

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 2 2015

22 July 2015



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week all classes will be involved in NAIDOC Week activities. Today the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes were extremely creative with their palm leaf weaving. All work created by the children will be on display in the little hall at assembly this week.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is Engaging Minds; Igniting Hearts; Serving Others. Next Tuesday we will be travelling to Good Counsel Primary to celebrate Mass with the other schools from the Southern Deanery. Parents are more than welcome to attend this Mass. Following the children will be involved in activities with children from the other schools. The Year 5/6 class will have a tour of Good Counsel College. Can you please remember to return the permission forms for this event.

Yesterday the year Prep to Yr 3 classes participated in their annual Bravehearts visit. Hopefully they all came home last night telling you about protective behaviours.

Congratulations to Isabella Horsford, Victoria Caltabiano, Ronan Sultana and Matthew Urquhart who were the flower girls and page boys at the Catholic Debutante Ball. Many ex-St Rita's girls made their debut over the weekend.

I am concerned in the drop in numbers attending the P & F meetings. At Monday's nights meeting it was discussed about changing the time of the meetings. I call on you all to approach me as to a better time or if you are aware of any reasons as to why the numbers have fallen off.

Please take note that the Prep/Year 1 camp has been delayed a week. This was due to unforeseen circumstances with one of our venues.

Can I ask parents to please check if their children still have their school hats as many children are continually using the spare hats kept at school. Please also check your child does not have one of the school's 'spare' hats at home.

If your child is involved in the District Sports events next week, you would have received a permission slip. As there are only small numbers of competitors we are asking parents to supply private transport. We particularly need some help on Friday afternoon to transport eight children who are only involved in ballgames.

It has come to my attention that some parents are taking liberties with paperwork and resources that are on teachers' tables/areas. This is very concerning to me as teachers' areas are out of bounds or off limits. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a great week. God bless.
Vicki



There is Assembly this week, in the little hall just after the morning bell.

TUCKSHOP

There is tuckshop this week. Please ask your child for a copy of the menu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK :

THIS WEEK AT ST RITA'S

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'



unique and timeless connection to land is the special focus and theme of this year's National NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The theme –*We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*, highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong **spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.**

The National NAIDOC Committee encourages all Australians, young and old to embrace the 2015 National NAIDOC theme and to respect and celebrate local and national sites of significance or 'sacred places' and to learn of their traditional names, history and stories.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, a sacred place could be a geographic feature like a river or lake, a beach, bays, inlets, hills or mountain ranges. They could also be ceremonial grounds, galleries or rock art or engravings, or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

As the oldest continuing culture on the planet, the living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is intrinsically linked with these sacred places. Long before European arrival these places had traditional names that reflect the timeless relationship between the people and the land. Often they are connected with Dreaming stories or tell of the meaning of an area.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell said this year's theme is an opportunity to pay our respects to country, acknowledge those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to celebrate our many sacred and significant places.

Benjamin said that these places have been of important significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for tens of thousands of years. ***"Lots of places in your local region, your town or your city have traditional names and dreaming stories and we encourage everyone to learn more about their history, their meaning and the extraordinary relationship they have to the traditional custodians."***

Anne points out that this year's theme was specially chosen to also highlight and celebrate a significant anniversary of one of Australia's most iconic sacred places – Uluru. ***"2015 marks the 30th anniversary of the 'handback' of Uluru to its traditional owners on 26th October 1985 and we wanted to honour and share their story with the nation.***

Exert taken from www.naidoc.org.au/



NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITES:

This week at school the children will be involved in art and craft activities, story reading sessions and discussions with invited guests based on the NAIDOC Week theme – We all Stand on Sacred Ground. Thank you to Mrs Jensen, our ILO (Indigenous Liaison Officer), for the time and effort she has put into organising activities and co-ordinating members of our local MA Mu community to assist us this week. There will be assembly on Friday in the Little Hall at 9.00am as a culmination of the week's celebrations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

July is a very busy month. It signals the second half of the year. It is the middle month of the winter season and in



the Church's liturgical calendar we celebrate the feast day of several saints. This week, for example, there is a special commemoration each day.

Monday 20th – St. Apollinarius

Tuesday 21st – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Wednesday 22nd – St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday 23rd – St. Bridget of Sweden

Friday 24th – St. Sharbel Makhlu

Saturday 25th – St. James the Apostle

Sunday 26th – St. Joachim & Anne (Parents of Mary)

In addition to benefitting from the prayers of other Christians around the world, Catholics believe that, we can also be helped by the prayers of those who have been made perfect in following Christ – the saints in heaven.

Since all who follow Christ are bound together as His body, the saints who have gone before us are in an especially good position to present our prayers and petitions to God.



Have a wonderful week. Peace be with you all.

Regards,

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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This term we are pleased to announce we are extending our Instrumental Music Program to include Yr 1 & 2 students to learn beginner keyboard. Should you wish for your child to participate in the program, an agreement can be found at the office. The cost is \$15.50 per lesson (this fee will be added to your school fee statement). Mr Wilshire would also like to encourage any Year 3-6 students wanting to learn an instrument, in particular brass or woodwind.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees (including Instrumental Music Fees) were run YESTERDAY. Fees are due on 4 August.

A reminder that unless you have a REGULAR electronic payment arrangement set up, all payments over the internet or payments made at your bank, must be made to the account below.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS –

BSB: 084-352

A/C#: 00005018

A/C NAME: RCTC St Rita's School South Johnstone.

We ask that every effort is made to pay the fees by the due date. Please do not hesitate to contact Vicki should there be any difficulties.

Thank you.

LOST GEM !!

Grandma Beth yesterday LOST an apricot/pale green coloured, apple shaped gem from her brooch. This gem is very sentimental to her. If anyone should find it Grandma Beth will be very happy.

HEAD LICE ARE STILL WITH US

There have been a number of instances of head lice at school. Not to treat your child/children is unfair to the parents who are vigilant in the fight to keep them at bay. We thought we might have successfully tackled them over the holidays, but no, they are too persistent. Please make every effort to apply treatment to your child's hair, and continuously throughout the following days. If we all make every effort at the same time, the fight is made much easier.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO DATES FOR PREP/YR 1 CAMP - 13 & 14 AUGUST

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Woolworths Earn & Learn has started.

Anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. You will get one sticker for every \$10 you spend. Once you complete your sticker cards you can place them in the collection box, either at school or your local Woolworths shop. When the program closes on Tuesday 8 September, all the collected completed sticker cards will be sent back to Woolworths and they will let us know the number of points our school has earned to redeem on resources and equipment. Please support this initiative – in past years we have received many fantastic resources that we have put to good use.



Presents
Ted 2 (M15+)
24, 25 & 26 July
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2016 FOR GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE ARE OPEN.

Application forms can be collected from the College or from reception at our school. The first enrolment interview night is on the 4th of August. Once applications are received a time will be allocated for the enrolment interview.

For further information please contact the Enrolment Officer - Ms Catherine Mifsud on 40635310.

CAMP FUNDRAISING

The Year 6 students would like to thank the parents who turned up on Friday Night at Brothers and raised a massive \$700. This will take approximately \$65 off each child's camp expenses this year. Thank you.

REPAIRS NEEDED!

We have some netball bibs that need some repair. If you can help out please contact the office. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 3

22 July	School Photos
26 July-1 Aug	Catholic Education Week
29&31 July	District Athletics
3 August	School Performance Tours 'A Slice of Vaudeville'
11 Aug	ICAS Maths
13&14 Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
20&21 Aug	Yr 2/3 Camp Darradgee
22-27 Aug	Book Week
27 Aug	Book Week Character Parade
28 Aug	Walk-a-thon
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

The students and teachers enjoying the Science Discovery Day





At the Innisfail Catholic Debutante Ball - Our beautiful Mrs Clark with our four very well behaved page girls and boys who all felt like princesses and princes.

