Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Time to Celebrate and Consolidate – Well done St Rita’s.

Yesterday we welcomed a Validation Panel for our External Review process to meet with members of our school community focussing on our school improvements and achievements over the past five years. BCE Director Cathy Jackson, Area Supervisor Neville McDonald, Principals Carol Sayers (St Agatha’s, Clayfield) and Cheryl Hamilton (Loreto College, Coorparoo) spent a day at our school meeting with our School Leadership team, teachers, school officers, parents, Fr Anthony and parishioners.

A highlight of the day was a Learning Walk with a group of our students. The feedback from the panel was very positive, congratulating our school community for developing a strong and positive culture for learning in a Catholic school environment that is well resourced with a high level of parent engagement. We have worked hard at St Rita’s to develop a team approach to achieving equity and excellence across our areas of learning and student wellbeing. The panel recognised the calm, happy and safe environment for our students with a clear focus on learning progression that will continue to improve.

Advice for our future direction centred on consolidation rather than change or implementing new initiatives.

Thank you to our community members who were available to participate in this process – your input is valued and appreciated. We look forward to celebrating our progress – and an important way to do this is through the recognition and commendations for student learning through the Student Led Dialogues and Summative Reports at the end of this term. We look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks as you and your child /children meet with our teachers.

Proposed Development – 41 – 45 Benfer Road.

Recent discussions with the Developer, our Local Councillor, Parish representatives and School Parent Network have clarified some concerns we hold as a Parish and School for the proposed development on the vacant land adjoining our church and school. While it is inevitable for this land to be developed, there are some legitimate concerns about the density of this proposal and the impact this will have on our school and parish. A letter has been drafted for your interest and consideration. A copy of the letter that will be sent from our school is attached in this week’s newsletter for your consideration.

As a member of our parent community and/or a local resident, you are able to share any of these concerns to Redland City Council via the following link.

Redland City Council Application Details

You can email RCC at the bottom of this link and/or to Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett to Lance.Hewlett@redland.qld.gov.au

St Rita’s Sports Day – Monday June 15

This special community event takes place next Monday. Information is emailed through the newsletter today, placed in the Parent Portal and for your convenience, paper copies will be sent home with the oldest child today.

May God’s peace and blessings be with you and your family this week.

Live in Hope – Live with Joy

Anne, Kevin and Jess

School Leadership Team
**STORY TELLING AT THE LIBRARY**

**Story Telling Session Victoria Point Library**

There is a free story and craft session today at 3:30pm at the Victoria Point Library. Everyone is welcome to join in this session. It is a fantastic opportunity to visit the library to further develop a love of reading. Mrs Tate and Mrs Fielding led an oral language session for younger children during the day called Rhyme Time. We will continue to keep you informed of these excellent opportunities.

**SPORTS NEWS**

*Quote of the week*

Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind and start over again. That’s the way life is, with a new game every day, and that’s the way baseball is.

- Bob Feller

*Athletics Training*

It’s that time of the year again! For all those students interested in training with ‘Sprints’, ‘Shot-Put’ and ‘LongJump’.

- Monday – Sprints
- Wednesday – Shot-Put
- Friday – Long-Jump

Please wait for Mr Kenyon in the Tuckshop area at 7.50am on those mornings to be escorted to the designated area on oval for training to take place.

*Age Championship Events – Nominations now open*

Nominations are open for students aged 10yrs and older. Nominations can be found under ‘Student Portal’ in the sports section. If you need assistance in nominating – please see Mr Kenyon on Wednesdays during Lunch.

*Events you can nominate for:* 800m, Long-Jump, High-Jump and Shot-Put. (800m will be held on the morning of our carnival 15 June).

Nominations will close Friday June 13, 8.00pm.

*St Rita’s Touch Football*

Season 1 for Touch Football is coming to a close and I would like to congratulate the students on how well they have played over the last few months. A special thankyou to all the parents and members of the school community who have attended games week after week and supported them. Also to Mr Anthony Fernando, Mr Dennis Winterburn and Mrs Wendy Anderson for their volunteered time and effort in coaching/managing their teams on Friday nights. Your help and assistance is invaluable.

**Message from Redlands Touch:**

Semi-Finals are the 12 of June, Finals are the 19 June.

On final night each player that is registered receives pizza and a drink. These will be available after your game timeslot at the canteen.

Under 10s will all receive a participation medal at their presentation after the game.

Under 12 final winners and runner up will receive their medals in the clubhouse after their game.

**Every team not in finals will be playing social games.**

Season 2 will not start until early Term 3. If positions become available and students are interested in playing – please see Mr Kenyon.

If there are any parents who are blue card holders or level 1 certified in touch/football and would like to assist with a team please see Mr Kenyon.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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<td>Kate K</td>
<td>You are so enthusiastic about writing that you inspire others to write. Thank you!</td>
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<td>Emily K</td>
<td>Thank you for your bright, happy personality. You inspire others to be happy and friendly.</td>
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<td>Isabelle K</td>
<td>You are such a confident girl now. You have a go at everything. Well done. Keep believing in yourself.</td>
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<td>Annie M.</td>
<td>For her helpful nature within the classroom. She is always willing to lend a helping hand without being asked. Also, she tries to put her best foot forward in all she does when working on class tasks. Well done for your efforts, Annie!</td>
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Connor B.  For his terrific work in creating a poster advertising an Andy Warhol art exhibition. He showed great creativity and design techniques through his work. Well done on a wonderful piece, Connor!

Charlie B.  For improving her focus in class and having a positive attitude when faced with challenges. She has made a real effort to get all work done on time and to the best of her ability. What a fantastic effort, Charlie!

Ethan H.  For always participating in class tasks and discussions. He maintains his focus very well and completes all work within the set time frame. Congratulations on developing a wonderful work ethic, Ethan!

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MUSIC NEWS

This weekend our 'St Rita's Ukulele Group' will be performing as part of the Redland's Ukulele Festival on Sunday June 14 at 1.30pm, in the Cleveland Library Forecourt. Please come along, wear your best colourful shirt, and support our St Rita's Ukuleles. In addition, if you play ukulele I will be presenting a finger style workshop on Saturday 13 at 9am, please register at RedlandsUkuleleFestival.com. Entries are now closed for the Ukulele colouring-in competition.

Coming up......Redland's Eistedfodd, QCMF, SPRUKE Ukulele Festival, Redlands Ukulele Festival.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations Emily K PL You are the lucky weekly winner, a bonus $2 will be deposited in your account. Don't forget bring your banking in on Tuesday's! Have a great week from the team at BOQ Victoria point 3207 6133.

NIHONGO NOTES

みなさん、こんにちは (Hello Everyone). 六月（ろくがつ）(roku-gatsu) or June is winter here in Australia but summer in Japan. “Winter” in Japanese is 冬（ふゆ）(fuyu) and “summer” is 夏（なつ）(natsu). If you’re feeling cold you can say, さむいですね。(samui desu ne) (It’s cold, isn’t it!).

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday 10th June
Terry Comerford
Felicity Shipton

Thursday 11th June
Tania Digby
Trish McNamara

Friday 12th June
Louise Lowcock
Geraldine Harper
Lisa Bihari

2nd Break
Leila Winterburn

We are looking for some Volunteers for Monday 15 June, Sports Day. We do not expect you to miss anything and we will have a timetable in the Tuckshop as always. Just a reminder we are running from our normal Tuckshop (Not Unitas Centre). If you have any questions big or small please contact me, email text or call. rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au or 0411 523 969

MISSING

Last Term a wonderful Family supplied us with cakes and the containers have gone missing. Two containers are big clear containers about the size of A3 paper. They are both clearly marked (lid and bottoms) with Lara Baker. If found, please be returned to the office.
UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS
Thursday  8.00 to 10.00am
Friday    8.00 to 10.00am

YEAR 2 EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 27 of May, year 2T and 2L went on an excursion to North Stradbroke Island. We went to learn about the Quandamooka people.

At 8 o’clock we went to Cleveland on the bus. Then we caught the flyer to Stradbroke. When we got there, we went and sat on the yellow tarp and had morning tea and Matt talked to us. He told us about Aboriginal culture, and then we got to throw a boomerang. We got to go down to the ocean and we saw a 10 000 year old Midden; there were shells, rubbish, coral and bones in it.

Then we went to the Museum and had second break. Then we had a treasure hunt and were told old stories. On the walk back to the flyer, we saw a koala up a tree.

We had lots of fun.
Written by Madeline B 2T

SPEECH PATHOLOGY DROP-IN DAY

- Are you concerned about your child’s speech and language development?
- Would you like to talk about your concerns with a Speech Pathologist?

On Monday 15 June (Sports Day) Mrs Pam Reed, our Language Connect Speech Pathologist will be available to talk with you about your Kindy or School age child.

**When:** 8.30am to 1.00pm, Monday 15 June.

**Where:** Learning Support Rooms, near the Library.
- No appointment is necessary – call in at any time.
- There is no charge for this service, and it is obligation free.

For further information, contact Pam Reed - Phone: 3207 9556 or 0405 046 345, Email: pamreed.slp@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

4 – 6 September 2015: Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

**For bookings/details contact:** Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

WOOL CLUB

Wool Club is growing and growing by the week! Last week we had students beginning to learn crochet and the wool dolly family continues to grow as the students teach each other and share the skills that they have learnt in Wool Club so far. We welcome all students and parent or grandparent helpers on Thursdays during 1st break in the Japanese room. – Carly

SERENDIPITY ART CLASSES

Enrolments are now open for Term 3 Art Classes. All students are welcome from prep to year 6.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Further information call Jenny on 4038 376 311 after school hours.

Yours in Art
Jenny Randal
Dear Mayor and Councillors.

We are leadership members representing the community of staff, student, parent members and parishioners of St Rita’s Catholic Primary School/ St Rita’s Catholic Church, Victoria Point and write to express a strong objection to the current Development Application MCU013447 that has been lodged with Redland City Council for the approval to construct 16 Units on a 3035m2 lot at 41-45 Benfer Road, Victoria Point, (next door to Saint Rita's Church and St Rita's Catholic Primary School and in front of St Rita’s Parish Office and Presbytery).

**Zoning:**
The land is zoned Urban Residential (UR1), however the density of the development is 189.6m2 per property which even exceeds the recommendation of a medium density development (i.e. 200m2 per property). This is a considerable over-development of the site with very limited open space and seriously question why this development application is "code assessable" and consequently not subject to public notification or public submissions. Obviously, our community know and accept that the property would eventually be developed but the degree and scope of this development is highly inappropriate in this "sensitive" position and greatly exceeds the recommendation of the zoning as set down in the planning scheme.

We raise the following elaborations:

**Parking and Safety:**
The parking allocation for each unit is for one vehicle only which is considered very inadequate. The street parking in front of this allotment is highly utilised as a pick up and drop off zone for St Rita's during weekdays and also acts as an overflow parking area for Church services and ceremonies on weekends. We are also concerned that the tenants, owners and visitors of these proposed units will make use of the unsecured Church and School parking areas compromising School parking and security. Additionally, with decreased parking available to parents at these times, traffic around the School will become even more chaotic and endanger the safety of young children transitioning through this area to and from their parent's vehicles. This is further compounded by the fact that the allotment is directly impacted by a roundabout (with an entry into the School) and other traffic calming infrastructure.

**Design and Privacy:**
Having viewed the latest plans of this development application, it is a great concern that three of the top floor units are designed in a way to overlook the School play areas and in particular the Prep playground area. Though I believe the intention is to take advantage of a distant water view, this design also compromises the privacy of young children playing in what is supposed to be a completely safe and protected environment. Has this aspect been seriously considered? This proposed (over) development will be imposing, confronting and crowded on the allotment and with its very stark design and external staircases will detract from the attractive low set style of the School buildings and facilities as well as the Church and could potentially have a negative impact on future enrolments.

To summarise, we respectfully request that this application be refused for reasons as stated above and that the developer be requested to submit an application with a density and design more suited to this position and in line with the applicable zoning. I have been advised that the divisional councillor, Lance Hewlett has called this application in to a General Meeting for a full Council decision. We request to be advised of the date of that General Meeting in due course.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of concern to our school and parish. Please feel free to make contact with the School Principal, Anne McKenny for further discussion if required.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Anne McKenny  
Principal

Fr Anthony Mellor  
Parish Administrator

Mrs Debra Stone  
Parent Representative
Join in the fun at St Rita’s

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 21st June

School & Parish Mass at
9am

Fun & Games 10.30am – 1pm (on the oval)
BYO picnic lunch, drinks, seating/blanket etc

Egg & spoon race

Tug o war

Hulahoops

3 legged race

Sack races

Please contact Annalise Travers 0435568836 or Lisa Broughton 0416063277 if you are able to help on the day with supervising/organising games.
Japanese students visiting St. Rita’s Primary School

Host families needed

Payment to Host Families: $300

- 2 Students per Homestay
- For 4 nights from Thu July 23rd to Mon July 27th.
- Students aged 9 to 10 yrs.
- 24/7 Support in English and Japanese just a phone call away

Japanese students are a pleasure to host and it’s a great opportunity for your family to experience another culture and make an international friend.

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