

# ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 2, Week 2 2016

20 April 2016



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Staff, teachers and students have benefitted this week during our annual visit from Adam Voigt from Real Schools Australia. Adam continued working on Restorative Practices with the staff and held sessions with all classes engaging in activities around anger management, on-task behavior, resilience and co-operative learning. Thank you to the eleven parents who attended Monday night's session on building a resilient child. This is a huge issue in today's modern society. Children have to learn that there are times when things won't be OK and they have to have the strategies to deal with it. We are not doing them any favours by putting band-aids on their problems all the time. Staff and parents have the opportunity to access all resources available on the Real Schools website as part of our partnership. I would ask that you do not share this log in as we pay a considerable amount of money to pay for this privilege.

username: stritascssj

password: stritascssj

We do have a little bit of progress in relation to our building project with the concrete being laid for the sports shed in the corner of the big hall. I have been informed that the kit has arrived and erection will start when weather permits.

May I remind parents that it is very important that you come in of a morning and sign your child into homework club. We had an incident this week of a parent not checking the book and homework club was not on. This is a matter of great concern.

Thank you to the parents who attended the P&F meeting yesterday morning. Our focus at the moment is Mother's Day Morning Tea. This is a major fundraiser for the P&F and a great social morning. Please be vigilant checking your emails and your child's bag for notices. Another issue raised at the meeting is the collection of batteries. This is a proven easy fundraising activity but due to lack of volunteers to collect the batteries we are missing out. If you can help, even if only once a month, please let me know. This is a great way for someone to help out who cannot commit to a set time.

As advised in last week's newsletter St Rita's has a long association with the Anzac Day parade and we will be marching again this year. We would like to see as many children as possible at the parade. Students are to be lined up in their school groups in front of the RSL by **8.15am** (note the change from 8am) for an 8.30am start. Children are to wear correct formal uniform with a school hat and black shoes for the march. If students are wearing medals of family members who served, these medals are worn on the right hand side.

Our school captains will be laying a wreath at the Dawn Service. If students wish to attend, the Dawn Service begins at 4.10am.

Have a great week, God bless

Vicki



## ASSEMBLY

There is assembly this week.  
9am in the Big Hall.

## HOMework CLUB

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Homework Club will now only be operating until 4pm (emergencies only each Wednesday due to staff meetings). There will be no Homework Club next Monday & Tuesday (18 & 19 April) as teachers are at a PD.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### THE SEASON OF EASTER CONTINUES...

*As you know Easter Sunday is not the end of the Easter season. It continues for seven weeks concluding on Pentecost Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> May this year.*

*During this time (sometimes called 'Eastertide') we as Catholics are encouraged to put aside some time each day for personal prayer – to allow the message of Easter to impact on our lives.*

*One way to do this is to participate in 'Lectio Divina' in your own time. Advocates of this special form of prayer and scripture reading*



*suggest that it has many benefits. It can bring greater inner peace and calm; as well as a feeling of being more at home with yourself, with loved ones and of course with God.*

### SO WHAT IS LECTIO DIVINA?

"Lectio Divina" is a Latin term that basically means 'divine or sacred reading'. It describes a way of reading the scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. It is an ancient form of prayer that is used by many communities of monks and religious orders, but it is useful for us as well. There are various ways to practice 'Lectio Divina' and it can be done individually or as a group. The following are the basic four stages.

1. **LECTIO (reading)** – First read the text slowly and let it sink in. At this most basic level you ask yourself: What is going on in the Bible passage? Sometimes a Bible commentary is useful to enable you to better understand the context.
  2. **MEDITATIO (reflection)** – Think about the text and reflect upon it so that you can take from it what God wants to give. What is God saying to me through this passage? For example, how might what is happening apply to your life?
  3. **ORATIO (response)** - Leave thinking aside and simply let your heart speak to God. What do I want to say to God? Use this part of prayer to express your inner feelings.
  4. **CONTEMPLATIO (rest)** - Allow yourself to be still and rest for a while with God. Listen with the deepest level of your being. What can you take away from this? What you have heard may help to transform you and move you to action in your daily life.
- It is important to note that these stages are not fixed and are simply guidelines as to how the prayer normally develops. It is however recommended that it be done with simplicity and a move towards less talking and more listening.

For more information search: What is Lectio Divina?  
[www.gotquestions.org/lectio-divina.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/lectio-divina.html)

Step by Step Through Lectio Divina [www.gvdays.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/lectio-divina.pdf](http://www.gvdays.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/lectio-divina.pdf)

## ANZAC DAY PRAYER ASSEMBLY: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

This Friday we will hold our Anzac Day Prayer Assembly at 9.00 in the Big Hall. It will be an opportunity for us to stop and reflect as a



school community on the great sacrifice that so many Australian men and women made to keep our country free. We will particularly remember the special group of Anzacs who are renown for their bravery and camaraderie.

It will be a special time of remembrance and also a time to pray for peace in our world.

The Year 6 student leaders will lead the prayer assembly on Friday morning. Parents are most welcome to join us as we celebrate this annual event.

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

This Wednesday morning Father Kerry will visit the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. The Year 5's will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11.30 am over in the church. Class visits are a good chance for Father Kerry to chat informally with the younger children and answer any questions they may have. And for the older students it is an opportunity for them to also talk with Father Kerry and be offered the special gift of penance.

Wishing you all a wonderful week. May the peace, joy and hope of the risen Christ be with you and your families as the Easter season continues.

Regards,

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

Sources – [www.ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/what-lectio-divina](http://www.ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/what-lectio-divina)

Images - [www.trinityriverside.org](http://www.trinityriverside.org) [www.nicholasjv.blogspot.com](http://www.nicholasjv.blogspot.com)

## TUCKSHOP

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

**More helpers are needed in tuckshop on Friday the 29th. "No experience needed"**

If you can help out in any way please see Malinda Eaves. Thank you.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome a new baby girl, Taia, sister to Mikayla Marozzi (Year 1). Congratulations to Tasha and Josh.

## INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

### YEARS 1-6

A reminder about our Instrumental Music Program. If your child wishes to commence learning an instrument spaces are available in the program. Please collect an agreement form from the office. Lessons are **\$15.50 per week**. Payment will be added to your School Fees Statement, however **MUST** be paid at the beginning of each term. If your child needs to hire an instrument, the hiring cost is **\$20 per term**. This covers ongoing maintenance.

There are many instruments available for your child to learn including –

- guitar, bass guitar, Flute, drums, Trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, Clarinet, saxophone
- Keyboard, violin, Cello and even singing is taught.

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### Wearing poppies

The red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war



destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War One formally ended. Women should wear their poppy on their right side.

## ICAS TESTING DATES YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Subject	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price.
Digital Tech	17/05/16	26/04/16	\$8.00
Science	31/05/16	10/05/16	\$8.00
Writing	13-17/06/16	23/05/16	\$17.00
Spelling	15/06/16	25/05/16	\$11.00
English	02/08/16	12/07/16	\$8.00
Maths	16/08/16	26/07/16	\$8.00

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

### *Retreat Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius*

Fr Fabrizi will lead parishioners on Retreat for four weeks entitled "Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus," commencing on April 26<sup>th</sup> and concluding on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

This is an excellent form of retreat for busy people, since it links prayer with our experiences and helps us to recognise the presence of the Lord in a variety of happenings. Your prayer is done alone, at home or in some quiet place and at a time convenient to you.

The brochure is available from the Church. **Please contact Fr Kerry or the Parish Office on 40616633 or calling in to register your name.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NEW DATES IN YELLOW

### TERM 2

25 April	Anzac Day
29 April	District Cross Country
2 May	Labour Day public holiday
6 May	Mother's Day Morning Tea
8 May	Mother's Day
16-20 May	Book Fair
17 May	ICAS Digital Technologies
20 May	Peninsula Cross Country
23-25 May	Yr 4/5 Camp – Eco Creek
31 May	ICAS Science
3 June	DISCO - PCYC
13-17 June	ICAS Writing
15 June	ICAS Spelling
15 June 1.30pm	Instrumental Music Concert

20-24 June	Interhouse Sports Week
24 June	End of Term

### TERM 3

11 July	Start of Term 3
25-29 July	Catholic Education Week
27, 29 July	District Field & Athletics
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

### TERM 4

3 Oct	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 Oct	Start of Term 4
25 Oct	Wonder of Living Afternoon Parent Session
26 Oct	Good Counsel College Year 7 Orientation Day
27 Oct	Wonder of Living Class Sessions
2 Nov	Melbourne Cup
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
2 Dec 12.30pm	School Finishes



Presents

## The Lady in the Van (M)

15, 16 & 17 April  
7.30pm  
Admission \$8.00



# DYNAMIC KIDS

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 -12 YEARS  
Meeting once a month

**MAY**

**13<sup>th</sup> BASKETBALL @ The Youth Shed**

**Bring a smile & energy and get ready for fun nite**

**JUNE**

**10<sup>th</sup> HEALTH & FITNESS @ The Youth Shed**

**Learn about your bones & muscles and do a bit of  
massaging**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm (NEW TIME)**

Harvest Church, 191-193 Mourilyan Road

**Cost \$4 – food & drinks supplied**

Phone Karen 40642480 A/H for more info



Queensland  
Government

### Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Innisfail Hospital – Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May –  
Ph: 4226 4812

Mamu Innisfail – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 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.

## POOL TABLE FOR SALE

Full sized slate pool table

Perfect condition

Thick vinyl protective cover (custom made)

Balls, queues, queue rack, accessories etc

\$2500

Phone Michelle 0428 184 344

South Johnstone State School  
1916 - 2016  
Celebrate! with us - June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

# Centenary Celebrations

## 100 Years

**FETE**  
SATURDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> June 3:00-9:00pm

**The Celebration**  
JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 -3:00pm  
SUNDAY

9:00 Registrations  
10:00 Morning tea  
11:00 Roll call  
11:30 Official Photo  
12:00 Lunch (Prepaid)  
1:00 Cutting the cake  
Time Capsule Contents on display

Day commences at 9:00 am with registrations through to Roll Call at 11:00am. Photo displays, memorabilia and school tours throughout the day. Souvenirs will be on sale. Contents of Time capsule will be displayed. Student performances

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