



Around Our School

Term 1 Week 2

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FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Our Catholic Identity goals this year will focus on Welcome and Prayer. These are two of the nine capacities of a Christian community as detailed in the Brisbane Catholic Education Spiritual Formation Framework: Principle, Prayer, Presence, Welcome, Ritual, Journey, Purpose, Commitment, Fidelity.

We are called to be People of Welcome who understand and build an ethos of Christian hospitality in every circumstance. Hospitality and welcome are hallmarks of the Benedictine tradition of spirituality. The relationship between guest and host is a privileged one in which the host receives from the guest just as much as they give. The host becomes guest and the guest becomes host.

We will also focus on our call to be People of Prayer who are nurtured and sustained by a personal prayer life. Prayer has been described most simply as "communication with God." We might also be familiar with the definition of prayer as 'raising our hearts and minds to God.' For Jesus, prayer was a life-giving necessity - even in the midst of demanding crowds. The gospels are full of examples of Jesus taking the time to pray.

Opening Mass and Welcome BBQ

An important opportunity for us to gather together to pray is our Opening of School Mass. This is scheduled to be held this Friday at 2.00pm. Monsignor John Butler will be presiding over the mass as Fr Joseph is on holidays. You are all invited to join us in the Unitas Centre for our mass. Following this ceremony

we will have a welcome BBQ from 4.30 on the oval, flyers were sent home yesterday.

We would love to see you at mass and then at the BBQ, please come along with your family.

School Hours and Outside Hours School Care

Classes commence at 8.30am and conclude at 3pm.

As class rolls are completed by 8.40am, any student arriving after 8.40 must be accompanied to the office with parent or guardian to be signed in and receive a late slip to give to the teacher when they arrive at class. This is an important way to ensure we have accurate records of who is at school, I ask you to support us in keeping our students safe by following these procedures.

Before school, a bell will ring at 8.10am for supervised play for students who arrive early. The Prep to Year 2 students remain in the Admin play area and students in Year 3 – 6 are escorted up to the oval seat area.

It is expected that students arrive between 8.00 and 8.30am and not earlier. At this time, the toilets will be opened. **The only supervision for students arriving prior to 8am is via the Outside School Hours morning program.** You are asked to enroll your children into this program if they must be on site before 8.00am. The contact number for OHSC is 0477 550 700. The OSHC staff are currently in the process of applying for a license to increase their numbers for sessions through the week.

Healthy Eating for Children

While supervising students during eating time we sometimes become concerned about food choices in lunch boxes. There are opportunities for teachers to discuss food groups and dietary choices with students during Health Lessons. We use information from the



Health Department and from the Health and Physical Education Curriculum for recommendations and guidelines about healthy eating as part of these lessons. The attached information is from the Dept of Health for your information.

With best wishes,

Carolyn

FROM APA

Thank you for a very positive start to the school year last week. The students have settled into their new classes well and our processes and systems seem to have kicked back into gear nicely. I spoke to the students at yesterday's first whole-school assembly to remind them about our expectations before school, at breaks and after school. In keeping with our home-school partnership, I thought I'd share the before and after school expectations with you as parents as well.

Before school – We ask that the students arrive at school sometime between 8:00-8:30am. Before-school care is available at our OSHC if parents need their children to be here before that time. Formal supervision is provided 8:10-8:30. Students who arrive before 8:10 are to sit on the white seats near the deck and tuckshop. From 8:10-8:30 P-2 students are able to play under teacher supervision in the artificial grass area in front of the Admin Block and Yrs 3-6 students are able to play under teacher supervision in the Multi-court area and surrounds. School commences at 8:30am – students gather in their class lines at the 8:30 bell and move to class with their teachers.

After school – A bell goes at 3:00pm to signal the end of the school day. Once dismissed by their class teachers, students are expected to move directly to their designated arrangements for pick-up or going home. We offer formal supervision at our Drive-Thru Zone and at the bus stop opposite the school from 3:00-3:30pm each day. For the welfare of all of our students, this is our preferred location and we encourage our students to wait there for pick-up. Any students not collected by 3:30pm are brought back to the school office wait safely and parents are called. If

you are delayed for any reason, please call the office to advise us of the situation.

Bikes & scooters – We have a bike rack and designated area for students who have parental permission to ride to school, but students are responsible for securing their own bike/scooters in this area. Students are expected to wear a helmet when riding and they must dismount and walk their bikes/scooters at all times within the school grounds. I look forward to catching up with many of you at the parent info evenings this week and the welcome BBQ on Friday. Have a great Week 2.

FROM APRE

This week we celebrate our Opening School Mass for 2018 on Friday 2 February at 2pm. The following information explains the 12 parts of the mass.

We go from Mass with Jesus as part of our lives. We now try to live as he did. The Mass is made up of twelve key moments. The 'Greeting' is the beginning of the celebration of Mass. Next is the 'Penitential Act' when we tell God we are sorry for the times we have not loved as we should have.

Following this are the 'Scripture Readings' read by people from the assembly, after which the Priest reads the Gospel. The First and Second Readings, and the Gospel are explained by the Priest and he talks about what we can learn from them in the 'Homily'. The 'Creed' is when everybody in the Church stands up and says what they believe as a group. The 'Prayer of the Faithful' is when we offer prayers for people in need. People from the assembly lead us in this.

The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar during the 'Preparation of the Gifts'. The 'Consecration of the bread and wine' is when the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. We then speak the 'The Lord's Prayer' which Jesus taught us.

We say it together to praise God for all that we have been given and to ask God to forgive us the things that we have done wrong. Next we shake hands with the people around us to share the peace that Christ gives. This is called the 'Sign of Peace'. At 'Communion' those of us who have made our First Holy Communion, can now move forward to the altar



to receive of Body and Blood of Jesus. This brings us closer to God.

To finish Mass the 'Final Blessing' is spoken. The Priest blesses us and sends us from the church to bring Jesus to the people we meet by being loving and kind.

From <http://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au>

FROM PLL

Around Our School This Week

Our Prep students are off to a flying start with their learning. They are settling very well into the routine of a school day at St Rita's. Year One are focussing on "My Place in Our World" and are learning about Australia starting with a journey around the country through Mem Fox's "Possum Magic". Our Year 2 students are excitedly exploring life cycles such as tadpoles and chrysalises.

The Year 3 are engrossed in Roald Dahl's "The Twits" and are learning about adjectives. They have found many interesting adjectives used in the text to describe things like Mr Twit's beard. They use adjectives to write a descriptive paragraph about themselves.

In preparation for receiving their laptops and Boot Camp Day the Year Four students have been developing an understanding of:

- What is Digital Technology?
- What is Digital Citizenship?
- What is a Digital Foot Print?
- St Rita's ICLT Agreement

This week in Year 5, animal adaptations in science is a key topic. There is a particular focus on animals living in the Australian desert and how they have adapted their structure and behaviour in order to survive.

Year 6 are participating in a leadership day this Thursday in Unitas. This is an opportunity for the students along with their teachers to "Unleash Their Personal Potential". They will work in teams and are encouraged to be persistent and cooperative in order to solve problems posed. Watch this space for more news about our Year 6 2018 School Leaders.

PARENT TEACHERS INFORMATION SHARING

As you are now aware, Parent-Teacher Information Sharing will be held from Monday 29 January to 23 February 2018. Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration. For these interviews, we are once again using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO), which is designed to save time for parents, staff and students! Using this system, you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

An email with more information was sent home to all families last Friday with access available from Sunday morning, 28 January 2018. If you have not received the log on and 'how to' information from us as yet, please contact the school office.

SPORTS NEWS



Quote of the week

'Dreams without ACTION, remain dreams'

District Swimming

Students will be notified shortly if they have been selected to represent St Rita's at the upcoming District and Bayside Swimming Carnivals. Selections are based on performance and times gained at the School Swimming Carnival from Term 4 last year. The district carnival is scheduled for 15 February at Chandler Aquatic Centre followed by the Bayside carnival 23 March.

Cross Country Training

For all those interested – Cross Country Training will commence this week on Wednesday and Friday morning. Training will then be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.40 – 8.10am. Students are asked to meet Mr Kenyon under the covered area outside the tuckshop prior to 7.40am. Training is on offer to all students interested. See you there!



Touch Football

Once again, this year students are given the opportunity to play under the St Rita's name in the local Friday night Touch Football competition held at Cleveland showgrounds. This initiative cannot be run without its many volunteers from our community, so we ask if there are any parents willing to volunteer their time to manage a team on Friday afternoons to contact Mr Kenyon for details. Students interested in taking part have received notes detailing information about the competition, due by Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Prac School Officer, Lauren Folster, who received the 'Young Citizen of the Year Award' for the Redlands. It is wonderful to have all of her community service recognised in this way.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Book Club

Does your child **love to read**? Do they discuss and question characters, plot, themes, and display higher order thinking around larger concepts in the books they are reading? Are they in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6? If your child fits this description, then they may enjoy joining our **St Rita's Book Club** that will be beginning this **Friday from 11-11:20** in the **learning support room** with **Mrs Anderson**. This term the club will be reading 'The Magician's Nephew,' which is the prequel to the classic novel, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' We hope to see lots of little budding authors there!



SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to all our wonderful St Rita's School Banking Students. We hope you had a fun holiday and are ready to start your savings goals for 2018. Great news, you can now be rewarded twice a year for your great saving. To achieve an amazing **\$10 movie voucher card** all you need to do is bank 14 weeks throughout Term 1 & 2. The \$10 movie voucher card will be rewarded to you at the end of Term 2. Don't forget we still have a weekly winner who will receive a bonus \$2 deposited into their account. To kick off our new school year congratulations go to **Alexander F (5L)** who is this week's winner - Well Done!!

If you have any queries regarding St Rita's School Banking feel free to pop in and see us at BOQ Victoria Point which is located at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre (Food Court end), call us direct on 3207 6133 or email us at victoria.point@boq.com.au Thank you and have a great week!



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thursday 1 Feb

Felicity Dunn

2nd Break

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Friday 2 Feb

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As it is the 1st week open I would like at least a little help on Friday.

Rosters will be sent home this week. If you need to make any changes please contact me asap. We understand circumstances can change so please let us know so we can have enough help to feed the student.

Please take time to read the Tuckshop Note, it has a few regularly asked questions on there. Please pop in, text or email me for any questions at all. No matter how big or small.

If you need help with Flexischools please do not hesitate to ask as well.

Email: renee.schafer@bne.catholic.edu.au or 0411 523 969
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UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS

Thursday	8.00 to 10.00am
Friday	8.00 to 10.00am



CODING CLUB 2018

Coding is the future... Will your child be a part of it? St Rita's Coding Club is all about fun, creativity and learning through exploring!

If this sounds like something your child is up for then Coding Club is for them! The [Digital Careers organisation](#) says that students need experience and skills in computational thinking and computer programming (coding) to be successful in their future careers. Our Coding Club creates projects and opportunities for our students to engage and innovate with computer coding programs such as Scratch and code.org as well as develop their STEM skills with critical thinking. Our journey begins in week 2 meeting every Friday at 10:40-11:20 in the Library with Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Henry. We can't wait to see all you future leaders!



IONA COLLEGE

Enrolment applications for 2020 Year 7 and Year 5

Iona College is now accepting enrolment applications for the 2020 enrolment intake:

- **Year 7 in 2020 - applications close Friday 16 February 2018 : (boys who will commence Year 5 in 2018).** Year 7 in 2020 - Prospective Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 7 February at 7.00pm in IPAC.
- Year 5 in 2020 - applications close Friday 8 June 2018 : (boys who will commence Year 3 in 2018). Year 5 in 2020 - Prospective Parent Information will be held on Thursday 24 May at 7.00pm in IPAC.

To complete an [Enrolment Form and view the full enrolment package](#).

Tours of the College are conducted on designated Friday mornings during the term at 9.00am. Please allow 90 minutes for a tour. Book a tour online at [College Tours](#). Iona's next [Open Day](#) will be held on Monday 4 June 2018.

Contact the College Registrar, Sharon Young on 3893 8801 or at enrol@iona.qld.edu.au for further assistance.



San Sisto College

San Sisto College is currently holding enrolment interviews for Year 7, 2021 (students in Year 4, 2018). Offers will be made by the end of Term 1, 2018. For more information on your daughter's prospective enrolment contact our Enrolment Officer via email: hsteffan@bne.catholic.edu.au

To register your interest in enrolling your daughter at San Sisto College, visit www.sansisto.qld.edu.au

Limited places are available for Year 7 2019 and 2020.

