

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 8 2015
1 September 2015



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Hello from Longreach. The Year Six class have had a wonderful two days visiting Leahton Park in Charters Towers and their Texas longhorn cattle as well as practicing their lassoing skills. Yesterday they visited the Australian Dinosaur Dig centre in Winton before arriving in Longreach late yesterday afternoon. The children have blended well with their Year 6 counterparts from GCPS who they will go to high school with next year. This has been a great opportunity to forge friendships.

Our bi-annual walk-a-thon on Friday was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped out in whatever capacity. Could everyone please have their money collected by Wednesday next week so that prizes can be awarded before we break for the term.

Those parents who were in attendance last Thursday for the book week parade would certainly agree that the students and parents excelled this year in terms of imagination and costume creation. All the children looked excellent and great fun was had by all.

Today the children participated in activities with Steven Page from Queensland Rugby Union. Next week they will do the same during P E lessons, with the children who returned their note also joining in before and after school skills clinics. This project

has come about through the grant we received from Sporting Schools.

God bless, have a great week.

Vicki



There is Assembly this week.

TUCKSHOP

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

**P & F MEETING
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 9AM**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SEPTEMBER AND SPRING: SPRING EMBER DAY

This Friday, 4th September, is designated as the Spring Ember Day for the Catholic Church in Australia. The word 'ember' in this context does not mean a glowing or smouldering piece of coal or wood; it most likely comes from the old English word – ymbryne, meaning a recurring period.



Ember Days originated in pagan celebrations

connected with harvest, vintage and seedtime that were taken into the Church calendar. They were four groups of three days (always Wednesday,

Friday, and Saturday) of fasting and abstinence observed after the first Sunday of Lent, Pentecost Sunday, the feast of the Holy Cross on September 14th and the feast of St. Lucy on December 13th.

Ember Days correspond roughly with the beginning of each of the four seasons. The second Vatican Council retained Ember Days in principle but left it to bishops conferences to decide the time, number and purpose of Ember Days.

Last year, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring (March and September) each year as special days of prayer and penance.

The official document on the liturgical year and calendar says this about Ember Days:

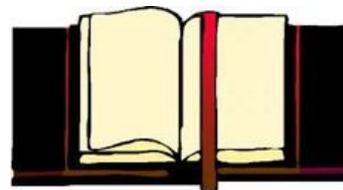
On ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give him public thanks. (GNLYC 45)

Ember days in the 21st century will need to focus on the environment, climate change, and our stewardship of the world's resources. They will help us connect our intercession for favourable conditions with a conversion of heart in relation to our care of the earth. For this reason, the bishops requested that emphasis be placed on doing penance, and on fasting and abstaining in connection with these Ember Days.

(Taken from an extract of Liturgy Lines on the website <http://liturgybrisbane.net.au>)

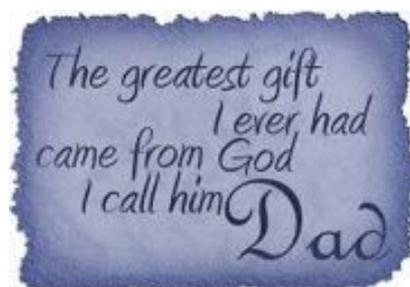
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: THIS WEEK

Tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd September the Year 2 and Year 3 classes will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word in the church with Father Kerry at 10.30 am. The theme for their special gathering is 'Forgiveness' and will focus on the Gospel story of the Lost Son (or Prodigal Son) from Luke 15:11-32. Parents are most welcome to attend. After morning tea, Father Kerry will visit the Year 3, 4 and 5 classes for discussion and question time.



HAPPY FATHERS' DAY: THIS SUNDAY

Fathers' Day celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. Today, Fathers' Day is celebrated in several countries around the globe. While the date and manner of the celebration may differ greatly, it remains in essence the opportunity to honour your father and to express your gratitude and love. Wishing all the fathers of St. Rita's a great day for Sunday.



Have an enjoyable week and an extra special weekend.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Regards, Assistant

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

SCHOOL FEES

We are now in Week 8 of the term. Unless you have an arrangement in place, all school fees (including camp and instrumental music fees) should be finalised.

Can we please ask that if you have a Direct Debit or regular internet payment set up, please kindly re-look at your arrangements to check whether your payments are sufficient to cover the term fees. You may need to increase your payments to cover the additions on the school fees statement for camp and instrumental music.

A PRAYER A FOR SPRING EMBER DAY
*Father, you have given all peoples one common origin,
and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself.
Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love
and the desire to ensure justice for all their
brothers and sisters.
By sharing the good things you give us
may we secure justice and equality for every
human being,
an end to all division, and a human society
built on love and peace.
AMEN*

PREP FATHERS NIGHT!

5.15PM 7 September
FOR FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS
GAMES & ACTIVITIES IN THE PREP ROOM
More details being provided direct from the
Prep Room

MELBOURNE CUP ENTERTAINMENT

Last year a number of our Mums put together an item of entertainment at our Melbourne Cup Luncheon. If you are interested in participating in the item **please contact Jo Spry on 0419 659 850 THIS WEEK.** However you would need to be available for practices if you wish to participate. Why not join us, its alot of fun!!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were given out yesterday. Family photos were given to the eldest in the family.

School Captain/Yr 6 Muck Up photos are on display in the office.

Each eldest child was given a form providing information on how to order group photos. These photos are to be ordered online.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 3

30 Aug-4 Sept Yr 6 Camp Longreach
7 Sept **Prep Father's Night**
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



Rylee and Eden with their Liturgy gifts



Rugby Skills Clinic in action this morning

SOME PHOTOS SO FAR FROM THE LONGREACH CAMP



The drive-in behind - how many of them know what a drive-in is?



At the Qantas Museum



The wheels on the bus go



Morning walk – 10 degrees



Dinosaur dig



Presents
Far from the Madding Crowd (M)
4, 5 & 6 September
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



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



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

