

# ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 7 2015

25 August 2015



**IT'S WALK-A-THON WEEK !!!!**

**REMEMBER THIS EVENT IS INSTEAD OF A FETE THIS YEAR**

**so there is lots LESS work & money involved. Please support the event by helping your children get sponsors & on the day if you can. Thank you Vicki**

**BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE IS THIS THURSDAY**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big week ahead with book week dress up on Thursday and Walk-a-thon on Friday. Hopefully everyone is finalizing their sponsors. There are great prizes to be won with the major prize winner, winning the latest i-pod touch. The winners in each class levels will be taking home prizes worth over \$100. As mentioned last week this is our major fundraiser for the year, so let's get behind it. We have set a target of \$40 for each student, but hope that many students get into the spirit and raise much more. Funds raised are going towards expanding our IT resources. Parents are very welcome to walk with the children and help out at the beach if they can. More details of the day follow in the newsletter.

Last week the Year Two/Three classes completed their camp experience for the year. As I said to the children before I left camp on Friday afternoon, I was extremely proud of them. Camp is a time for them to cultivate their independence and for many to step out of their comfort zone and

perhaps try something for the first time. I can say that there were many children who were very excited about their achievements. Next week I will be away for the week with the Year Six class in Longreach. Watch the newsletter for photos.

Thursday morning all are invited for a morning of fun with book Week dress up. I encourage parents to explore their creativity and use things from home to create a costume rather than going to the expense of hiring or buying one. Come to the library with your child to choose a book if you do not already have one chosen.

Thank you for the parents of Prep 2016 for attending the meeting last Wednesday night. Get-set-for Prep will run for the first six Wednesday mornings next term. Spread the word as you may have friends who haven't made up their minds yet and of course these children are still very welcome to attend.

I would like to advise that I will be on Long Service Leave, the last week of this term

and the first week of next term. Mrs Kenny will be in charge in my absence.

Sadly giving the constraints of this term we are going to postpone our annual Father's night until next term. One of our new parents, Amanda Moore, kindly volunteered to coordinate the night. Prep fathers will still have their special night. Watch out for the flyer.

I am in Cairns today at Staffing Day for 2016. Once again I ask you to advise the office if your child will not be attending St Rita's in 2016. I will have more specific information on classes in Term Four.

I encourage you to look into doing the online program advertised later in this newsletter to help build your child's social and emotional learning. This is a great opportunity available to you as this school is a *ParentingIdeas* School Member.

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Peninsula trials on Sunday and Monday. Jessica placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump qualifying to compete at the State Championships. Good luck Jessica.

Thanks you, have a great week. God bless.

Vicki



There IS Book Week Assembly this week.

## TUCKSHOP

There is NO tuckshop this week.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### LOOKING AHEAD: 2016 YEAR OF MERCY

At a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica on March 13 this year, Pope Francis announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy to highlight the Catholic Church's 'mission to be a witness of mercy.'



The special year will take place from December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 until November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

It will be a time to heal, to help and to forgive.

### Pope Francis stated:

*"It's a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to declare an Extraordinary Jubilee that has the mercy of God at its centre. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy."*

The biblical passage for the Holy Year's theme is from Luke Chapter 6 verse 36, in which Jesus tells his disciples, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful". The pope has entrusted the Holy Year to Mary, Mother of Mercy.

In his homily at vespers, the pope elaborated by saying,

*"It is the favourable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, and a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation."*

The boundless nature of God's mercy – his willingness to always forgive anything – has been a regular subject of Pope Francis' preaching and is explained in detail in the 9 300 word proclamation

## Once Upon A Time!

When Window was just a square hole in a room and Application was something written on a paper.  
When Keyboard was a Piano and Mouse just an animal.  
When File was an important office material and Hard Drive just an uncomfortable road trip.  
When Cut was done with knife and Paste with glue.  
When Web was a Spider's home and Virus was flu.  
When Apple and Blackberry were just fruits...  
That's when we had  
A lot of time for family and friends!



which outlines the specific projects that the pope has in mind for the year.

Traditionally, every 25 years the popes proclaim a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through sacraments, especially Reconciliation (Confession). Extraordinary holy years, like the Holy Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth.

Recognizing that they have been treated with mercy by God, he said, Christians are obliged to treat others with mercy. In fact, the gospel says that Christians will be judged by the mercy they show others.

**Pope Francis also acknowledged that, "At times how hard it seems to forgive. And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully."**

Pope Francis also noted that God's mercy is an important theme in Judaism and Islam, and he urged efforts during the Year of Mercy to increase interreligious dialogue and mutual understanding with followers of both faiths.

FYI - In the English version of his first Apostolic Exhortation – 'Evangelii Gaudium' the word 'mercy' appears 32 times.

(Sources - [www.catholicnewsagency.com/](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/), [www.nrvic.net/](http://www.nrvic.net/) and [www.cnstopstories.com/](http://www.cnstopstories.com/))

### **YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 LITURGY POSTPONED :**

The Year 2 and Year 3

liturgy that was scheduled for

tomorrow will be

postponed due to Fr Kerry being away this week. It will be rescheduled along with the class visits for the upper school. I apologise for any inconvenience if parents had planned to attend these. Please stay tuned for revised dates.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:**

Please keep in your prayers the five St. Rita's students who are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion). We wish Luke, Jack, Keiran, Damien and Kohan all the

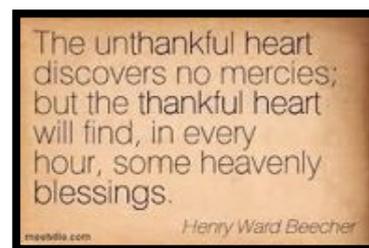
very best as they work with their parents and leader to learn about receiving the body and blood of Jesus.



Wishing you all a wonderful week. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Regards,

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



## **WALK-A-THON**

On Friday morning buses will take the students down to the start of ETTY BAY ROAD (Mourilyan end) where the students will start their walk. The Preps will walk 2km and then be taken by bus to ETTY BAY to enjoy activities on the beach. The Yr 1-3 students will walk 5km and will then be taken to ETTY BAY by bus. The older students will walk over the hill to the beach. Parents are very welcome to walk with the students. There will be no swimming activities. The students will have a shared morning tea and sausage sizzle for lunch. The Yr3-6 students will travel by bus to Interschool Sport. The Prep-Yr2 students will continue at the beach before returning to school.

### **PLEASE BRING ALONG -**

- A plate of food for a shared morning tea (it would be a great help if this is packed for suitable transport to the beach);
- Waterbottle
- A HAT IS ESSENTIAL
- Yr3-6 boys – shin pads, long socks etc for interschool sport.

## **SPONSOR MONEY**

Walk-a-thon money should be brought in as soon as possible. If your child only has donations, the money can come in before the walk-a-thon.

## **CAMP FEES**

YR 4/5 \$100

YR 6 \$200

PLEASE PAY BEFORE CAMP

These fees now appear on your family School Fees Statement.

## **SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE**

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

## **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 our Book Week Character Parade on Thursday.

## **BOOK WEEK 2015**

### **THIS THURSDAY**

### **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.



On Monday Jessica competed in long jump and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying to compete at the State Championships in mid October. Jessica jumped a pb distance of 4.28m. Congratulations Jessica.



We thought monkeys got into the office, but it was only the Year 2s making a mess with their artworks.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Orders for Book Club Issue 6 are to be returned to school by 1 September (so that the orders will arrive before end of term).



**A reminder that you can 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.**

# 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.



Please advise the office in writing or via email: [secretary.johnstone@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.johnstone@cns.catholic.edu.au)



Presents  
**Fantastic Four (M)**  
**28, 29 & 30 August**  
**7.30pm**  
**Admission \$8.00**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

### TERM 3

**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

**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

## DYNAMIC KIDS

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6 -12 YEARS  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month  
5:30 – 8:00 pm

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

**AUGUST DATES**

**28<sup>th</sup> ?? Mystery Night ??**

Whatever could it be?

Phone Karen 40642480 A/H for more info

## HAVE ANY OF YOUR DETAILS CHANGED??

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

INNISFAIL HORSE AND PONY CLUB MISS PONY CLUB ENTRANT  
FASHION PARADE  
FANTASTIC FASHIONS, FASCINATORS AND WESTERN



FRIDAY NIGHT 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

\$20 ADULTS \$10 CHILDREN UNDER 13

ST RITA'S SCHOOL SOUTH JOHNSTONE

7.30 PM START

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED—ENTERTAINMENT

BAR WITH WINE AND SOME SPIRITS

HEAPS OF PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY

PLEASE PRE PURCHASE FOR CATERING PURPOSES.  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



## Mood METER PROGRAM

BUILDING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Michael Grose 4-week Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program.

Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.

Join Michael Grose for our 4-week online parenting course

### Mood Meter Program for Parents

Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.

**Mood Meter Program for Parents** is one of a series of online courses to teach you how to develop emotional intelligence in your kids:

- Mood Meter is a practical tool developed by the research team at Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence
- Gives parents and kids a common language to talk about feelings
- Empower kids to recognise and then respond to how they feel
- Teach kids self-awareness and put them in control of their emotions
- The Mood Meter is great for kids that are visual learners, particularly boys
- Suitable for all age groups

The 4-week **Mood Meter Program for Parents** starts on 11 September.

Join now for \$57 to take advantage of FREE access to **Parentingideas Club** before the course starts on 11 September.

Or why not join **Parentingideas Club** for \$197 annual membership and get access to **Mood Meter Program for Parents** plus the CLUB plus 5 more online parenting courses planned during the next 12 months.

(details here: [www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Parenting-Programs](http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Parenting-Programs))

Full details and registration at:

<http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/info/Membership>

Or contact the Parentingideas team 03 59831798  
[office@parentingideas.com.au](mailto:office@parentingideas.com.au)



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# 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](http://WWW.ROARACTIVE.COM.AU)
- ANY INQUIRES PLEASE CALL CHARLES MANITTO 0418772381
- BRISBANE ROAR ARE CONDUCTING THIS CLINIC WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE

