

# ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 4, Week 5 2016

23 February 2016



PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS AS NORMAL ON THURSDAY  
THERE WILL BE NO INDUSTRIAL ACTION TAKEN  
FREE DRESS FRIDAY – PROJECT COMPASSION –  
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR THIS GOOD CAUSE

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I was very pleased with the attendance last night at Mark Davidson's presentation with almost 40 mums and dads coming along to hear what he had to say. Mark is certainly a different presenter to what we are used to, but his comical way of presenting certainly keeps everyone engaged for two hours. I hope everyone who attended came away with something that will help them.

Last Friday a dozen parents attended the workshop for parents about helping your child read at home. All parents in attendance agreed that this is a 'must do' workshop, so we will be getting Dot back at the end of the year to do a workshop with the new Prep parents and anyone who missed out can come along on that day.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with parking issues during the solar install over the weekend. The job is almost complete with data being hooked up in the next week. We then wait for Ergon to flick the switch so it can start working.

This morning was the last morning of tennis with Travis from the Farinelli Tennis

Academy. I would like to congratulate the children on their behavior and this was also relayed to me from Travis who thoroughly enjoyed his four weeks with us.

Thank you to the mums and dads who gave of their time on Saturday morning, in the stifling heat, to clean out underneath the demountable. This was a job I had on my radar for quite some time, and three trailer and three ute loads later it is almost clean. We will now be able to utilize this space for extra storage room. Mr Taylor has built fences for the small hall side of the demountable which will be erected in the next week, to stop balls from disappearing under the building.

As this is my last newsletter for a couple of weeks, I ask you to support Denise who will be in my role in my absence. I will keep in touch while I am away and will send Jenni some photos of the conference. I am told they have a store the size of Bunnings full of religious items. (Feel a little sad for me as I will be working an eight day week this week).

God bless, have a great week, put those behavior strategies in place.

Vicki

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: THE TRANSFIGURATION

Last Sunday was the second Sunday of Lent. The gospel from Luke (9:28-36) recalls a very significant time for Jesus and for his followers. It commemorates the mysterious event known as the Transfiguration.

This event is hard to understand. Why did it happen? What did it mean?

Here are a few points that international author, speaker and popular blogger Jimmy Akin suggests we need to know in order to understand the Transfiguration a little better.



### 1. What does the word 'transfiguration' mean?

It comes from the Latin roots 'trans' – (across) and *figura* – (form, shape).

It therefore signifies a change of form or appearance.

This is what happened to Jesus in the event known as the Transfiguration: His appearance changed and became glorious.

### 2. Who witnessed the Transfiguration?

The three who are privileged to witness the event are Peter, James and John, the three core disciples. The fact that Jesus only allowed three of his disciples to witness the event may have sparked the discussion which swiftly ensued about which of the disciples was the greatest. (Luke 9:46)

### 3. Where did the Transfiguration take place?

Luke states that Jesus took three "on the mountain to pray."

This mountain is often thought to be Mt. Tabor in Israel, but none of the gospels identify it precisely.

### 4. Why did the Transfiguration take place?

The Catechism (book of beliefs of the Catholic faith) explains it this way:

*Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary.*

### 5. What does Luke – in particular—tell us about this event?

- He notes that this happened while Jesus was praying
- He mentions that Peter and his companions 'were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him'
- He mentions that Peter made his suggestion to put up booths as Moses and Elijah were departing.

### 6. Why do Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain?

They represent the two principal components of the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets. Moses was the giver of the Law, and Elijah was considered the greatest of the prophets.

The fact that these two figures 'spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem' illustrates that the Laws and the Prophets point forward to the Messiah and his sufferings.

### 7. What can we learn from this event?

The Transfiguration was a unique event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenge they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event, it was not meant to be permanent.

In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith.

God our Father,  
You bid us to listen to your Son,  
the well-beloved.  
Nourish our hearts on you word,  
Purify the eyes of our mind,  
fill us with joy at the vision of your glory.  
We make our prayer through our Lord.  
AMEN

**PROJECT COMPASSION NEWS: PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION DURING LENT**

**This term we will support the work of Caritas Australia by contributing to their annual Project Compassion Appeal in two main ways.**

Firstly, **this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** will be Fress Dress Friday. The children of St. Rita's will be allowed to wear free dress in lieu of a gold coin donation. The money raised from this will initiate the start of our fundraising campaign for 2016.

*(Please note that the children are required to wear closed in shoes and sun-safe clothing.)*

Secondly, we will be looking at holding a 'Fish and Chips Friday' event later on in term. If you would like to help out on this day please feel free to contact me either through the school office, or by email at [dkenny@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dkenny@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you for your cooperation and support of this very important Catholic campaign. Even though we are a small school our efforts and contributions are very much appreciated.

Below is a quote by Margaret Mead that is written in large letters on the wall of the main conference room at the Sisters of Mercy Seville Centre in Cairns where I recently spent two APRE days. It speaks volumes in regard to our involvement with Project Compassion and the other very worthy charities we help out during the year.



Wishing you all good things for the week ahead.

Regards,

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

Sources – [www.ncregister.com/blog](http://www.ncregister.com/blog)

[www.brainyquote.com](http://www.brainyquote.com)

Images – [bloorlandsdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com](http://bloorlandsdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com)

## FIRST ASSEMBLY

**No assembly this week**

## TUCKSHOP

**There is tuckshop this week please ask your child for a menu.**

## BEEP TEST CLUB

**YRS 3 - 6**



Mr Rossi is starting a Beep Test Club. Tuesday mornings 8.20am in the Big Hall. Your child can simply turn up at 8.20 am sharp if interested (there is no form to fill out). Thank you.

## MORE P & F NEWS

### SEEKING SOME HELP

We are still seeking volunteers for:

**Welcome Night**

**Grant's Coordinator**

**Melbourne Cup**

**Christmas Concert**

(sale of softdrinks, tea/coffee only)

These coordinators do not do all the work themselves, but rather coordinate the event with a team of helpers. If you would like to coordinate one of the events below, please let us know as soon as possible. If the event has a name against it, speak up- that person might swap to different event. Thank you.



## LAMINGTON DRIVE

Our first fundraiser for the year!!

Attached to this email is an order form and each eldest child in the family will be given a hard copy to bring home tomorrow. Lamingtons will be made Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Those returning an order form will be advised of the relevant pick up date.

Please see Michelle Mann or Malinda Eaves if you have any questions. Thank you.

## LOST

A student has lost a little gold heart pendant on school grounds. Please keep your eyes out. If found please return to the office. Thank you.

## \*\* TUCKSHOP MEETING \*\*

It's time to get organised for tuckshop.

Please don't be afraid to put your hand up just because you're too afraid to create a menu, or if you're too busy to do a weekly shop, or can't help on a Friday. We are all here to help in different ways (some people just enjoy cooking in the lead up but can't help on the day and others only like to help on Fridays).

### Meeting -

Thursday 25th February 9am in the staffroom

Agenda: Helpers, set menu vs weekly menu, menu items, ideas etc.

If you can't make it but you'd like to help out on Fridays, or if you would like to help behind the scenes, please contact myself or at the office BEFORE Thursday so I can make a list of helpers.

Looking forward to working with you this year. Thanks Malinda.

## ICAS TESTING DATES YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Subject	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price.
Digital Tech	17/05/16	03/05/16	\$8.00
Science	31/05/16	17/05/16	\$8.00
Writing	13-17/06/16	30/05/16	\$17.00
Spelling	15/06/16	01/06/16	\$11.00
English	02/08/16	19/07/16	\$8.00
Maths	16/08/16	02/08/16	\$8.00

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any late nominations so please have your payment in prior to the closing date. Thank you.

## GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE INVITES ALL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES TO:

### Year 7 2017 Enrolment Information Evening

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March commencing at 6pm**

Location: F7 (follow signs from the Administration Building on Owen St)

The evening will provide families with opportunity to meet and hear from senior staff about Good Counsel College.

The 2017 enrolments will be open from this evening

College Tours are available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month with the College Principal at 9.30am. Phone the College office on 4063 5300 to book a place.

## NOTICE FROM CES – INDUSTRIAL ACTION AND ENTERPRISE BARGAINING

Cairns Catholic Education remains committed to good faith bargaining and reiterates its position that a 2.5% wage increase for all school staff backdated to May 2015 for School Officers and July 2015 for Teachers is a fair offer in the current economic climate and in the context of market conditions in Queensland.

For further information on the facts on current Enterprise Bargaining negotiations and Protected Industrial Action scheduled for February 25, visit [www.cns.catholic.edu.au/industrialaction](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/industrialaction)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NEW DATES IN YELLOW

### TERM 1

17 March	St Patrick's Day End of Term 1
24 March	School Cross Country
25 March	Good Friday
27 March	Easter Sunday

### TERM 2

11 April	Start Term 2
18 April	Real Schools – Adam Voigt
25 April	Anzac Day

<b>29 April</b>	<b>District Cross Country</b>
2 May	Labour Day public holiday
8 May	Mother's Day
17 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
<b>20 May</b>	<b>Peninsula Cross Country</b>
23-25 May	Yr 4/5 Camp – Eco Creek
<b>27, 29 May</b>	<b>District Field &amp; Athletics</b>
31 May	ICAS Science
13-17 June	ICAS Writing
15 June	ICAS Spelling
20-24 June	Interhouse Sports Week
24 June	End of Term
<b>TERM 3</b>	
11 July	Start of Term 3
25-29 July	Catholic Education Week
27 July	School Photos
2 Aug	ICAS English
3-4 Aug	Prep/Yr 1 Camp
16 August	ICAS Maths
30 Aug-2 Sept	Yr 6 Camp – Charters Towers
16 Sept	End of Term
<b>TERM 4</b>	
3 Oct	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 Oct	Start of Term 4
2 Nov	Melbourne Cup
11 Nov	Remembrance Day

## GREAT NEWS!

### Free Triple P for all QLD Parents

The Training dates for Cairns have gone live for open enrolment on our website (dates below). For those wanting to join the QLD Government Triple P Initiative please head to the Triple P website [www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net) to register your interest or for your convenience here's the link that will take you directly to the Triple P open enrolment calendar where you can register your interest and view other training dates around QLD.

<http://www.triplep.net/glo-en/getting-started-with-triple-p/training-for-individuals/open-enrolment-calendar/australia-new-zealand/>

If you are having problems with this link, please copy and paste into your search bar.

Here are the Cairns Triple P Training dates

### Group Teen Triple P (Level 4)

**Training Date(s):** 24th – 26th February 2016  
**Number of days:** 3 days training + 1 day pre-accreditation + 1 1/2 day accreditation  
**Pre-requisites:** N/A  
**Pre-Accreditation Date:** 27th April 2016  
**Accreditation Date:** 28th or 29th April 2016  
**Close of registration:** 2nd February 2016

### Group Triple P (Level 4)

**Training Date(s):** 29th February – 2nd March 2016  
**Number of days:** 3 days training + 1 day pre-accreditation + 1 1/2 day accreditation  
**Pre-requisites:** N/A  
**Pre-Accreditation Date:** 4th May 2016  
**Accreditation Date:** 5th or 6th May 2016  
**Close of registration:** 8th February 2016

## FOR SALE

Concert size steel string guitar In very good condition Together with a sheep's wool lined hard case, a capo, electric tuner and a spare set of strings. Suitable for beginners and experienced players. Phone Santina Lizzio on 4065 3231 after 6.30pm. All in near new condition. Price for everything \$350



## Young Living Essential Oil Sharing

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11am (where the playgroup is held across the road)  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm (in the library)

Come taste, touch and smell these amazing oils and discover why and how these oils are changing people's lives. Also learn about chemical free living and how to get the toxins out of your life!

*Win a free essential oil inspired gift just by attending!*

RSVP: Dyann  
 0402861800





Presents

Joy (M)

26, 27 & 28 Feb  
7.30pm  
Admission \$8.00



**Well Women's Clinics**  
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

**Innisfail Hospital – Mondays**  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March – Ph: 4226 4812

**Mamu Innisfail – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Ph: 4061 5102**

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.



Queensland Government



### PARENT WORKSHOPS

Triple P Discussion Group

**Tuesday March 1st**  
**BEDTIME ROUTINES**  
10am-12pm or 5pm-7pm

**Tuesday March 8th**  
**HASSEL FREE SHOPPING**  
10am-12pm or 5pm-7pm

**Tuesday March 15th**  
**DEALING WITH DISOBEDIENCE**  
10am-12pm or 5pm-7pm

**Tuesday March 22nd**  
**MANAGING MISBEHAVIOUR**  
10am-12pm or 5pm-7pm

Free for Parents/carers of children aged 2-12

Location: VPG, 158A Edith Street, Innisfail

Bookings essential: Jolene 0488321605 or  
Natasha 40438400

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# HOOP CAMP IS AT ST RITA'S !!!!!

## Wednesdays 5-6pm



### Ladies Hoop Camp

14-70 years old

5pm to 6pm

Now at

**ST Rita's**

South Johnstone

**\$10**

(07) 40 616 870

Bring a Towel!

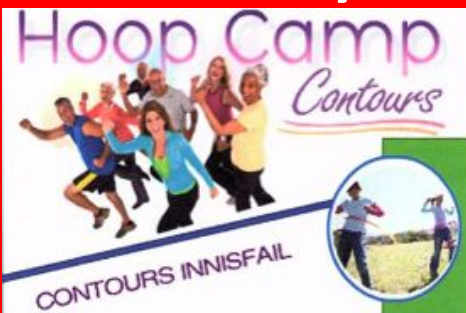
Contours Innisfail



**Training Starts Thursday 25 Feb**  
Next sign on day – 25 Feb

When: THURSDAY 25 February  
Time: 5pm - 6.15pm  
Where: Castor Park, Mourilyan  
All interested players must REGISTER ONLINE ([www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)) – no manual registrations in accordance with FNQ Zone.  
Uniforms on sale  
For more information call Charles Manitto ph. 0418 772 381

Children of **ALL AGES** can join  
Squirts are ages 3 – 5 years.  
**Come and join the fun.**  
A great way for children to keep fit and active and make new friends ...  
Training is every Thursday at 5pm



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## Ice dragon

It was perched on the rocky cliff, surveying over the land.  
The mighty dragon was as armored as a tank; with the slightest  
puff the beast would freeze you into an iceberg.  
He is the guardian of the ancient temple.  
He smells as putrid as decaying rats.  
The beast's skin has white scales as rough as a jagged rock.  
He has a beak that crushes enemies.  
His white and gold colour on him symbolizes him being a noble  
dragon.  
He has enormous wings and a knobby club on his lightning fast  
tail.

By Bennett And Blake.

## Chuck The Troll

One stormy night lightning danced through the sky. In a dark, swampy cave lived a dangerously fierce troll. The gruesome beast had large muscles and a thorn as wide as a tree stump. He smelt like 1000 rotting animals. His armpit hairs were so thick you wouldn't know if there was even skin under the woolen layers. Chuck's warty feet were as huge as the average desk. His revolting fingernails were sharper than a sword. His boils were as juicy as an orange. Chuck's rotting, rancid teeth were as yellow as a lemon.

By Jorja and Zac

## **DRAKE THE DROIGHT**

As he lies in his decrepit hut, as tall as the tallest mountain in the world, He hears the wind calling for him, “Drake come outside now”. Weakly he stumbles from his bed advancing to his door. He wonders why he needs to go outside for. Warily he steps outside into the misty night air. Scanning the shadows his eyes could not detect anything out of the ordinary.

BY DYLAN MANITTO

## **THE DRAGON**

Sitting on the ancient, jagged rocks sits a blood curdling, scaly dragon with bright green eyes. His pinpoint scales run down his spine. At the end of his sharp tail he has an enormous club with cultrate points. When he gets fierce the brightest orange flames shoot right out of his mouth blowing everything into splinters. His bright green eyes glow like one thousand fireflies when it is pitch black at night. The dragon scares all trespassers to death.

By Sarah-Lee Murphy Way

## **The Mystical Kingdom**

The angelic fairy with the whitest wings soared through the sky. So dreamy she sparkled like the twinkling sun. Her lush sapphire dress drops off her like the rain falling from the sky. Her thick golden hair flows past her shoulders as the wind whistles through it. In the mystical kingdom the clouds danced across the sky as the fairy dust called their name. The humble fairy flew through the sky freely.

By,  
Sophie and Kiara