Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Well, it’s official! – Archbishop Mark Coleridge has announced the new Parish Priest for St Rita’s. In early August we will be welcoming Fr Paul Kelly to St Rita’s Parish and School Community. Fr Paul is currently Parish Priest for Maryborough. I spoke with him yesterday and he is very excited about this new appointment and knows that he will be coming to a vibrant and supportive faith community at St Rita’s. I shared with him the pioneer spirit our parish and school with many parishioners being part of the founding members of St Rita’s – recalling the first Mass being celebrated from the back of a ute a quarter of a century ago. He enjoyed hearing about the life and positive spirit of our community and is looking forward to building on the pastoral leadership we have enjoyed and appreciate from Fr Leo these past 12 years. It is particularly good news to know that Fr Leo is very happy with the appointment – knowing our school and parish will be in good pastoral and spiritual care with Fr Paul – God’s Grace is good.

St Rita’s Celebrates – Sports, Athletics and The Arts!
What a week we’ve had – with Interschool Sport Successes, Combined Catholic Schools Cross Country Championship and team successes and a wonderful celebration of St Rita’s Day. Congratulations to our students for their commitment, positive behaviour and inspiring performances in representing St Rita’s in the wider community. We also appreciate the great support of our parents in commitment to training and encouragement on the day. A great acknowledgement as well, to our teaching staff in preparing and inspiring the children to do their best and to do this well.

We are taking great joy in the creation of our St Rita’s Day Art Mural coming to life on our Administration Building. This is the culmination of hearts, minds and hands at work to represent what St Rita’s means to us as a school community that comes each day to Know More, Do More and Be More. We acknowledge the work of our teachers, staff and students who have contributed under the artistic guidance of Jenny Randall. An artwork becomes art through the appreciation of those who ponder and enjoy it – and it’s wonderful to see so many doing exactly that.

Michael Grose – Parenting Ideas. Have you RSVP’d yet?
The flyer says June – but that’s next week. We are looking forward to a great response to this wonderful opportunity sponsored by the School Parent Network and have opened this up to other schools in our community. Let’s make sure we have great representation from St Rita’s and there are no regrets for not making it to hear Michael Grose next week. He is a wonderful presenter and we guarantee you will be affirmed and inspired with ideas for the most important gift of all – being a parent. Please see details within the newsletter.
Mr Billion – APRE Appraisal
Our Assistant Principal Religious Education, Mr Kevin Billion, is currently undergoing an appraisal process as a Senior Leader within Brisbane Catholic Education. This involves an extensive consultative and feedback process including an online survey and discussion with focus groups. Kevin also writes his self-review. Next Monday, a panel of BCE colleagues and I will initially meet with the focus groups that include Fr Leo and parish representatives, staff, parents and students; and then with Kevin to congratulate him on his many achievements and discern some leadership areas for future development and direction.

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

Anne

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) #NRW2014
NRW is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: May 27 1967 marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the National Census. Third June, 1992 is the day the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonization and still exists today. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about the shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. This week at St Rita’s, we will have an extra focus on caring for our land just the Quandamooka people for thousands of years. For more information please http://www.reconciliation.org.au/

Year 5 Mass – 5 June
Please join us in prayer with the Parish community next Thursday 5 June 9:00 am. The Gospel theme for the Mass will be ‘Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples’.

Rosie’s Friends on the Street
We have had a good response to the call for volunteers ready to support the Rosie’s Coffee Van starting in the Wynnum Area. The commitment would be 4hrs a Friday night per month. Please email me if you would be interested in attending an information session kbillion@bne.catholic.edu.au. Troy Bailey - Rosie’s General Manager - wished to express his sincere appreciation to you all. Thank you also in advance for your support of the Mini Vinnie’s Rosie’s and BABi Appeal.

Reconciliation Reflection
You can’t change what’s happened
But you can change what happens next.
Be the voice of change. Unknown

Enjoy the Week
Kevin

IMPORTANT FEE NOTICE
Fees are now overdue and prompt payment would be appreciated. If you have any concerns please contact the school office immediately.

As from Term 3 School Fee Statements will no longer be printed and mailed. These statements will be emailed to each family. Please ensure you have notified the school office of your current and correct email address. If you have not notified the office of your email please do so by June 13th. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. An email can be sent to stritasicl@bne.catholic.edu.au to have your details updated.

Krys Kuroppa
Finance Administrator

TOGETHER IN FAMILY
The Thompson clan consists of myself, my wife, Jillian; Archie who is 4yrs; Violet who is 3yrs along with our latest edition Henry, 10 weeks. I feel extremely blessed and gifted to have my family and raising our young family is an incredible journey but the journey can be made up of bumps in the road that test our strength and bond.
Raising a family can at times feel as if we are scaling a steep and challenging mountain. There will be parts of the climb where we find ourselves hanging onto a crumbling ledge by our fingertips or times when we are staring into a great big void and asking ourselves “How did I get here?” And then there are the good times when we are on green, sun lit slope where we can appreciate what we have and enjoy each other’s company and the view is spectacular from all perspectives.

My wife Jillian to me is the most beautiful woman in the world and our time together with our family continues to be a wonderful journey but there are times when she will look at me and state that I am an exceedingly difficult man to live with - In most cases she will add a few other words which I cannot repeat in this article!

Like most things in life, the challenges in our relationships are what makes the good times more appreciated. We just need to be strong enough to see the dark times through knowing there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

We all live such busy lives and the biggest struggle I have is balancing my personal priorities with that of my family. What I have learnt is that words and intentions are very fickle when it comes to our cherished relationships and we should strive to keep our competing priorities into perspective. It is important to have a career and hobbies that inspires you and puts food on the table however overriding this is our relationships with family and friends.

A way to preserve our relationships as a priority in our busy lives is to focus on being present in whatever we are doing to maximise our time. How often are you at home for family time but checking the news update or emails instead of listening to their day? I know I am guilty of this.

If we focus on being present with our family and friends when we are lucky enough to have time with them we will feel a lot more connected. This means switching off our phones and appreciating each other’s company when it is home time, whether it be having breakfast together instead of checking emails or reading a bed time story instead of watching sports news, these are the moments that matter and will be what we value when we reach the end of our journey.

All the best for a great week.

Together in Family
Shane

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**ROSIE’S AND BAbi APPEAL**

Our Rosie’s and BAbi (Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc.) appeal will commence this week. This appeal is designed to support the youth in our local community who find themselves on the streets at night with nowhere to call home. More information can be found at http://www.babi.org.au/ and http://www.rosies.org.au/.

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**LEARNING SUPPORT**

**What is giftedness?**

This week our writing competition students will be submitting their final copy into the 2014 Redlitzer Junior writing competition, that closes on the 31st May. I was in the Cleveland library over the weekend and saw copies of the special edition anthologies from previous years, where five students are selected from each category to be published, and thought how wonderful it would be to have the opportunity to display your own work to the public. What an incentive to keep writing in the future!
In the current edition of ‘Our Redlands,’ the council’s quarterly magazine and report, Angela Sunde, an award winning author and former teacher, outlined some quality writing tips for enthusiastic writers. These tips were shared with the competition entrants, however are beneficial to anyone who wants to present a polished piece of writing. Angela states;

- Find inspiration for stories from reading newspaper features; finding objects on the beach; childhood memories; old diaries; two randomly chosen nouns (like sausage/queen); using story starters (such as www.literacyshed.com/the story-starter-shed.html).
- Decide who will be the main character of your story and keep the secondary characters to an absolute minimum of two or three. Give your character a name, something they love and something they have a fear of or loathing for (such as love of a family pet, a fear of heights.)
- Give your main character a problem to solve or overcome—or at least struggle with—within 1000 words. (eg: a beloved family pet is stuck in a tree and the main character must overcome a fear of heights to save it.)
- Brainstorm/mindmap your main character’s problem and possible outcomes. Weird, funny and fantastical are all good.
- You may plan your story first and then write it, or the other way around. Absolutely NO sub plot in a short story.
- Keep your story within a short timeframe. It is a snapshot of the life of your character.
- Your first sentence is the hook. Jump right into the drama and action. Dialogue is also a good place to start, or thoughts. Introduce the main character’s problem as soon as possible.
- The middle of your story should show your character trying to overcome their problem or achieve their goal.
- The resolution of your story may have a twist—short stories often do. Surprise your reader!

On the topic of writing, I would like to share with you the following piece, that while may not be as helpful as the above writing recommendations, provides us with a good dose of comic relief. Enjoy week 6!
and train regularly throughout the week and most off have great knowledge of rules and forms of play. Trials will be at St Rita’s MPC on 3rd June from 3.15pm. Most students interested have already received notes, spares are located in the office.

**St Rita’s Touch Football**
Touch football training for U/12s will be on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm – 4pm. u/10s will be during school on Thursday/Friday.

**St Anthony’s Invitational Cross Country**
Congratulations to all our St Rita’s Rep Runners who competed in the St Anthony’s Invitational Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. Each student did exceptionally well and gave it their absolute best. Well done to our Intermediate Boys Division, who finished in third place overall and our Senior Boys who won their division and were presented with the winning trophy. Well Done Everyone!

**Interschool Sport**
Well done to all your Year 5-7 Students in what has been a very successful Semester One Interschool Sport Challenge. We had some fantastic results across all sports due to a lot of hard work, team spirit and most of their impeccable positive attitude whilst representing St Rita’s.

**Congratulations to the following winning teams:**
Senior Boys Touch Football
Senior Girls Touch Football
Senior Boys AFL
Junior Boys AFL
Junior Boys Soccer

**Important Dates**
Sports Day Athletics Carnival – Friday June 13
Year 7 Camp – Wednesday June 18 to Friday June 20

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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<td>For always completing class Tasks with a great attitude. Fantastic Effort!</td>
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<td>Abigail R</td>
<td>For the wonderful language you use with our class discussions. Great Job!</td>
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<td>For the effort you put into your handwriting and your artwork. You inspire us with your neatness and your attention to detail. Fantastic.</td>
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<td>Madeline B</td>
<td>For inspiring us all with your fantastic organisational skills. You are a wonderful asset to our class, Madeline. Well done!</td>
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| Levi H      | For using such a wide range of reading strategies to work out tricky words. Well done, Levi! |
| Mia C       | For showing that you care for property and the environment by helping to keep our school grounds clean and tidy. |

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<td>Skye K</td>
<td>For being such a wonderful friend to everyone in 1L. Good luck at your new school Skye, we will miss you!</td>
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<td>Nate W</td>
<td>For always trying your best with all classroom activities. Fantastic work, Nate!</td>
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<td>For being a kind and considerate class member when you volunteered to help others during science.</td>
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<td>Hayden P</td>
<td>For the effort you have been showing when completing set tasks. Well Done!</td>
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<td>For Inspiring Learning by displaying excellent leadership skills when given the role of Project Manager for her group’s research task on the Rosary.</td>
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<td>Drew F</td>
<td>For Respecting Everyone by always including others in games when in the playground and speaking to those around him with respect.</td>
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<td>Scoutt F</td>
<td>For inspiring Learning by creating a story using elements and features of a narrative. Well done.</td>
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<td>Tory R</td>
<td>For inspiring learning by having a go at tasks and persevering even when faced with challenges. Keep up the hard work.</td>
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<td>Tom J</td>
<td>For being respectful by taking on a leadership role and being reliable with classroom jobs.</td>
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<td>Lachlan V</td>
<td>For inspiring learning by working towards his goal and taking the initiative for setting tasks to achieve this goal.</td>
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<td>Eloisa T</td>
<td>Your persistence in working to meet your learning goals is an inspiration.</td>
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<td>Ella W</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning, doing your best in all activities and persisting to complete your tasks.</td>
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<td>Eden G</td>
<td>For conscientiously working independently to successfully achieve his learning goals.</td>
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<td>Lara S</td>
<td>For inspiring learning in others with your willingness to embrace new challenges.</td>
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<td>Jayda G</td>
<td>You work hard to complete your task work, follow instructions and do your best. Great efforts Jayda.</td>
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This week’s banker of the week is Ava B in 5T, congratulations Ava we have deposited $2 into your bank account.

It’s never too late to open a School Bank account and it’s very easy to do. Pop into the Victoria Point branch (It’ll take about 15 to 20 minutes) and we’ll sit down with you to get you started. We’re even open on Saturday so come on in and have a chat, we’d love to meet you.

We’re open 9am Mon – Sat, Closing times Mon – Thur 4.30pm, Fri 5pm & Sat 12noon.

Pop in and see the friendly team, we’re always happy to have a chat and help with any of your banking needs.

BOQ Victoria Point, Shop 23 Victoria Point Shopping Centre
Ph 3207 6133

NIHONGO NOTES

み な さ ん 、 こ ん に ち は (Minasan, Kon-nichi-wa) In term 1 we learnt to count to ten. Who is up for the next challenge? Let’s learn to count to 20!! This clip will help.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVld23Pp134
Come and tell me how high you can count in Japanese.

UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS
Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday 28th May
Terri Comerford
Esperanza Ponce

Thursday 29th May
Maria Kease
Louise Lowcock

Friday 30th May
Nigel Wright
Louise Lowcock

HELP NEEDED???
HELP NEEDED???

2ND Break
Nigel & Louise

Please keep an eye out for Tuckshop options on Sport Day. If you have any question at all please contact me.
Renee 0411 523 969

FROM THE PARISH

Confirmation lessons at the church during mass
6pm Sat 31st/9am Sun 1st June
6pm Sat 7th/9am Sun 8th June

Parish Junior Choir
Do you like to sing? Come and join the parish junior choir. Rehearsals are each Wednesday during term time from 3pm to 4pm at the Ruby Room at the parish office. If you would like more information please contact the Parish office. Invite your friends to come along and sing with you. There is no cost for this activity. Afternoon tea is provided. Open to all primary age and high school age parishioners.

Altar servers – More volunteers needed urgently:
Fr Leo is happy to run a training session this month after school for anyone interested. For more details please contact us at the Parish Office on 3207 9177

We need your help!!
Due to parishioners moving on, vacancies have appeared in our monthly rosters at the church. We really could do with more Communion Ministers, Ministers to the Word (Readers), Data Projector operators and Altar servers (boys and girls) to fill the spaces that have appeared. If you feel that you can share your time and talent with the Church community, please contact the Parish Office on 3207 9177 for any information that could help us. Many thanks to you all.
WOOL CLUB

Wool Club is back this week with knitting and new weaving projects. We’re looking forward to seeing all the students back in our new room at first break on Wednesday.

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Free children’s dental program

Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

**Who is eligible?**

- All students in Prep through to year 10
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a Current Concession Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-4 year olds whose parents have a Current Concession Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

If your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), the cost will be bulk billed to Medicare. If your child is not eligible for the CDBS, they will still receive dental care at no charge until they complete year 10.

**Who needs to attend the appointment?**
A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

**How do I make an appointment?**
For all appointments, please telephone:

**1300 300 850 Metro South Oral Health Hub**

**Chatter Matters**

In the Redlands.

Discover how to help your child develop great language skills while having fun!

**When:** Thursday 5 June 2014
**5.45 pm for a 6 pm start**

**Venue:** Cleveland State School Hall
Queen Street, Cleveland

**Guest Speakers include**

- Literacy Specialist
- Speech Pathologist

**Question Session**
A great opportunity to chat with a variety of professionals about your child

An initiative of the
Redlands AEDI Local Response Group

**Simply the Sole**
Healing Naturally with Reflexology

Reclaim your Health call now
Wilma Pudge: 0423 676 804
Health fund rebates available.
Clinic at Victoria Point.
Find us on Facebook

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**0438 794 789**
Check us out on Facebook!!
It’s time to start planning the Winterfest Baking Stall for 2014. The Baking Stall was a great success last year thanks to all those in the St Rita’s Community who baked and donated ingredients, and of course the generosity of my fellow Baking Club members.

I am inviting any keen cooks to join the 2014 Winterfest Baking Club. The purpose is to share the load of baking and packaging of the baked goods for the Fete. The donated ingredients will be used to cook goods for the Stall.

If you love to bake and would like to be a part of the Winterfest Baking Club, please contact Lisa Acret on 0405 152 952 or acrets@me.com.

The Baking Club is looking for the following Items to be donated

- Baking Cocoa
- Chocolate Chips, M&M’s, mini M&M’s, smarties, jelly beans
- Mars Bars
- Baking chocolate blocks – white and milk chocolate
- Mixed Fruit
- Sultanas
- Tinned Caramel
- Condensed Milk
- 500g blocks of butter
- Eggs

**SIDE SHOW ALLEY**

Side Show Alley are looking for donations of prizes. The following are some suggestions to fill a jar with:

- Loom bands, hair accessories, fashion cosmetic items e.g. lip gloss, nail polish
- Stationary items e.g. erasers, pencils, gel pens, stickers, little note books
- Boys toys e.g Matchbox cars, Trashies
- Packets of individually packaged lollies e.g Wizz Fizz, Nerds, lollipops.
RAFFLE TICKETS
Don’t forget to return your sold or unsold raffle books as soon as possible. There is a roster on the front counter of the school office, and also will be available at the weekend masses, if you can spare some time to help out at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre with ticket sales it would be greatly appreciated. The camper trailer heads to Victoria Point Shopping Centre on Thursday June 5, if you sell 10 raffle books, you will receive one free all day ride arm band.

ALL DAY RIDE PASSES
All Day Ride Pass forms will be sent home soon, if you would like to purchase one they can be pre-purchased before Fete day for $35 either by sending in cash or credit card details in an envelope marked “Winterfest All Day Ride Pass”. These passes can also be purchased through Flexischools. The passes will be sent home with the eldest child around Wednesday June 18. All Day Passes will be $40 on fete day. The rides for this year are: Miami Trip, Hurricane, Dodgem Cars, Rock Climbing Wall, Animal Farm, Cup and Saucer Ride, Frog Hopper, Lost temple jumping castle and Dragster Slide.

CREATE-A-CUPCAKE STALL
Create-a-cupcake stall needs your help with donations of cake toppings, e.g. sprinkles, 100’s and 1000’s, chocolate chips, mini M&M’s, Milo and jelly crystals.

FACE PAINTING STALL
At this year’s Winterfest the Student Council are running a face painting and temporary tattoo stall. We are asking for any donations of face paints, cotton tips and temporary tattoos. These can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your support.

SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS
Please show your support to the following businesses who have generously shown their support towards our Winterfest:

Michael Grose Parenting Presentations

(Sponsored by St Rita’s School Parent Network)

Michael Grose is Australia’s No. 1 Parenting and Education Presenter.

A former primary teacher and experienced presenter, Michael has been entertaining, informing and inspiring audiences around Australia, in Singapore and the UK for over twenty years.

Currently, he supports over 1,500 schools in Australia and internationally to build strong partnerships with their parent communities.

Tuesday, 3 June 2014 – 7 pm

Parent Evening 1: “Raising Kids to Thrive!”

✓ How to develop real independence in kids so that they are equipped to look after themselves.
✓ The most effective parenting style for raising today’s kids.
✓ The secrets to building strong families and how you can apply these principles to your own family.
✓ Why disappointment, struggle and failure are good for kids and how you can help them grow from these experiences.
✓ Great ways to get cooperation from your kids without nagging, shaming or raising your voice.

Wednesday, 4 June 2014 – 9 am

Parent Morning 1: “How to get your kids to listen”

A different presentation that complements the previous evening –

✓ How to develop effective communication skills.
✓ How to choose appropriate consequences.
✓ How to help parents to feel confident enough to set limits and boundaries.
✓ Let parents know it is ok to “be the parent”.

It is possible to attend either or both presentations. The two sessions will be held in the Unitas Centre, St Rita’s Primary School, 39 Benfer Road, Victoria Point.

Any further enquiries, please email pvictoriapoint@bne.catholic.edu.au

A gold coin donation will be welcome at the sessions.

(Please return attendance slip below to your School Office by Friday, 30 May)

ATTENDANCE SLIP – MICHAEL GROSE PARENTING PRESENTATIONS

Names: ____________________________

Session/s attending:   Parent Evening 1   Parent Morning 1   Both Sessions

Thank you for your interest. St Rita’s School Parent Network