**FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

On Monday and Tuesday of this week I have been attending the Brisbane Catholic Education Leadership Conference. Yesterday’s sessions focussed on a contemporary analysis of the Catholic identity within our schools. In essence an authentic Catholic school is inclusive – consciously sharing our religious stories, symbols and rituals, inviting all to live in community with a loving relationship with God and to be transformative in ensuring the holistic development and growth of our students. I believe our reality at St Rita’s would not be too far off this ideal and in the future we may undertake a research process to examine this in greater detail.

**Confirmation and First Communion**

This Friday we look forward to welcoming Archbishop Mark Coleridge to our school and parish community. Archbishop Mark will be presiding over the sacramental ceremonies on Friday evening and weekend masses. He will be visiting our Year Five classes on Friday afternoon to meet the children who have been preparing for these Sacraments, have afternoon tea with our staff before taking a drive through our Parish area.

**Fr Leo’s Farewell and 75th Birthday Celebration**

The days are moving quickly towards our time to farewell Fr Leo. Next Thursday is Fr Leo’s 75th birthday (31st July). At 11.30 on this day we will be having a school concert in our Unitas Centre to mark this momentous occasion and to express our gratitude for his pastoral leadership for the past 12 years. All parents and parishioners are welcome. The following weekend will be Fr Leo’s final one before departing. We look forward to honouring him in a very special way.

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

Anne

**Catholic Education Week**

Catholic Education Week 2014 will be celebrated next week. It is a time for all Queensland Catholic Schools to reflect on their mission and celebrate the many successes achieved within their schools and communities.

This year’s theme is, "Come, live life in all it's fullness." This inspirational call is based on this Gospel of John (10:10), challenging those who answer it to 'live fully'.

Reflecting on this call, Catholic schools strive to provide learning experiences in which every young person can live out the message of Jesus to reach their full potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all life has to offer.

St Rita’s aims to provide high quality, faith based education. To be Catholic means we model our actions on the teachings of Jesus, welcoming all, valuing difference and diversity, and treating all with respect and dignity. We have high expectations of all our students, and through explicit planning, teaching and assessing, teachers build and strive to create a culture that is inspirational and engages students in the learning process so they know and can articulate where they are at, where they are going, and how they will get there.

There are 296 Catholic schools that educate over 140,000 students and employ almost 17,000 teachers and staff. All of these communities will be celebrating Catholic Education Week in some way.
Next Wednesday 30 July, our Year 6 and 7 classes will attend our Catholic Education Week Mass hosted by Carmel Catholic College, joining with our Brisbane Catholic Education cluster schools Star Of The Sea, St Mary MacKillop, St Luke’s, and St Anthony’s. Permission forms have already been sent out, and I encourage you to return these as soon as possible.

"The greatest thing anyone can do in this world is to make the most possible out of the stuff that has been given to them.” Orison Swett Marden

Lagi

At the end of last Term, the Administration Team in partnership with teachers reviewed the procedures and requirements for students that may arrive late to school along with students that may need to leave early from the school day. While most requirements have not changed, please see below as a gentle reminder and refresher:

Please remember to use the absentee line (3207 6628, option 3) to leave messages regarding students not attending school. To ensure all students are accounted for, please leave a message with the following information by no later than 9.00am on the day of absence:

Date
Your name
Your child’s name and class
And reason for absence

Please also ensure if you need to get a message to your child regarding a change of procedure for how your child may be travelling home, that it is done before 1.00pm as often classes are out of their rooms in the afternoon session and this can be complex to get a message to a student. As we communicate with the classroom via an internal phone it can be challenging to track down students in a timely manner.

EARLY DEPARTURES
Parents are to sign students out and admin staff will ring the class/es for child/ren to meet parents in the office.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

All the best
Shane

SCHOOL PARENT NETWORK
The next SPN meeting will be held this Wednesday 23rd July. We are always open to new ideas about making our children's school experience better. If you have something to share then we invite you to come along to the Staff room in the Administration building at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there! Agenda items can also be emailed to StRitasSPN@gmail.com

Monthly Volunteer Draw
Be in the running to win two adult Cineplex movie tickets. All you need to do is place your volunteers registry ticket in the box beside the sign in register on the counter in the school office. Each month a ticket will be drawn and that volunteer will be rewarded for their time. Congratulations to our latest winner, Terri Comerford, who won two movie tickets!

NEWSLETTERS AND FEES
As of the commencement of Term 3, all newsletters will be emailed home. Please ensure that we have your correct addresses and contact details on record.

School Fee statements will also be coming home via email as of Term 3. If you have not received your statement by the end of this week, please make contact with the Finance Department.

NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE
Book Week is fast approaching, so here are a few reminders of the fun and activities ahead!

Monday 4th August: Chinese/Australian story teller Nicholas Ng will present “Descendants of the Dragon” to our students. 8:45am-Prep, Year 1 and Year2; 9:45am-Years 5,6 & 7; 11.30am-Years 3&4. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.
On this day, students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book. (connect to reading).

August is also the month dedicated to the support of the MS Readathon. St Rita’s has always been a strong contributor to this worthy cause. Forms are available in the library, but you can also join online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au). Watch out for a flyer coming soon about our annual Book Fair! (In week 5.)

CAMP QUALITY

After first break we went up and saw a puppet show that told us about cancer. They had four puppets. They were the mum, Kylie, Deano and Mel. It told us some facts about cancer and what it can do to us. It is not contagious. Mel sounded like a very strong friend to Kylie- she is lucky. The moral of the play was it doesn’t matter what is on the outside, it is the inside that counts. I feel horrible for the patients, parents, children or anyone who is related to a person with this terrible, horrible disease.

Lara Baker 3T

S.P.E.A.K.

S.P.E.A.K. (speaking promotes education and knowledge) Join Gus for a Circus Family Fun Day at Victoria Point Library, dress up and join in the free activities. Saturday 2nd August 10:00 - 11:00.

SCHOOL BANKING

The Banker of the week is Taylor C, congratulations Taylor we have deposited $2 into your bank account.

Check your banking – we’ve sent home a colouring competition this week, so sharpen your pencils and have fun.

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

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday 23rd July
Terri Comerford
Felicity Shipton

Thursday 24th July
Maria Kease
Wendy Bevis

Friday 25th July
Michelle Johnston
Louise Lowcock
HELP NEEDED??
2ND Break
Nicola Taylor
Louise Lowcock

Term 3 Special - Fried Rice, Crazy Lemon or Iced Tea, Cookie $5.00
Wednesday and Thursday (all year round) Hotdog (Tomato, Mustard, BBQ sauce), Any drink plus a Cookie $5.00
For all enquiries please contact Renee 0411 523 969

UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS
Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

CLOSED FRIDAY JULY 25
FROM THE PARISH

Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion
Our sacramental program is nearing an end as many of the Year 5 children prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion with Archbishop Mark Coleridge this weekend. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue in their Catholic journey;

Enquiry night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2014
The preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin with an enquiry night at 7pm, Wednesday 13th August in the church, for parents to come and find out about what level of commitment is required to be part of the Sacramental program for 2014/15. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is usually for the children in Grade 4 in preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation in Grade 5, 2015. If you have an older child who would like to make their first Reconciliation in preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2015, please come to this information meeting.

As parents, you need to make a conscious choice about whether your child is ready to take on this important faith commitment in their life. Don’t let the decision be driven by peer pressure but from a genuine desire to live a faith filled life as part of a Catholic community. We will honour whatever decision you make. If your child is not ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2014, there is always next year.

If after the enquiry night your family is able to commit to the Sacramental program, then we ask parents only to attend the First Parent Information session’ on Thursday 28th August 2014 at 7.00pm in the church.

7pm – St Rita’s church – enquiry night for parents – overview of the Sacramental program – parents discern if they are able to commit to the program (Parent only)
7pm – Thursday 28th August, St Rita’s church – parent information session – enrolment forms collected + Adult faith education - Theology of Reconciliation (Parents only)
9am – Sunday 31st August, St Rita’s church – Reconciliation enrolment ceremony during 9am mass (Parents and Children)
Sat/Sun 6th/7th September – St Rita’s church Reconciliation lesson during Sat 6pm mass (Candice) or Sunday 9am mass (Angela) Parents and Children

Enrolment is completed on the following dates:

Sat/Sun 13th/14th September – St Rita’s church – Reconciliation lesson during Sat 6pm mass (Candice) or Sunday 9am mass (Angela) Parents and Children
Sat/Sun 4th/5th October – St Rita’s church – Reconciliation lesson during Sat 6pm mass (Candice) or Sunday 9am mass (Angela) Parents and Children
Sat/Sun 11th/12th October – St Rita’s church – Reconciliation lesson during Sat 6pm mass (Candice) or Sunday 9am mass (Angela) Parents and Children
Sat/Sun 25th/26th October – St Rita’s church – Reconciliation lesson during Sat 6pm mass (Candice) or Sunday 9am mass (Angela) Parents and Children

7pm – Thursday 30th October – St Rita’s church – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation ceremony – 7pm (3 priests) Parents and Children

Contact Angela at the parish office on 32079177 if you have any questions.

WOOL CLUB

Wool Club is on again this term with some new projects including weaving, macramé and wool toys. Students and parents are welcome to come along during first break on Wednesdays.
Free dental care for all the children in the family is available now! The dental van is currently situated at St Ritas, offering before, during and after school appointments. Please phone the call centre on 1300 300 850 between 7:30am to 4:00pm Mon to Fri to book your children in. Please see attached flyer for details.
Head lice Treatment Plan

**Step 1:** For infestation – Purchase **BANLICE** mousse from the chemist

**Step 2:** Treat child’s hair with **BANLICE** immediately. This will kill any ALIVE lice. This will NOT kill all of the eggs.

**Step 3:** Once you have removed **BANLICE** from the hair, comb with a very fine comb to manually remove all the dead lice. With your fingernails, remove as many eggs from the hair as is possible.

**Step 4:** If possible ... blowdry child's hair then straighten with a straightening iron as this will cook and kill any eggs that have been missed. Spray with ANTILICE prevention spray.

**Step 5:** Everyday use the ANTILICE prevention spray available from St Rita’s Uniform shop or by order form at the office $10.50. This spray will kill alive lice before an infestation can occur, and if there are no lice present, will stop lice from jumping onto your child’s hair. It is a natural pyrethrum spray.

**Step 6:** Repeat the combing, manual removal of eggs and straightening for the next 7 days. The cycle from the egg being laid to hatching is approximately 7 days. Combing is easier if you use a conditioner on the hair (any conditioner, quality does not matter).

**Step 7:** Retreat with the **BANLICE** at day 7 to stop the cycle of reinfection and continue to use the ANTILICE spray as a preventative. Always have your child’s hair TIGHTLY pulled up, braiding is a great option. Also, spraying the inside of the hats that your child wears with the ANTILICE spray is a great idea.

Other measures to take.... vacuum the child’s bedroom, wash the sheets of any bed the child has slept in, check and treat all other people (adults included) that live in the house, notify the school.

Sometimes this process can take many weeks, do not give up. Head lice can happen to anyone, being clean or dirty makes no difference. In fact, head lice are attracted to certain hair types more than others. But persistence is the answer.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!

Head Lice Season is Here

Gentle cleansing and PROTECTION for the hair and scalp. Used regularly, this product will help to prevent and control head lice and their eggs.

**RRP:** $16.95  **St Ritas Price** - $10.50  **Available directly from Uniform Shop or by order form**

Style hair then spray. This product is recommended to use daily, although I give my kids the weekend off. Spray inside of hats weekly.

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**Order Form**

**Childs Name:**

**Class:**

**How many bottles @ $10.50 each:**

**Money Enclosed:**

**Credit Card Details:**  _____ / _____ / _____ / ______  Expiry: ___ / ___  CCV: ______

**Name on Credit Card:**

Please enclose correct money in envelope with order form. Place in the box at the office.
Will be delivered directly to your child's class.
The Mass of Dedication and Official Opening & Blessing of the Fr Peter Daly Art Precinct & St Joseph’s Industrial Design & Technology Centre

The Dedication Mass, Blessing and Official Opening of the Iona College Fr Peter Daly Art Precinct and the St Joseph’s Industrial Design and Technology Centre will be a day for the whole family and community of Iona to celebrate. Among the features of the day will be the debut of our Pathway for the Future along which hundreds of inscriptions present a lasting and rich kaleidoscope of the students and families of Iona. The day will also include tours of the new buildings and demonstrations of their facilities, live entertainment by the College’s music ensembles, the painting of a commemorative people’s mural at the new art precinct in which the Iona College Annual Art Show will feature, and a host of sporting activities for all ages on the main ovals. The new Piazza and adjoining College quadrangle will be transformed into an alfresco lunch area for the occasion. Bring a picnic or pre-order a platter to share.

Sunday 31 August 2014 – 9.00am for 9.30am
Followed by a community day hosted by the Iona Parents & Friends Association
Order platters by Friday 8 August

Platter Options
Catering supplied by Frasche Catering
All serve two people

Platter A
Selection of dips, gourmet cheeses, antipasto served with breads $10.00

Platter B
Selection of dips, gourmet cheeses, antipasto, carved meats served with breads and toasted lavosh. Includes cutlery and napkins $15.00

Platter C
Selection of dips, gourmet cheeses, antipasto, carved meats served with breads and toasted lavosh and including a selection of homemade desserts.
Cutlery and napkins included $20.00
Sausage on bread with caramelized onion $2.00
Steak burgers with salad $6.00

Click here to order

Please note platters must be preordered and prepaid by Trybooking (click here). Platters will not be available for purchase on the day. Steak burgers and sausages can be preordered or purchased at the event. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase as will ice-creams, slushes and potato tomatoes. All preordered food must be selected and paid for through Trybooking (click here) by Friday 8 August.