

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 6 2015

18 August 2015



OUR WALK-A-THON IS NEXT WEEK !!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MUCH NEEDED FUNDRAISING EVENT

BOOK WEEK IS NEXT THURSDAY: HAVE YOU GOT THOSE COSTUMES ORGANIZED?

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is great to be back in the school after a few hectic days of necessary meetings for my position. Nothing is better than being with the kids.

Last week the Prep and Year One children participated in their annual camp experience. Great fun was had by all. This week the Year Two and Three classes head off to Daradgee Environmental Centre for two days. This is always an excellent camp. I would like to thank all the teachers for their co-ordination of these activities thus far. As you can imagine a lot of work goes in behind the scenes. At present I only have one parent volunteer to attend the Year Four/Five camp at Tinaroo. We would like to use private transport to keep costs down so that the children can undertake more activities offered at Barrabadeen. We also need a volunteer to cook our spaghetti sauce.

This week the Year Three and Five children will receive their Naplan results. I am very happy with the results with all of our students achieving benchmark or above. Many children have excelled in specific areas.

TOMORROW night is the Prep Information Night for students intending to enroll in prep in 2016. The meeting will be in the Prep room at 5.15pm. It would be great to have as many existing parents there as possible to meet the new parents and make them feel welcome.

A couple of weeks ago I asked for suggestions for a new P&F meeting time. If you have suggestions please let me know. We have a vibrant group of people who work hard for our school but for some reason numbers at recent meetings have dwindled. I am hoping this is due to the fact that people are confident in their abilities, however, decisions can't be made without people in attendance.

A quick reminder that next week is Book Week. On Thursday we have our annual Book Week Dress Up Parade. This is always lots of fun. Children are not expected to go out and hire a costume as there is a category for best home-made costume. Next Friday is also our walk-a-thon. If you can help in any way please let us know. We need helpers to drive the support cars, man water stops and set up morning tea and the BBQ at the beach. The Year Three to Sixes will be leaving the beach after lunch to attend Friday town sport.

Thank you for your continued support. This term is certainly very busy with the next few weeks being no exception. Have a great week. God bless.

Vicki



There IS Assembly this week.

TUCKSHOP

There is NO tuckshop this week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS: JOHN 6:60-69

What are some of the significant choices you have made in your life?



Do you weigh things up carefully, examining the pros and cons, or do you rely on gut feeling and emotional response in your decision making?

For the past few weeks the gospels have focussed on Jesus' revelation of himself as the one sent by God and how his followers may draw life from him by eating his flesh and drinking his blood. In this Sunday's text we find that it is not only 'the Jews' who find it difficult to accept his revelation and his teaching.

Even his followers struggle with this truth. Jesus knows of their struggle but will not be drawn into offering supernatural proof of his revelation: the Son of Man ascending to heaven! But still, some do not understand his words and cease to follow him. Jesus then turns to his closest companions and offers them a choice. They may go or they may stay.

Peter voices the response on behalf of them all. It is a wonderful affirmation of faith.

*"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life and we believe.
We know that you are the Holy one of God."*

This choice is not based on clear understanding but on faith and on love for Jesus. The mystery of god often defies understanding but faith is the key to a share in it.

DID YOU KNOW ?

- This is another example in the gospels of Peter taking a leadership role among the twelve.
- Peter's role of leadership among the chosen is why, to this day, his successor, the pope, has a special position among the leaders of the Church.

PERSONAL REFLECTION...

- Are there things which stop you believing in all that Jesus taught?
- What do you find most challenging in the teaching of Jesus?
- Have you ever been tempted to walk away? What has kept you on the journey?



KINDNESS MESSAGES / AFFIRMATIONS:

As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations a few weeks ago the children were involved in writing kind messages or affirmations for individual members of our St. Rita's community. Their responses to this activity are absolutely amazing. Please take the time (if you have not already) to read the coloured circles on the office and staffroom doors and the outside library wall near the lunch area. These are a wonderful example of the warmth and school spirit which exists here at St. Rita's. Well done kids and thank you.



PREP & YEAR 1 LITURGY: ALL WELCOME

Tomorrow the Prep and Year 1 children will participate in a Liturgy of the Word celebration. This will take place in the church at 10.30 am and will be facilitated by Fr Kerry. All parents and friends of St. Rita's are welcome to attend. The liturgy will focus on the theme of Creation which is one of the topics that the children have been learning about during their RE lessons. Thank you to Miss Watson and Miss Watkins for preparing the liturgy.

The Yr 5/6 children will have Reconciliation with Fr Kerry after Little Lunch at 11.30am.

Wishing you all a wonderful week. Peace be with you.

Regards,

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



SCHOOL FEES DUE

Just another friendly reminder that Term 3 Fees and Levies are now overdue, unless alternative arrangements are in place.

Payment plans to cover your fees and levies are encouraged as this alleviates the burden of a lump sum outlay each term. Payment plans can be organized through the office or you may wish to set-up a plan via your bank's internet banking system. If at any time you are unable to meet the due date, please contact Vicki or the office.

HAVE ANY OF YOUR DETAILS CHANGED??

- Address? Email?
- Phone numbers?
- Medical Information?
- Legal Information?
- Emergency contacts' information?

Please advise the office in writing or via email: secretary.johnstone@cns.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

We have culled our library books to make way for NEW ARRIVALS. As a result we have some Junior Fiction Picture Books that you might like for home. These books will be on sale for \$1 or \$2 in the little hall during the morning of our Book Week Fancy Dress Parade (27 August).

BOOK WEEK 2015 THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

Don't forget to prepare your child/ren for our annual Book Week Fancy Dress Parade. It is always a special morning. Starting after the morning bell in the little hall.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

DON'T FORGET THE Woolworths Earn & Learn initiative. Please don't forget to support this initiative – in past years we have received many fantastic resources that we have put to good use.



P & F MEETING CHANGES TO MEETING TIME

Having failed to get a quorum to a number of recent meetings, we need to re-think about re-scheduling our meetings.

It is very disappointing for those who turn up to meetings only to discover one cannot be held due to lack of numbers. We realise

If you are interested in attending the meetings can you PLEASE respond as to whether you would be happy/can attend any of the following options we are suggesting –

- 7.30pm 3rd Monday night of the month
- 9am 3rd Monday morning of the month
- 2pm 3rd Monday afternoon of the month
- Immediately after Assembly once a month
- **Or please suggest another suitable time/day (meetings do not have to be held on a Monday, these are only suggestions.**



Jessica Magnanini at the State Touch Football Championships, Toowoomba. The team won 4 of their 11 games.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

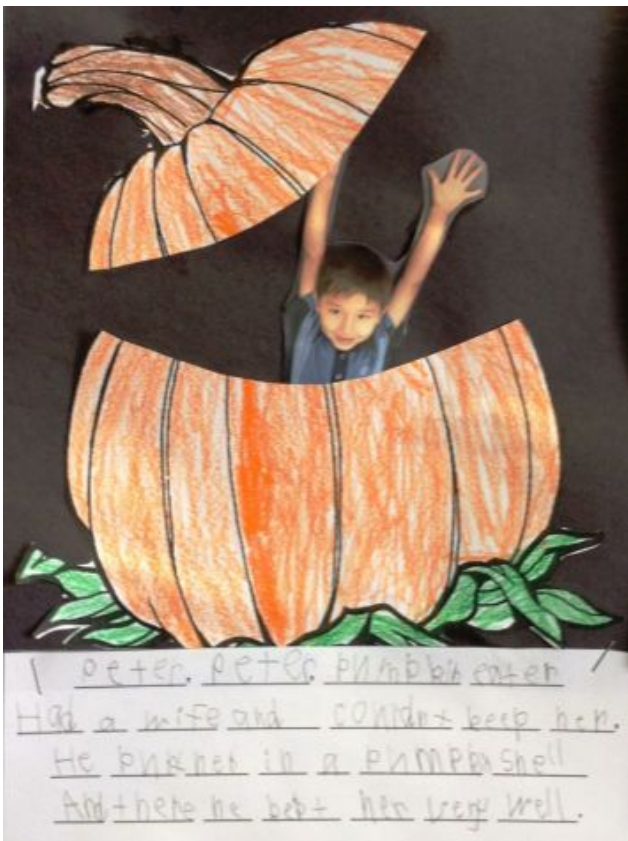
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TERM 3

- 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
- 14 Oct **Billy Slater Cup**
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 9-13 Nov Swimming – lower school
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 16-20 Nov Swimming – upper school



By Nathan Robinson, Prep



Ty Williams Cup

DYNAMIC KIDS

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6 -12 YEARS
2nd & 4th Fridays of each month

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Christian Outreach Centre
191-193 Mourilyan Road Cost \$4

AUGUST DATES

28th ?? Mystery Night ??
Whatever could it be?

Phone Kareen 40642480 A/H for more info



ROAR ACTIVE PROGRAM

INNISFAIL ROAR FOOTBALL

- WEDNESDAY SEP 16TH 2015 4.30PM TO 7.30PM
- REGISTRATION FROM 4.15PM
- COST: \$60.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES SUPPORTERS PACK
- VENUE: CASTOR PARK MOURILYAN
- OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM 5-14YEARS NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- 3HRS OF FUN FILLED FOOTBALL, PLUS GAMES IN THE INFLATABLE FIELD.
- BBQ & CANTEEN WILL BE OPERATING ON THE NIGHT.
- REGISTER ON LINE: WWW.ROARACTIVE.COM.AU
- ANY INQUIRES PLEASE CALL CHARLES MANITTO 0418772381
- BRISBANE ROAR ARE CONDUCTING THIS CLINIC WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE



Presents
Magic Mike (M15+)
21, 22 & 23 August
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00





Storytime is coming to a place near you.....

Community Support Centre Innisfail in partnership with Goodstart Early Learning invites parents, grandparents and carers with children aged between 0 to 5 to join us for our Storytime Mornings.

Where: Community Support Centre Innisfail
When: First and Third Friday of each month, commencing Friday 1st May 2015
Time: 9.30 to 10.30am
Cost: Free

For more information phone Natasha on 40438400

