FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Some New Faces for 2016
Today our new members of our School Leadership Team, Mr Brian Mason and Mr Nathan Mulhearn are joining Kevin and I at a workshop at the Mercy Centre at Bardon. We are here to become familiar with the survey data from the Enhancing Catholic Identity project facilitated by Leuven University in Belgium. If you can cast your minds back to first term, many of you will remember participating in this online survey. It is a good opportunity to work with Brian and Nathan today, as this process will provide a focus for our future goals at St Rita’s.

Our school community will be able to meet our two new Assistant Principals on Monday 2 November when they will both be here as part of an induction and transition process. They are very much looking forward to meeting everyone.

Yesterday we also met Miss Nicole Ogden who will be joining our teaching staff as a Graduate Teacher in 2016. Nicole undertook one of her practicum blocks with a Year 3 class in 2012. She is very excited to be appointed to St Rita’s as her first school beginning her professional career as an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher.

CCTV Surveillance
We have now implemented the recording programme for our CCTV cameras as a preventative measure for burglary and vandalism. I wish to advise that the recording of data will only occur outside of school hours.

In recent years and in the spirit of our partnership, parents have also been invited to provide input if it is considered necessary. This is not to request teachers and such requests won’t be considered. The quality of teaching across all year levels is very high at St Rita’s and the expertise and strengths of each teacher matches their commitment and dedication to our profession. If you would like to have some input into your child’s class placement, you are most welcome to provide information about learning styles, social skills, strengths and challenges. Could you please have this written communication sent via email (p.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.edu.au) or paper copy to the office by Wednesday, 4th November 2015.

May God’s peace and blessings be with you and your family in the coming week.

Live in Hope – Live with Joy
Anne

On Monday’s professional development day, year level teams spent time working through the Achievement Standards within the Australian Curriculum. This was followed by a process of constructing learning intentions for targeted classroom lessons drawn from these Achievement Standards.
Standards. A developing focus for us across all year levels is working with the children in collaboratively building co-constructed success criteria to meet these learning intentions. In essence, when students are asked to produce a sample of work, such as a narrative story, they are given multiple examples of a range of successful narratives that students have created in the past. As a class, they are led through a brainstorming process of creating their own criteria as to what makes some samples more successful than others. These comments are then summarised and made visible in charts etc. for the children to make reference to throughout the days/weeks. This particular focus is drawn from our continued work within the Delivering Excellent Learning and Teaching (DELT) initiative.

Teachers have also been busy preparing booklists for next year. These will be finalised soon and emailed home in the coming days. All the best for our young swimmers participating in swimming lessons this week and all the best for the P-2 Swimming Carnival on Friday.

Have a wonderful week
Kevin

Bob’s Farewell
Last term St Rita’s congratulated Bob, our much loved groundsman on his retirement and wished him well for his future endeavours. Next Wednesday, 28th October we will invite Bob back and formally thank and farewell him with a liturgy from 2:15pm – 3:00pm in the UNITAS Centre. Please join us in celebrating Bob’s time at St Rita’s.

STUDENT MEDICAL RECORDS
The Student Medical Records were sent home last week. Please ensure these are returned to the school office by Friday 30 October. This information is very important, and needs to be updated every year, for every child.

SPORTS NEWS

St Rita’s Touch Football
Fields and Game times are listed below for each Touch Football team competing in the Friday Night Touch Competition at Cleveland Showgrounds.

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Training: Monday afternoons for U/12’s, U/10’s training will be during lunch times Wed/Thurs.

School Swimming
Prep to Year 2 start their swimming program this week, followed by their carnival on Friday. Please see below the swimming lesson timetable for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
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Lesson Time | Classes | Depart School
09.30 – 10.10 | PK and PT | 9.10am
10.15 – 10.55 | PL and 1L | 9.55am
11.00 – 11.40 | 1K and 1T | 10.40am
11.45 – 12.25 | 2K and 2T | 11.25am
12.30 – 01.10 | 2L | 12.10pm

St Rita’s QPAS Rep Touch
Teams have been named for the upcoming Queensland Primary All Schools, Touch Comp, held in Cleveland over the weekend 7/8th November. Congratulations to all those who were successful in selection. Training for these teams are held on weekday mornings from 7.45pm on the oval.

Representative Singlets
We are still chasing numerous ‘Representative Sport Singlets’ from either Cross Country or Athletics that were loaned to Students competing. Could these please be returned ASAP to Mr Kenyon.

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MUSIC NEWS
The countdown is on for 'SpringFest', with some fantastic entertainment on the day! We will see performances from the Prep-3 Year Level Dancers, St Rita's Got Talent Finals Performances, Strictly Dance, Flanders, and the Dukes of Ukes. I thank Len Henderson from Binary Music who has offered to play as part of the 'Dukes of Ukes' this year. Please check out Facebook for our latest updates on the entertainment.

Please don't forget 'Music Count Us In' which will be held on Thursday 29 October at 11.30am in the Unitas Center. Bring your singing voice and be part of a national event with nearly 500,000 students singing at once as part of a live broadcast!

Coming up........ Music Count Us In (29 October), SpringFest (31 October), Christmas Carols Night (25 November).

Paul Tyrrell

LEARNING SUPPORT
Last week students completed their Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in the subjects of both English and maths. These tests provide teachers with one snap shot of data, in conjunction with many other sources, to inform teachers of students’ understanding and levels of ability in these areas. They also assist with monitoring learning progress and helping teachers adjust their planning in accordance with student ability.

Learning support conducted the testing with years one, two and three in small groups to allow for maximum opportunity for success and we were amazed at the high number of students who ‘hit the ceiling’ and needed to be retested at the next year level. A special mention goes to year two in their maths test, where fourteen students needed to be tested at a year three level. Congratulations students and congratulations teachers!
**SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to - Brandon D (3L) you are the lucky banker of the week, $2 has been deposited into your account!! Don't forget Tuesday's are your school banking day. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Springfest in a couple of weeks!! BOQ Victoria Point 3207 6133.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Wednesday 21st October**
Terri Comerford
Katie Natt

**Thursday 22nd October**
Trish McNamara
Maria Kease

**Friday 23rd October**
Michelle Kotynski
Louise Lowcock
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**2nd Break**
Michelle and Louise

A very big thank you to all the students last Friday for your patients and manners while you were waiting to be served. And a special thank you to Mrs McKenny who helped serve in the tuckshop last Friday.

Due to the Volunteer shortage for Fridays in general we are going to leave the Flexischools cut off at 8:00am. When we get more volunteers we will put it back to 8:30am. **Please remember that all money for both breaks on Fridays is to go in the 1st Break bag.**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HOURS**

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