Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Farewell and Happy 75th Birthday to Fr Leo!
Well the time has come to say “Bon Voyage”, “Farewell” and “Thank-You” to Fr Leo who has provided faithful service to the St Rita’s Community for the past 12 years as our parish priest. Fr Leo has been ordained a priest for fifty years and therefore nearly one quarter of this has been with our community at St Rita’s. We know that Fr Leo is very much looking forward to the next chapter of his life and will embrace this with the same energy and enthusiasm that we have come to know and appreciate at St Rita’s.

As Principal, I have always valued the support and interest Fr Leo has for our school community. At times when I have needed advice and encouragement, he has always been there with the right words and perspective to work through issues and see a way forward. He has been an active and supportive presence for our School Board and School Parent Network as well as being a friendly face in the car park and school grounds. We have appreciated and learnt from Fr Leo for his absolute love and dedication to our prayer and worship – especially Eucharist – and it is encouraging to see a growing number of our families partake in children’s liturgy at our weekend masses.

It was fitting and timely, therefore, to have our Confirmation and First Holy Communion ceremonies last weekend. The presence of Archbishop Mark was a significant honour and blessing to our children and families and in his words, we are very grateful to Fr Leo for his faith and commitment to leading us for the past twelve years.

This Thursday, our school community will honour Fr Leo with a school concert. Parents are most welcome to attend and to stay for some refreshments afterward. The celebration will begin with a liturgy at 11.30am.

School Fees Invoices
A reminder that school fee invoices are now being sent to you by email. Please check that these accounts have been received for Term 3 and make contact with our School Administration Staff if your email address needs to be updated.

Catholic Education Week
Throughout Queensland we celebrate Catholic Education this week. The theme for Catholic Education Week for 2014 is taken from the Gospel of John 10:10. “Come Live Life in all its fullness”. This began with a special Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral on Sunday with over 80 of our schools, including St Rita’s, being represented. It was a joyous occasion whereby the Archbishop reminded us that we can easily seek and have knowledge but that it is more important to seek wisdom and to make meaning. He said, “You can find the facts about everything via Google but that’s not where you find wisdom. The role of Catholic schools is to foster this wisdom.

We are certainly being called to live life in all its fullness at St Rita’s this week with our Junior and Senior Choirs performing at the Redlands Eisteddfod on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, our Year 6 and 7 students joining our Redland Catholic Schools for a combined Mass at Carmel College, our farewell concert for Fr Leo and our continual emphasis on coming to St Rita’s each day to Know More, Do More and Be More.

Happy Catholic Education Week and may God’s peace and blessings be with you and your family in the days to come.

Anne, Shane and Lagi
St Rita’s School Leadership Team
**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.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Quote of the week**

Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement. **Matt Biondi**

**St Rita’s Touch Football**

Teams are now finalised for the Cleveland Friday Night Competition due to start 8th August. Students will be provided team singlets for the season this Friday.

Training for U/12s will be from 3.10 – 4.10pm Monday afternoons, U/10’s will be Thursdays First Break and Fridays Second Break during school hours.

We are still chasing volunteers to assist with coaching on Friday Nights for our 3rd U/12 team. If interested please see Mr Kenyon.

**District Athletics**

District Athletics will be held next Thursday and Friday (7th and 8th August) at Capalaba State College Junior Campus. Students participating will be notified early this week.

Training will be available to these students on the following days:

- **Wednesday 30th July** – Shotput (Before school 7.50am), High-Jump (First Break)
- **Friday 1st August** – Long-Jump (Before School 7.50am)
- **Monday 4th August** – Sprints and 800m (Before school 7.50am)
- **Wednesday 6th August** – Shotput (Before school 7.50am), High-Jump (First Break)

**Mission Cup Netball**

Training will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15 to 4.30pm beginning next week.

Please let either Mr Kenyon, Mrs Rossi or Mrs Manderson if unable to attend.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

**District Athletics – 7th and 8th August (Week 4)**

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Gus Gotcha awards:**

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<td>Isabella F</td>
<td>You show that you respect everyone at all times in the classroom and in the playground! You’re an asset to our classroom.</td>
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<td>Tommy M</td>
<td>You are making awesome progress with your reading. Well done for putting in a great effort! Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Madison D</td>
<td>Fantastic Work Madison!!! You complete your work quietly each day, making sure you give 100% to all tasks. Thanks for INSPIRING 3T.</td>
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<td>Thomas E</td>
<td>Terrific Work Thomas!! You take great care to make sure your PROPERTY and ENVIRONMENT are always well cared for and tidy. Your efforts are also appreciated by others in our school. Well Done!!!</td>
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<td>Jay A</td>
<td>For his positive approach to school this week. Jay has been working very well in class by listening to instructions and following directions. Keep it up Jay!</td>
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<td>Emily F</td>
<td>For her dedicated approach to all writing tasks. Emily enjoys this aspect of school and is always includes good detail and description.</td>
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

This Week

- **Wednesday 30 July** Combined Catholic School Mass at Carmel College – Yr 6 and 7, Middle Years Assembly
- **Thursday 1 August** Concert for Fr Leo’s Retirement, Early Years Assembly 2pm

Next Week

- **Author visit, Redlands District Athletics,**
Harley T  For his dedicated approach to Mathematics this term.

Alyssa B  Alyssa is a friendly class member who is always willing to help others. She concentrates well on her school work and listens very carefully to instructions.

Laurence G  For completing a wonderful recount about a day trip during the holidays. Well done, Laurence!

Loche S  For the work in your Maths Book that is presented beautifully and accurately. Great work, Loche!

Ella N  For sharing your ideas with the class and posing questions to further your learning.

Nicolas C  For inspiring learning by showing others how to work effectively while writing about the 39 Storey Treehouse. You easily worked independently to write with dialogue using quotation marks.

### NEWSLETTERS AND FEES

As from the commencement of Term 3, all newsletters and other relative school correspondence will be emailed home. Please ensure that we have your correct addresses and contact details on record.

School Fee statements have now been sent out via email. If you have not received your statement, or would like to update your details, please make contact with the Finance Department.

### NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed. If you wish to place an order for issue 1, please send your order to Mrs Brownlie in the library by Friday 1 August.

Book Week is fast approaching, so here are a few reminders of the fun and activities ahead!

Monday 4 August: Chinese/Australian story teller Nicholas Ng will present “Descendants of the Dragon” to our students. 8:45am-Prep, Year 1 and Year 2; 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 (next week) about our annual Book Fair! (In week 5.)

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

**Wednesday 30th July**
Trish McNamara
Belinda Kliese

**Thursday 31st July**
Wendy Bevis
Felicity Dunn

**Friday 1st August**
Michelle Kotynski
Nigel Wright
Maggie Helmnn
Louise Lowcock

**2ND Break**
Michelle Kotynski

Please don't forget to pre-order your Sushi for Fridays. Order must be in by 1:30pm on the Thursday prior.

Renee 0411523969 or rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au
**ST RITA RANGERS**

The St Rita Rangers celebrated National Tree Week by planting some native trees in the school grounds. Bob dug holes and then we planted and watered the trees. We are looking forward to watching these trees grow.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

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

Don’t forget we have a great Marquee that we’re happy to lend out to Community Groups. Please call us on 3207 6133 or pop into Victoria Point Branch to book the Marquee for your next event.

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

**YEAR 5 CAMP REFLECTION**

At camp I experienced the best time of my life, we did so many camp activities and all of them were amazing. My group was group 4 and our group name was CSU which stands for Camping Swag Unicorns.

Our first activity was Bushwalk and on the Bush Walk we walked all around Kindilan and we reached a fantastic hill named Kumunka Hill. At the top of the Kumunka Hill you could see the best view, viewing Stradbroke Island. Also at the top of the Hill we experienced painting like the Aboriginals, with special rocks and some water.

Our second activity was Creek Critters, with Creek Critters you would get with a partner and you would have to catch certain fish or Critters in the lake. I went with my friend in 5K named Michaela and we caught so many critters and you could see them so clearly. We had lots and lots of Shrimp and 6 fish we also had 1 really cool bug that loved to hug seaweed.

Our third activity was the Challenge Course, with the challenge course you had to balance on a Low Rope and the feeling is in the name, CHALLENGE course. We had to link arms and step up one at a time onto the Low Rope. I know it sounds easy but it was not easy at all. The challenging part was when one person wobbled or fell everyone would wobble or fall because we are linked.

That was our First day at camp, now I am going to speak about the food for this day. For Morning Tea we had delicious white chocolate muffins, for Lunch we had Chicken Burgers, for Afternoon Tea we had GIANT Anzac biscuits and for Dinner we had Tacos.

Our night game was Newspaper modelling and it was so hilariously fun. In my group I had Julia, Mackenzie, Michaela, Leilani, Montanna and I. We dressed Julia in a full-on costume, we had a beautiful dress with a lovely mullet on the back of her dress, she had a devilish handbag with gorgeous bows on her head, on the back of the dress and on the front of the dress.

After the game and dinner, we all got into our cabins and had showers, brushed our teeth and snuggled in our blankets or sleeping bags. The first night I felt a bit homesick but I was good in the morning.

My favourite activity over the three days was sugar gliding or Kayaking. I loved Sugar Gliding because it was so fun going up in the air and seeing the ground when you are up there and if you were the person pulling them up it was also very fun because when you go back sometimes you fall a bit and slip. I liked Kayaking because you could just sit in the lake not worrying about anything and paddling a bit, I loved it so much. My least favourite activity would have to be Challenge Course because it was quite boring and got a bit annoying because you could not do it, but overall I really enjoyed every activity and I would never ever regret it.
A lesson I learnt on Camp is to never say NEVER. I really hope that the year fours do enjoy this experience next year. They should really enjoy it and have lots of fun just like we did this year. I would like to say a massive thank you to those who contributed to making this camp a successful one, especially the team from Kindilan and Mr Kenyon.

Holly Tobin - 5L

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HOURS**

Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

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**FROM THE PARISH**

**Sacramental Program**

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion with Archbishop Coleridge over the weekend. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue in their Catholic journey; MACKENZIE, CHELSEA, ELLIOT, CLAIRE JACOB, JAKE, LEXI, ISABELLA, MIKAYLA, WILLIAM, CARLOS, MALI, GEORGIA, AIMEE, MIA, TYLER, MICHAELA, MONTANNA, DANIEL, BILLIE, HAYDEN, BRIANNA, CONNOR, LUCY, JADE, KYLE, CALLUM, MATTHEW, HOLLY, NEVE, STIRLING

**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:**

We are still looking for more boys and girls to be altar servers. The children that are interested must be Catholic and have completed their first Holy Communion. They should be between the ages of ten and seventeen. We need altar servers for both Sunday Masses and at the vigil Mass on Saturday night. It is an honour and privilege to be an altar server. It is up to us parents to encourage our children to participate more at Mass. Being an altar server is a good way to serve the Lord. Altar servers are important; they prepare things for Mass. They assist the priest before and during Mass. They light candles, carry the Processional Cross, hold the Sacramentary, and ring bells. The altar servers learn the Order of Mass, prayers, responses, and postures. They are an integral part of the Celebration. It will be a good experience for them. We invite you to encourage your children to serve. Parents if you are interested in your child serving here at St. Rita’s, please contact us at the Parish Office on 3207 9177. Fr Leo is happy to run a training session this week after school for anyone interested.

**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**

There are lots of woolly toys being made in Wool Club this term - Rapunzel, Prince charming and their pet octopus!
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