Catholic life means responding to what God calls each of us to be, or do with our lives. Each person is called to discern their response to this call. For some it will be marriage, while for others it will be the priesthood or religious life. It may even be the call to live a single life. We are all called by God to know, love and serve him, the only difference is how each one of us responds to that 'call'.

This all ties in very well with last week's CEW theme of 'Come, Live, Life in all its fullness.' Speaking of **Catholic Education Week**, thank you to the 12 School Leaders who accompanied me to mass at the Cathedral in Cairns last Thursday. It was a wonderful celebration and their participation and behaviour was exemplary. The highlight of the day was the concert that we attended with Michael Mangan himself, in the afternoon at St. Monica's College and also listening to the inspirational life story of Annabel Pike- a profoundly deaf young woman who has accomplished a lot in her career as a nurse and winner of the Pride of Australia medal.

A very fitting end to last week's celebration was our very own Santina Lizzio winning the Docemus Award for the School Officer category. These annual awards for the Cairns Diocese were established in 2002 to honour the memory of Tom Doolan in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Catholic Education. These awards acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional commitment, achievement and contribution to Catholic Education by members of its community. Santina is certainly a very worthy winner of this prestigious award for her continuous and tireless effort working with the children, the staff and the parents of our school over the past 28 years. St. Rita's is very proud of all she has achieved personally and professionally during this time. Santina was presented with a framed certificate commemorating this special award on Friday night at a ceremony at Rydges Hotel in Cairns along with the winners of the five other categories. Congratulations Santina and well done!

This Thursday night Good Counsel Primary School is hosting another evening with Maggie Dent – well known parent educator and author. Maggie's 'tell it like it is' attitude and fantastic sense of humour makes her informative sessions not only worthwhile but extremely

reassuring and entertaining. This invitation to attend has been extended to the St. Rita's school community free of charge courtesy of the Good Counsel Primary and College P& F. It is most definitely an opportunity not to be missed. Please read carefully the following messages as they contain important information in regard to events that are happening this week – particularly the changes to sports days and information about The Ned Show. Hope you have a wonderful week. Peace be with you, Denise

WHAT'S THE GO WITH THE NED SHOW ?



Last Friday at 11.30am the children attended **The Ned Show** which was presented at the South Johnstone State School. Due to a genuine oversight this failed to be advertised through the newsletter last week. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or undue stress this has caused among our parent group. Please rest assured that the children were well supervised and travelled along the same route that would normally be taken as if walking up to Chap Chappa Park for our sporting activities. If parents would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to make contact through the school office.

From all accounts, **The Ned Show** was a fantastic presentation that combined a positive message with humour, storytelling, audience participation and memorable object lessons like yo-yo and magic tricks.

The assembly taught students how they can develop three valuable characteristics to become ***Champions at school and in life !***

The likeable character, **NED**, and his message, are an inspiration for all ages and we look forward to the lasting and positive impact it will have on our students and our school.

STUDENTS ATTENDED THE NED SHOW PRESENTATION FREE OF CHARGE.



QUICK FACTS

1. **NED messaged items will be available for purchase this week following the show.**
These fun, old-fashioned, no-batteries-needed products (eg. yo-yos) are tangible ways for children to keep NED's message in motion long after the presentation.
2. **Thanks to the 'Pay-It-Forward' Payment Option**, sales at another school made it possible for NED to visit at NO COST. If you choose to purchase a NED item, you will help send the positive message on to more children.
3. **Visit www.theNEDshow.com** for FREE resources and ideas for ways to incorporate NED's message at home. You'll find sheets, how-to videos and contest opportunities for your children and a variety of options for parents.
4. **At videos.theNEDshow.com** discover fun learn-to-yo-yo videos (taught by a 12 year old) or product demonstration videos at **youtube.com/NEDucationalTV**.

DETAILS OF YO-YO PRICES WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW. NED merchandise will be on sale every morning this week in the lunch area before school.

Positive Parenting

What do we want for our children in areas other than doing well in school? What kind of people do we want them to become? How can we make sure that our children have a balance in their lives so they are both achieving the best they can while at the same time experiencing the highest levels of well-being.

The 5 keys to success are Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. Please find a copy of these 5 keys for your reference and to help you at home.

Have a great week every one and enjoy your family.

Angela Cristaudo

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

SCHOOL CAPTAIN PHOTOS

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU WISH TO ORDER CAPTAIN PHOTOS HAVE YOUR ENVELOPE INTO THE OFFICE BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

ATHLETICS HAMPER RAFFLES

The eldest student in each family was given a book of hamper raffle tickets to sell. Money raised goes towards medals and ribbons for sporting events. Tickets are \$1 each for a variety of draws. Details are on the cover of the ticket book. The drawing date indicated on the cover is incorrect. Tickets will be drawn at the Softball/T-Ball Carnival in the following weeks.

We ask that families return sold tickets before THIS FRIDAY, 7th August to avoid clashing with our Father's Day Raffle.

Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Finally after three weeks we are using our new systems, EMinerva and Dynamics. Last week, with the experts beside Jenni, Term 3 School Fees were generated and emailed to all families. Please check your emails for your invoice.

PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK YOUR INVOICE to make sure all is correct. If you have any queries please see Jenni.

If you haven't received it please notify the school office immediately.

Please note the following:

- **Direct Debit** - for those who pay via Direct Debit, please note the bank account and your reference number has changed. If your Direct Debit was set up via **your** personal online internet banking **please update your Direct Debit details before your next payment.** If your Direct Debit was set up by the school office through CDF then the changes have already been made for you.
- Your new fee statement will now contain a **numeric customer reference rather than the former family code e.g. TAYLORJ.** When paying your account via the internet or at your bank, you **MUST** use your new **numeric customer reference.**
- The system will address the fee statement to the primary caregiver which is often the Mother or Female Guardian unless we have other arrangements formalised. Although the fee statement is addressed to an individual, the financial obligations undertaken by parents at the time of enrolment, or any more current fee paying agreement, will still stand. Where there is a change in the relationship between parents/guardians, notification of any change in financial obligations must be provided to the school. The documented change must be signed and acknowledged by all parties involved.
- BPay will be introduced from Term 4.

DISTRICT SPORTS DAYS

We have been notified by the SMCSA officials that because of the weather they have made a decision to reschedule the two District Sports Days –

District Field Events (for selected students) which was to be held on Wednesday has now been changed to **THIS THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST.**

Whole School District Sports Day which was to be held on Thursday has now been moved to **NEXT MONDAY, 11 AUGUST.**

Tuckshop orders placed for these days will be processed on the new dates. We apologise for any inconvenience. If any further changes are made due to weather we will advise you as soon as we are made aware.

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.

GIRLZ CLUB

for Girlz aged 6 to 12 yrs

"Guiding & Inspiring Righteous (Little) Ladies Zealously!"

2nd & 4th Friday of each month

5.30 to 8.00 pm - Cost \$4 - food provided

191—193 Mourilyan Road, Innisfail

AUGUST

8th Creative Flair & Art Night

What will you create?

22nd Fashion Parade

Girls to bring their favourite outfits to model

Casual, Beach Wear & Evening Wear

Raising funds for Meals on Wheels

Parents & family invited - \$4 entry

Need more information contact

Mrs Karen Kovacich on 4061 3911

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

8, 9 & 10 AUGUST

Commencing 7.30pm

Admission \$8

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"

in 3D" - Rated: M

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

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

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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