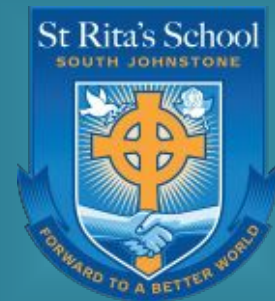


ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 2, Week 1 2015

21 April 2015



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term Two, another hectic term in the life of St Rita's. I ask all parents to take a half hour out of your busy schedules to complete the Catholic Identity Survey. (Jenni once again emailed instructions yesterday afternoon). It is important to the worthiness of the project to have close to 100% of families participate, however at the moment only 10 out of 71 families have done so thus far.

Next Monday night is our next P&F meeting for the year. It has been great to see new faces around the table at these meetings. The main agenda item for this meeting is Mothers' Day Morning Tea on Friday, May 8th. If you have any other agenda items please have them at the office by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

Please look out for a flyer calling for help with the Mothers' Day Morning Tea as well as a book of raffle tickets. Moara has gotten together some wonderful prizes to pamper our mums. Round up all your lady friends for a fun morning of entertainment and wonderful prizes. For catering purposes please give numbers to the school office as soon as possible.

This Saturday the school will be participating in the Anzac Day march. Children are asked to be assembled, in front of the RSL, in their school group by 8am for an 8.30am start. The march concludes back in front of the

RSL following the release of poppies from the passing plane. Children are asked to wear correct formal uniform, with a school hat and black shoes, for the march. St Rita's has a long association with the Anzac Day march and given that this is the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli we would like as many students to attend. It is because of the bravery of all men and women who have fought in conflicts around the world at different times that we are able to live in this wonderful country we call home.

Mark in your calendars Wednesday, May 13th. The P&F have secured Susan McLean one of Australia's top cyber safety experts to come and talk to parents. Organise friends to come along as well. Parents do not have to have students at St. Rita's to attend. This is a costly exercise for the P&F for the betterment of our school community and safety of our children so as many people in attendance will make the evening more beneficial. Susan will be working with our Year four to six classes the next day. If you have any doubts google her to see her credentials. Susan has worked with the FBI and spoke at last years' P&F conference in Cairns.

This Wednesday our Year 6 class will be going to Cairns with myself and Mrs Kenny, to attend the Anzac Reflections event at St. Monica's cathedral. If you are in Cairns over the next week take time to drive past the bishops house next to the cathedral and look at the 900+ crosses on the lawn, each one with a reflection on Anzac Day, written

by a child attending a Catholic School in the Cairns Diocese.

I conclude this newsletter on a sad note asking you all to keep Carmel Parisi (our school counsellor) in your prayers as she begins chemotherapy to battle cancer.

Looking forward to an extremely positive Term Two. Have a great week, God bless.

Vicki



There is a special ANZAC Assembly this week in the little hall after the bell on Friday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



EASTER: A FIFTY DAY CELEBRATION

Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar (even more important than Christmas) and rather than being one single day of celebration is actually a season that that continues on for 50 days through the Ascension of Our Lord, to Pentecost Sunday.

About these 50 days theologian Nathan Mitchell writes:

“The great fifty days are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to ‘party on’, even if we don’t feel like it – but an invitation to explore more deeply the ‘weather of the heart’ to awaken our memory of God’s presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation.”

So even though Easter Sunday was two weeks ago and we have returned now to another busy term it is important to continue to recognize and celebrate the risen Christ. It is suggested that the 50 days of Easter asks us to reflect on his presence and to live with joy.

One way that the Church pursues this goal of seeing God present in the world is through the reading of the Acts of the Apostles. At Masses all through the

Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by readings from the Acts of the Apostles.

On this point, Rev. Lawrence Rice, explains that these readings tell the story of the Church’s earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith’s spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit. He further states that all of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today.

In a nutshell, the season of Easter is a time of great significance because it represents the fulfilment of our faith as Christians. Through his death, Christ saved us from sin and destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but through his Resurrection he gave us the promise of new life in this world and the next.



LOOKING FORWARD:

THE TERM AHEAD

- Anzac Day Assembly – Friday 24th April
- Sacramental Parent Meeting- Wednesday 29th April
- MAY – A MONTH DEDICATED TO MARY
- The Ascension of Our Lord - Sunday 17th May
- Feast of St. Rita - Friday 22nd May
- Pentecost Sunday - Sunday 24th May
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Wednesday 3rd June



Hope you all had a wonderful break with family and friends. As you can see this will be another hectic term but no doubt one that will be filled with excitement and experiences that the children will enjoy and learn from.

As well as these, we will continue this term with Class Liturgies, Reconciliation for Year 4/5 and 5/6, and Class Visits with Fr Kerry. As usual, parents are welcome to attend any of these special times along with our normal School Assemblies.

Have a great week. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

Regards,

Denise (Acting APRE – Assistant to the Principal, Religious Education)

ANZAC DAY MARCH



Any students marching this Saturday need to be assembled in front of the RSL with our school group by **8am**

for an **8.30am start**. Children are to wear correct formal school uniform with hat and black shoes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **20 MAY**.

Each student was today given an envelope to order school photos. Please read the instructions carefully.

If paying by cash the **CORRECT** money must be placed in the envelope. Change cannot be given as we are **AGENTS ONLY** for the photography company.

Orders must be returned to school **BEFORE** 20 May otherwise you will need to deal directly with the company.

Should you wish to have sibling photographs taken on the day, you will need to pick up a Sibling Order Envelope from the office.



TUCKSHOP

There is **NO** tuckshop this week.

P & F MEETING

Our next P & F Meeting is scheduled for next Monday, 27 April at 7.30pm. We would love to see you there.

WEEK 3 IS MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA !!!



Each eldest child in the family was today given a flyer for our Mother's Day Morning Tea. Many **volunteers** are needed to make the event run smoothly. Please take the time to read the notice and volunteer wherever you can help out. A copy is also attached to the newsletter. These need to be returned to the office by **urgently**. Thank you.

Also a reminder that the main money raiser for the day is the **CENT SALE**. If you have any items to donate, please bring them in ASAP. They should be left in the tuckshop.

Each eldest child has been given a book of **Mother's Day raffle tickets**. There have been some wonderful prizes organized. Please ensure the tickets are returned to the office, sold or unsold, by Thursday 7 May. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

Students were today given catalogues for Book Club Issue 3.

You can now **ORDER** and **PAY** online if you wish.

You will be asked to select your child's classroom teacher. The books will be sent to the school and given to your child.

ICAS TESTING DATES YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Subject	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price.
Digital Tech	19/05/15	05/05/15	\$8.80
Science	03/06/15	20/05/15	\$8.80
Writing	15/06/15	01/06/15	\$18.70
Spelling	16/06/15	02/06/15	\$12.10
English	28/07/15	14/07/15	\$8.80
Maths	11/08/15	28/07/15	\$8.80

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any late nominations so please have your envelope into the school office by 9am of the closing date. Thank you.



Presents

Cinderella (PG)

24, 25 & 26 April

7.30pm

Admission \$8.00



OUR LUCKY EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS WERE -

First Prize	Jim Calleja
Second Prize	Oliver Conomo
Third Prize	Louise Horsford
Fourth Prize	Ryan Stephenson



"All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them."

- Walt Disney

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 2

(new dates in yellow)

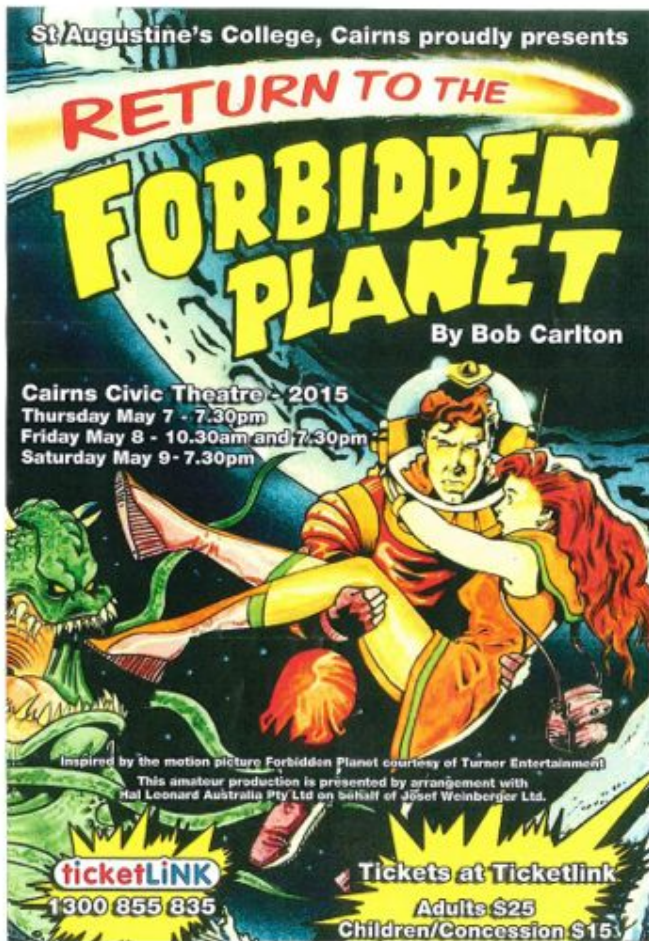
25 April	Anzac Day
1 May	District Cross Country
8 May	Mother's Day Luncheon
10 May	Mother's Day
12-14 May	NAPLAN
19 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
20 May	School Photos
3 June	ICAS Science
8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
15-19 June	ICAS Writing
16 June	ICAS Spelling
26 June	Fitzy -v- Palmy Day
26 June	End of Term

TERM 3

13 July	Start of Term 3
18 July	ICAS English
26 July-1 Aug	Catholic Education Week
3 August	School Performance Tours 'A Slice of Vaudeville'
5&7 Aug	District Athletics
11 Aug	ICAS Maths
20&21 Aug	Yr 2/3 Camp Darradgee
30 Aug-4 Sept	Yr 6 Camp Longreach
7 Sept	Starr Production 'Bully is Back'
9-11 Sept	Yr 4/5 Camp Barrabadeen
18 Sept	End of Term

TERM 4

6 Oct	Start of Term 4
3 Nov	Melbourne Cup
9-13 Nov	Swimming – lower school
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
16-20 Nov	Swimming – upper school



A special visitor



Yrs 1 & 2 and their Easter Bonnets

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA -FRIDAY 8th MAY 2015

PLEASE RETURN URGENTLY

NAME:	PHONE NO:
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Please indicate below the areas where you are able help.

1. Sandwich fillings – **it is requested that donations from families be enough filling to make up at least ONE loaf of bread.** (Fillings to be placed in Tuckshop fridge on **Thursday 7 May** ready for helpers to make the sandwiches on Friday morning). As we need a good variety of sandwiches, Mo may contact you to ask you to provide an alternative if there is too much of certain fillings to be donated. **WE CATER FOR OVER 200 PEOPLE SO ALL DONATIONS ARE VERY WELCOME.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eggs peeled & mashed up
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ham sliced
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheese sliced/grated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tomatoes sliced
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna mixed through with mayo & shallots
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corned Meat - Bush ham
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken (whole shredded chooks needed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lettuce shredded
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

2. Donation for Cake Stall
3. Donating an item for the Cent Sale.
4. Wrapping Cent Sale prizes (**Wednesday 6 May 9am**) – 3 helpers needed
5. **Thursday morning set up from 9 – 12** (we would love some Dads to help please)
6. Set up Cent Sale stall on Thursday morning

Helping on Friday, May 8 with:

7. Helping make sandwiches – 7am to 7.30am start (up to 8 workers needed)
8. Serving Morning Tea (5 workers)
9. Attending the door (4 workers)
10. Helping with the Cent Sale (2 workers)
11. Cleaning up afterwards (need as many as possible)
12. Cake Stall attendant
13. Canteen attendant

Could all donations of Cent Sale prizes be brought to the school by Tuesday, 7 May and left at the tuckshop. Thank you.

Below is a slip to be returned if you are attending the Morning Tea as a guest. Please return the RSVP's by **Tuesday, 5 May** to help us with our catering.

If you have any queries please phone Moara on 0427 642 015

Thank you for your assistance.

----- **rsvp slip if attending as a guest** -----

I will be attending the Mother's Day Morning Tea on Friday, May 8, 2015 (as a guest).

No attending: _____

Name: _____