

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 4 2015

27 October 2015



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the ladies who attended the P&F meeting yesterday morning. I believe that the switch to morning meetings has proven very successful so we will continue this practice. The P&F have sent out an SOS for helpers and prizes for the Melbourne Cup luncheon next Tuesday. All the organization side of things has been taken care of, the tasks involved on the day is mainly just selling tickets.

This Friday is World Teachers Day. Please take the time to thank your child's teacher for all they do. *The slogan for this year's World Teachers' Day is, 'Empowering teachers, building sustainable societies'*. It reflects the idea that teachers are not only a means to implementing education goals; they are the key to sustainability and national capacity in achieving learning, and creating societies based on knowledge, values and ethics. Remember without teachers there would be no other job. Thank you to my wonderful staff, you make my job so much easier.

This Wednesday our Year 6 students will attend orientation day at Good Counsel College. The children are asked to attend the college with their parents on the morning. Parents are not required to stay but in the past were welcome to do so if they wished.

This Thursday night Susan MacLean – the cyber safety expert we had at the beginning

of the year, will be back in the district at Good Counsel Primary School. Those who missed her talk are welcome to attend on Thursday night. The talk starts at 7pm. There is no charge.

Last Wednesday evening I had the privilege of attending the Good Counsel College awards night. It brought me great pleasure to see the amount of ex-St Rita's students excelling across all grades in a variety of subjects. A number of students also received academic medals for achieving outstanding results in 4 or more subjects. For the third time in four years an ex-St Rita's student was named dux of the school. Congratulations Thomas Darveniza we are all very proud of you.

Thank you to the people who have approached me about their movements next year. This is greatly appreciated and very helpful for forward planning.

Please keep the Betts family (Zac Year 5) in your prayers after the passing of Zac's great nunna, Jessie Cortis.

God bless, have a great week.

Vicki



There is assembly this week.

TUCKSHOP

There is NO tuckshop this week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LIFE LESSONS IN SCRIPTURE: THE HEALING OF BLIND BARTIMAEUS

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the 30th week in Ordinary Time. The gospel of the day from Mark sets a scene that is very easy for us to picture in our minds.

A blind beggar sits in the dusty gutter in his despair and abandonment. Most people would look the other way and ignore him. To be afflicted in such a way (in that time) was seen to be a result of sinfulness. But Bartimaeus hears the noise of the crowd and tunes in. No doubt, in the commotion, he hears others saying that it is Jesus of Nazareth who approaches. The cry of Bartimaeus is very instructive, "Son of David, have pity on me."

In this moment, not only does the blind man recognize *who* Jesus is, but what he can *do*. He is the Messiah, therefore he can make the blind see.

Jesus responds with a classic invitation to discipleship. 'Call him here.'

In response to this call to come to Jesus, Bartimaeus leaves behind what is probably his only possession (his cloak) and in contrast to the rich young man, presents himself in his nothingness, ready to be filled with all that Jesus can offer.

His faith, his receptivity and his response to the invitation are rewarded. His sight is restored and he follows Jesus along the road.



While this story is certainly about a blind man, it is also about more than that. It is about other ways of seeing – it is about faith. Bartimaeus had never seen Jesus, but he believed in him, he had faith. Our eyes might be able to see but that does not mean that we can always see what is important in life.

There are times when we might not want to see. So blindness may not necessarily mean physical blindness. What we need to do is place our trust in Jesus and know that he will help us when we need help.

(Source - The Summit, Volume 42 – Number 3. August 2015)

SOCKTOBER: THIS FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

As mentioned last week, this Friday we will support **Catholic Mission Australia** by hosting a 'Socktober' event.

October is World Mission Month and students in Catholic schools across Australia are invited to "Sock it to Poverty" by helping missionaries like Sister Rose Rasoavololona, provide physical water and spiritual guidance to children living in poverty in **Madagascar**.

The country of Madagascar is surrounded by water, but sadly, access to clean water for washing, cleaning, cooking and drinking is extremely scarce. This forces the people to use dirty water, which is making them seriously ill. Alarming, each year, thousands of children die from preventable diseases like diarrhoea because of the lack of clean water and sanitation. This year's theme: "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.." (Matthew 25:35)

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

The children can come to school with their sports uniform and/or hat decorated with bright, colourful socks in return for making a gold coin donation. Be as creative as you like. We will also hold a 'HULA-HOOP OFF' for each year level at the conclusion of assembly, as an added incentive to participate.



Thank you everyone for your cooperation. Have a wonderful week.

FAITH
is like Wi-Fi,
it's invisible but
it has the power
to connect you to
what you need.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Regards,

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

**URGENT CALL
WATER CONFIDENCE PROGRAM
PARENT HELP NEEDED**

Swimming dates are from Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November.
1.15pm to 2.15pm
Prep to Yr2: 9-13 Nov; Yr3 to 6: 16-20 Nov
To date we haven't received many responses. Please return the slip accompanying the newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible.
MR ROSSI NEEDS TO COLLABORATE HELPERS TO MAKE STUDENT GROUPS ASAP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

MELBOURNE CUP

Melbourne Cup is **NEXT TUESDAY!!** Seats are almost sold out so if you want to book a table/seats please contact –
Tanya Pensini tanya@plumbbuilding.com.au
ph: 0417705498.

MONSTER GOOSE TICKETS

ALL MONSTER GOOSE TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY. It is a legal requirement that all tickets are returned. ALL TICKETS WHETHER SOLD OR UNSOLD MUST BE RETURNED.

**CENT SALE
DONATIONS
NEEDED!**



We are in need of items for our Cent Sale for Melbourne Cup. This is the biggest money raiser on the day. Please keep an eye out for sale items. **Please bring anything in that you would like to donate BY THURSDAY.** Items should be taken to the tuckshop. Melissa Leonardi is coordinating the cent sale again this year. If you have no idea, please don't hesitate to ask Melissa or at the office or any parent who may have been involved in past years.



**MINI VINNIE'S
HALLOWEEN PARTY
NEXT Friday, 6 November
6.30pm – 8.30pm
\$2 entry**

Treats will be available for purchase
Please don't go out and buy costumes.
All proceeds to St Vincent de Paul



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please mark the following dates in your diaries for our end of year functions –
Friday **27 November** Christmas Concert
Monday **30 November** Yr 6 Grad Dinner

**ST RITA'S SCALLYWAGS
PLAYGROUP**

The St Rita's Scallywags Playgroup meets every Tuesday 9am – 11.30am.
Children aged 0 to 5 years are welcome.
Bring morning tea for your child. Tea and coffee are provided.
For more details – Malinda Eaves ph. 0417 121 118

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 4

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| Wks 1-5 | Interschool Sport |
| 28 Oct | Year 7 GCC Orientation Day |
| 29 Oct | Susan McLean – Cyber Safety |
| | Good Counsel Primary |
| 30 Oct | Socktober |
| 3 Nov | Melbourne Cup |
| 9-13 Nov | Swimming – lower school |
| 11 Nov | Remembrance Day |
| 16-20 Nov | Swimming – upper school |
| 16-20 Nov | Book Fair |
| 27 Nov | Christmas Concert |
| 30 Nov | Grad Dinner |
| 2016 | |
| 25 Jan | First Day of School |



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 2, 2015



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$33/week* on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.



Presents
ODDBALL(G)
 30 & 31 Oct & 1 Nov
 7.30pm
 Admission \$8.00



SWIMMING HELPERS: (Please tick appropriate boxes)

NAME: _____ (Please print)

| GROUP 1 (Week 6) – Prep to Year 2 (Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th November), | | | | |
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| Monday, Nov 9 | Tuesday, Nov 10 | Wednesday, Nov 11 | Thursday, Nov 12 | Friday, Nov 13 |
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| GROUP 2 (Week 7) – Year 3 to 7 (Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st November), | | | | |
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| Monday, Nov 16 | Tuesday, Nov 17 | Wednesday, Nov 18 | Thursday, Nov 19 | Friday, Nov 20 |
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FITNESS HOOPING!

NOW AT

Contours

[@ContoursInnisfail](#)



JOIN US! EVERY WEDNESDAY

3.30-4PM HOOPA KIDFIT - Ages 5-10 years

4.30-5PM HOOPA DANCEFIT - Ages 11-16 years

5.20-6PM HOOPA SHAPEFIT - Adults all ages

EAST INNISFAIL STATE SCHOOL

Beginners Welcome!

**CERTIFIED HOOP INSTRUCTOR
KRISTY MILLS**

\$5 FOR KIDS CLASSES

\$10 FOR ADULTS

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF
CONTOURS TO PARTICIPATE**

**WEEKLY BOOKINGS REQUIRED DUE TO LIMITED NUMBERS
CONTACT CONTOURS ON 40616870 TO SECURE YOUR SPOT**

**HOOPS ARE PROVIDED AND CAN BE MADE TO ORDER. GOOD
QUALITY STRONG AND HANDMADE, JUST ASK AT CLASS**

Like us on FACEBOOK @ Innisfail

Contours

Making your anger a positive experience

A brief anger management workshop —

To help you understand the emotion and create a more positive outcome

9am—1pm

Friday, 30 Oct 2015

Phone to register—**40 438400**

Community Support Centre Innisfail,

13—17 Donald St., Innisfail



Free workshop — Community Support Centre Innisfail Inc., primarily funded by Department of Communities

TROPICAL JOURNEYS
GREAT BARRIER REEF
MARATHON FESTIVAL
PORT DOUGLAS

Run For The Reef!
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015

2.5KM JUNIOR CHALLENGE — 9AM RACE START
Age Categories: Under 14, Under 12, Under 10, Under 8

5KM BENDIGO BANK 5000 — 8.30AM

10KM NEWSPORT — 7AM

REGISTER ONLINE
GREATBARRIERREEFMARATHON.COM.AU

Or on the day (at least 45minutes prior to race start time)

FACEBOOK.COM/GRPMARATHON

TROPICAL JOURNEYS PORT DOUGLAS Bendigo Bank IT'S LIVE!