Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome Fr Paul Kelly – our new Parish Priest

Last week our school and parish community celebrated and gave Fr Leo a wonderful send off and as of today, he will be flying to Sydney to begin a well-earned retirement holiday overseas.

Tomorrow, Fr Paul will be arriving into the St Rita’s Parish to begin his ministry here. Fr Paul is very much looking forward to leading our community as Parish Priest and we are also looking forward to welcoming him to our school and parish family. This coming Friday we will be celebrating our first Australian Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop’s feast day and this will be a fitting occasion to welcome Fr Paul. Following a parish mass at 9am, Fr Paul will join the school community for a special liturgy in the Unitas centre at 10am. All are welcome.

School Absence and Late Arrivals

Regular and consistent school attendance is essential for learning success. As school is compulsory in Australia we have compliance measures in place to track irregularities in attendance such as absenteeism and also late arrivals. If you child is late for school, it is a requirement that parents sign in to the office. All absences need to be explained by calling the school office or emailing the school on pvictoriapoint@bne.catholic.edu.au . Should your family be taking time away during the school term, then written notification to the School Principal is to be provided outlining the dates and length of time away along with reasons for the absence. While most parents are aware of these procedures, it is timely to clarify these expectations.

Health Issues – Head Lice

We are conscious of the frustrating exercise that parents endure to treat head lice as a recurring problem. In this week’s newsletter, we outline a procedure recommended for all parents to use. While it is not possible and practical for school staff to inspect children’s hair, where it is evident that there is an infestation, we will make contact and ask that you treat your child with an effective treatment. According to Queensland Health, exclusion is not necessary if treatment is commenced prior to the next attendance day. It is recommended that all parents routinely take time to closely examine your child for any evidence of head lice and treat accordingly. Surely, this will go a long way to reduce the number of recurrences and reduce the frustration and expense of ongoing treatments.

Extension Opportunities

Please read this week’s instalments from Alice and Carlos who attended a learning conference in the June holidays in our Student Support Section. They are great examples of Inspired Learning at St Rita’s. This week a number of students will be participating in the Australian Maths Competition and we wish them well as they challenge themselves to stretch their learning.

Michael Grose – Parenting Ideas

We have included two useful readings from Parenting Ideas this week and a link to Michael’s blog can be accessed on our school website. These are “Raising Calm Kids” and “Get Your Developmental Match right”. The blog on the website provides some interesting reading on responding to the MH17 Air Disaster and “Raising Outstanding Eight Year Olds”. Furthermore, please access this link to download the Parenting Ideas Magazine for a stack of great quick read articles on a range of topics. http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html

Happy Reading for Happy Parenting.

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

Anne
It’s hard to believe we are embarking on week 4 already.

I would like to congratulate all students on what has been a great start to Term 3. We have also been very pleased with the manners displayed by many of our children over the past weeks. Several visitors at Fr Leo’s farewell concert last Thursday have commented on their politeness as they have walked through the school. A ‘Good morning’, ‘How are you today?”, costs nothing yet it’s worth is priceless.

Some say good manners are a lost aspect of our society, however our St Rita’s children continue to use ‘please’ and ‘thank you’, and be respectful to each other.

We all need to teach our children to behave well and have good manners. This is one of the most important parts of parenting. It is about keeping them safe, making them social and enhancing their chances of success. It’s also about getting more cooperation from your children.

Teaching them to behave and have good manners is easy if you have easy kids or they are in an easy stage of development. But getting cooperation from kids who are challenging, going through a ‘difficult’ stage or who have difficult temperaments is a real challenge for many parents.

Get it right and family life is a breeze. Don’t have a plan and parenting can be a constant struggle.

Effective parents use a broad range of strategies to promote appropriate behaviours and change behaviour when it’s less than perfect.

They also use strategies that are in line with modern teaching and child care methods ... so smacking is out, but consequences, behaviour rehearsal and other forms of teaching kids to behave well are in.

Keep the following five principles in mind as you teach your kids to behave well:

Avoid the first impulse when kids misbehave. Most children’s misbehaviour has a pay-off, so it’s important to change yourself, if you are going to change your children’s misbehaviour.

The more time you spend teaching kids to behave well the less time you’ll spend responding to poor behaviour.

Kids want good A-grade attention from parents. If they don’t get it they will settle for B-grade every time. Make sure you spend 1-on-1 time with kids each day and get better at catching them doing the right thing.

When you get tired you revert to your lowest level of parenting technique, so if that means yelling to get cooperation then that’s what you’ll do. The key is to practise better techniques when you aren’t stressed, so that when you do get tired your responses will be better.

Effective parents have a big repertoire of strategies to use when kids misbehave, rather than rely on one or two techniques to improve behaviour. Build your repertoire of tools and language to promote better behaviour and get cooperation from your kids.

This advice is from Michael Grose, a well-known parenting ‘expert’ and reading it makes me realise that I still need to rethink at times the way in which I deal with my own children and our children at school to promote positive behaviour.

‘Parents are usually more careful to bestow knowledge on their children rather than virtue, the art of speaking well rather than doing well; but their manners should be of the greatest concern.’

All the best

Shane

Circus Family Fun Day
Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K)

It was wonderful to see so many of our children at the Circus Family Fun Day hosted by Victoria Point library on Saturday morning. Over 70 children from the local community turned up with their mums, dads, grandparents and family members to join in on the fun activities. There were also teachers, librarians, and much to everyone’s delight Gus, St Rita’s Koala Mascot made a special guest appearance. The morning was filled with lots of chatter, laughter and activities including ‘ten pin’, ‘juggling’, ‘story time’, and a draw for just turning up, were book prizes won by Luke Pollock and Elijah Terry. Congratulations to

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our three winners, whom I am positive will enjoy the books.

Our wonderful Prep T teacher Mrs Deirdre Tate has been a driver and promoter of S.P.E.A.K at our school. It is an initiative started by teachers and parents who are passionate about young children’s language acquisition and development. The importance of talking with your little ones not only assists in their listening and speaking, but also provides a model, and helps them understand and make sense of their world. Reading to your child is a fun way for your child to learn whilst spending quality time with you. If you are interested in finding out more about S.P.E.A.K or joining your local library, please feel free to come and have a chat with myself or Mrs Tate.

Together in family,
Lagi

NOT RETURNING IN 2015

There is a note in this week’s newsletter regarding students not returning in 2015. If you are aware that your child/ren will not be returning to St Rita’s in 2015 it would be appreciated if you could complete and return the form to the school office by Monday 18 August.

NEWSLETTERS AND FEES

Term 3 fees are due Friday, August 15, please note families who have a direct debit set-up and have a child/ren in Years 5 & 6, the extra charges for Polo Shirt and Camp, are not included in your direct debit and need to be paid by the due date of 15th August.

If you are not able to pay your account by the due date, simply contact us and we will be able to reach some agreement about your 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.

FATHERS’ DAY LITURGY

The St Rita’s Mini Vinnies and School Parent Network invite all grandfathers, fathers, uncles, family members and students to attend the Fathers’ Day Liturgy on Friday 5th September at 7:45am in the Unitas Centre. The liturgy will be followed by a morning tea for the adults.

During the liturgy, a slide show of photos will be shown. The Mini Vinnies are seeking digital photos of our St Rita’s students with their fathers/ stepfathers/ grandfathers/ uncles to use for a reflection. If you have a suitable digital photo that you would like to share with our community, please email it to: stritasfathersdayphotos@hotmail.com. The photos will only be used for this purpose, and then deleted by the school.

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

Redlands Baseball
Are you looking for a great team orientated sport? Then maybe you should give Baseball a try! Redlands Baseball Club are holding a Come & Try day for people aged 5-14 on the 9th August starting at 9:00am and finishing at 12:00. This day is FREE to attend!
Details:
"Free" Baseball Come & Try Day
When: 9th August
Time: 9am-12pm
Who: Open to boys & girls aged 5-14
Where: Redlands Rays Baseball Club: 20 Duncan Rd, Sheldon
What to wear: shorts, t-shirt, joggers, hat.
Free Sausage Sizzle & drinks for participants

Athletics Age Champion Awards
Age Champion awards for Athletics will be awarded to students at Monday’s assembly in Week 6.
St Rita’s Touch Football
Teams are now finalised for the Cleveland Friday Night Competition due to start 8th August. Students have been provided team singlets for the season starting on Friday.

U/8’s and U/10’s are playing at 4.30pm
U/12’s are playing at 5.15pm

Game details will be communicated on a weekly basis through a messaging system to parents.

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.

District Athletics
District Athletics will be held this Thursday and Friday (7th and 8th August) at Capalaba State College Junior Campus. Students participating will be notified early this week. If you have yet to return your permission forms, please do so by Wednesday.

Mission Cup Netball
Training will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15 to 4.30pm beginning this week.
Please let either Mr Kenyon, Mrs Rossi or Mrs Manderson if unable to attend.

Upcoming Important Dates
District Athletics – 7th and 8th August

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Kelso M  For Inspiring Learning through perseverance and hard work.

Jemma B  For inspiring learning by contributing to class learning and sharing ideas.

6T

Krystal J  Krystal is a co-operative class member who is a good role model to all. She has a bubbly personality and is kind to others. Krystal is a caring person who always asks if you are OK. She never gives up and tries her best to complete her work. Krystal is a good friend and dancer. Thanks Krystal for being part of our 6T family.

Kaed A  Kaed is a good friend with a fun-loving personality. He makes our classroom happy and bright with his humorous ways. Kaed is always friendly towards others and loves playing sport. He is a kind and caring friend and he is great to hang out with. Kaed is working hard towards completing his learning activities. Well done, Kaed!

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**NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE**

**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS:**

Yesterday began our celebrations of Book Week with an amazing performance by Nicholas Ng. (Read one of our student’s comments below....)

A huge thank you to the students, parents and teachers for making the day even more special by contributing to our Connect with Reading-Connect to a Character day! The costumes were amazing! Books came alive at St Rita’s!! (See some amazing photos in the newsletter....)

The next event will be the Book Fair starting next Tuesday. You would have received a brochure last Friday about the fair. Thanks to our Student Council Representatives and Year 4L who prepared these brochures. You may purchase from the fair using these brochures and/or wait till your child’s class visits the fair next week. Each student will bring home a wish list from their visit for you to look at and decide if you would like to purchase any of the items. (Please, no pressure to buy!) The library will stay open till 3.45pm on the Thursday if you would like to visit. (eftpos facilities available).

Our goals for this year are to redeem our commission for class sets of atlases to support the new Geography Curriculum, increase our sets of novels for class study and to add to our Junior Fiction and Junior Non-Fiction collections.

And finally.... Congratulations to the following students who have “Connected to Reading” and raised their hand to support the MS Readathon. Aaron 3K, Ella 4T, Jay 3L, Jemma 5L, Mackenzie 5L, Madisson 3T, Bree 4K. Your love of reading will help others with MS.

“Nicholas NG kindly gave up his time to share Chinese stories about dragons, Chinese instruments and some Chinese festivities. He told the students about the Chinese tale of how some of the famous rivers came to be. He shared some Chinese music with the students and told them all about what kind of dragons lived in China, thousands of years ago. Nicholas taught the students a bit about Chinese tradition and how to count to 10 in the native tongue.

All of the students enjoyed the experience and loved the music, puppetry and a geography lesson all mixed into one.” By Tyger.
DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP

St Rita’s Dyslexia Support Group Meeting for Term 3 will be held at the Victoria Point Tavern on Monday 11th August commencing at 6:30pm.

ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to all Choir Students who performed in last week’s Redland’s Eistedfod. Students performed to the best of their ability, and their behaviour was exemplary. They really did the school proud! Senior Choir achieved an encouragement award on 83 points. Junior Choir achieved a ‘Highly Commended’, on 85 points. Most of all they had a fantastic time! Thank you to Cathy Payne who helped supervise and organise the students. Thank you also to Mrs Brown for helping rounding up the kids and helping on and off stage. This year’s QCMF Festival will be held on Friday 15 August and will involve the Concert Band and Senior Choir. The band will be performing as a combined ensemble with St Anthony’s. I am looking forward to some great performances!

Paul Tyrrell

LEARNING SUPPORT

Sharing Stories

During the school holidays various students from St. Rita’s accepted the opportunity to participate in Challenge: 2014, a program ran through Queensland Association of Gifted and Talented Children (QAGTC). This program was designed to engage, entertain, and most importantly, stretch students out of their comfort zone, in order for them to realise their own potential and, subsequently, delight in their ability to conquer challenging tasks that may have initially made them feel uncomfortable.

Challenge: 2014, presented students with an array of workshops for different age groups and were facilitated by experts in their fields, who aimed to provide rich experiences for highly capable learners. These enrichment workshops provided invaluable opportunities for students to work with ‘like-minded peers’ and to produce creative pieces of work in multiple areas, such as art, writing, mathematics and science.

We then had the opportunity to have a go and experiment with these mediums. After that the teacher asked us to express our self in our paintings. He recommended expressing your feelings, so that it is what I did.

In this abstract painting I express all of my emotions (happiness, sadness, anger and loneliness) together absorbed by me. In this art work I used ink, water and...
a few salt flakes. The salt represented me gathering all the colours which represent my feelings.

I found it interesting that most famous art works where a mistake, which helped me realise that if I make a mistake, my art can still be good. I’m looking forward to exploring and using watercolour and ink more often while improving my art works.’

By Carlos Johnson 5k

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HOURS**

- Thursday: 8.00 to 10.00am
- Friday: 8.00 to 10.00am

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Wednesday 6th August**

Terri Comerford
Felicity Shipton

**Thursday 7th August**

HELP NEEDED???
HELP NEEDED???

**Friday 8th August**

Louise Lowcock
HELP NEEDED???
HELP NEEDED???
HELP NEEDED???

**2ND Break**

HELP NEEDED???

Unfortunately due to not having enough Volunteers there will be no Ekka Special Week in Tuckshop.
For all enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me 0411 523 969 email: rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**FROM THE PARISH**

**Goodbye Fr Leo:**

For the last 12 years, Fr Leo Burke has been our parish priest at St Rita’s. At 75 years old, he has decided to retire and we want to wish him well in his future ministry. Fr Leo is looking forward to his overseas trip and we pray for his safety and that he returns feeling rested and refreshed. We thank you Fr Leo for the faithful service you have given our parish. God bless you and keep you!

**Welcome to Fr Paul Kelly**

A warm welcome to our new parish priest Fr Paul Kelly. Fr Paul was ordained in 1997 and has been the parish priest of Maryborough for the last nine years. Before that he was the parish priest of Murgon. He has also served in Childers and Ipswich as an assistant priest as well as being a police chaplain. We look forward to getting to know Fr Paul and supporting him in his role of parish priest.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

The Banker of the week is Harry H, congratulations Harry we have deposited $2 into your bank account for you.

Thank you for all the great colouring in entries we thought they were all fantastic, thank you for helping to support the Children’s Hospital Foundation.

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

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**NIHONGO NOTES**

This term we are very happy to welcome Mayuka Shibata to St Rita’s. Mayuka joins us from Hiroshima, Japan and will be assisting in the Japanese classroom.

Please make her feel welcome. Here is a short message from Mayuka...

はじめまして、こんにちは。わたしのはなまえはしばたまゆかです。にほんのはろしまからきました。きがるとのなんでもはなしてください。よろしくおねがいします。Nice to meet you.

My name is Mayuka Shibata. I came from Hiroshima. I like playing the Piano. Please talk about anything to me.
**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.
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 reinfestation 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.

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.

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.
Let me share the stories of two very different kids who shared a common challenge.

The first is Isobel. From her first day of child care, Isobel would cry insistently when her mum tried to leave. In primary school she made a number of friends but lacked self-confidence. By the time she was in secondary school, she was known as a bit of a loner. In Year 10, Isobel started missing school.

The second child is Jamie, who was always a bundle of energy. He had continuous ‘ants in his pants’. His hyperactivity led him to be assessed for attention deficit disorder, though this was ruled out. His teachers found his classroom antics difficult; he would constantly distract the other kids and muck about. Jamie ended up being suspended from school.

As you can see, Isobel and Jamie were two very different kids. But the challenge they faced was eventually recognised as being the same: anxiety.

While not always as severe as that suffered by Isobel and Jamie, anxiety – especially in those under 25 – is increasing at an alarming rate. It’s thought that the constant busyness of modern life, with little or no down time, is part of this problem. New technology allows our kids to connect with each other constantly, but paradoxically this has led in some instances to a huge sense of disconnect – and to anxiety.

Our brains were not designed to be constantly stimulated. All brains need some time out. In a constantly connected world what we need is more balance.

So what can we do to help our kids restore this balance?

One of the most effective ways is to help children to know how they can proactively quieten down their mind, especially if it’s making them feel mad or sad.

You can teach your kids how to enjoy quiet time. Here’s a technique that works well.

TIPS FOR QUIET TIME

1. Choose a time that suits you and your child. Morning or evening, just whatever works best for you as a family.
2. Schedule in ten to fifteen minutes for the practice. You may need to start with just two to four minutes at first.
3. Find a place that allows your child to stay quiet. This could be their bedroom or any other room in the house that they like being in and in which they can feel relaxed.
4. They can choose to sit or to lie down on a blanket or rug on the floor. Try to avoid their bed as they may fall asleep, which isn’t the purpose of the exercise. Get them to gently close their eyes or look down towards the ground. Now it’s time for them to take a slow, deep breath in through the nose, hold it for one to two seconds and then breathe out. Get them to do this two more times.
5. After the third breath, ask them to continue breathing in the same way, now noticing the air as it passes in and out through their nostrils. After the next few breaths, direct their focus to the rising and falling of their chest or tummy.
6. The next sequence requires them to notice any tension or muscle tightness in their shoulders, tummy or elsewhere and then, on each breath out, to let all that tension just melt away, enjoying the sensation as they allow their muscles to become more relaxed.
7. Continue with the breathing exercise until you reach the end of your allotted time. When it’s time to stop, your child can just open their eyes, wriggle their toes and fingers and after a moment or two get up to resume the rest of their day.

Practicing regular quiet time should start to produce some positive differences quite quickly. Once they have mastered the technique, it will always be available to them any time they feel over anxious or stressed. Just three deep breaths may be all they need.
Parents of large families tend to have seen it all before. But if you have only one or two kids, you’re pretty much learning it all on the run. Here are some ideas for matching your parenting style to your kids’ development.

If you’re the parent of a small family (two children or less), your learning curve is steep as there are so many firsts: first steps, first time at preschool, first experience of school camp, first transition from childhood to adolescence.

The extensive list of “first” experiences means you constantly need to acquire new knowledge (“Wow, how does this toilet-training work?”) and new skills (“Hmm. How do I persuade a reluctant toilet trainer?”).

The other challenge, of course, is matching your parenting with the developmental needs of each stage in your child’s young life.

You know how it goes: Just as you finally learn how to successfully tackle an independent-minded toddler, he suddenly moves into a more compliant but far more inquisitive stage. You think, “What’s with all the questions? Do I have to answer them all?”

NEW STAGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW CHALLENGES!

Parents of large families can draw on their previous experiences, but when you lead a small crew it’s largely trial and error. Here are some ideas for matching your parenting with your child’s developmental stage:

Follow your child’s lead. Kids will let you know in many and varied ways what they require from you.

Learn from other parents who have been down the parenting track before you. Ask questions: “Does your six-year-old…?” “Is it normal that…?”

When a previously successful strategy no longer serves its purpose, this is evidence that your child has moved to a new developmental stage. Now you need to ask yourself whether you have too.

Follow the lead of professionals such as child care workers, teachers and parent educators who have broader experience of specific age groups.

Learn more about developmental stages and their parenting requirements. Each stage brings new challenges and new opportunities. Understanding the developmental needs of children helps you match your parenting to their age and stage.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said: “Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself”. This wisdom definitely applies to parenting, especially in smaller families. So if it’s a struggle to get it right, don’t be too hard on yourself. See it as an opportunity to learn.

Want to know more about your child’s age and developmental stage? Join ParentingIdeas Club and receive a Life Stage Developmental Map and a Year Ahead Planner on your child’s birthday. Find out more at parentingideasclub.com.au

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5 August 2014

Dear Parents

We are currently finalizing enrolments for 2015 and are aware that some families will be leaving at the end of this year. We would appreciate if you could take the time to complete the slip below if your child/ren may/will not be returning to St Rita’s in 2015 and return it to the School Office by Monday 18 August 2013. Alternatively you can email to pvictoriapoint@bne.catholic.edu.au with the information listed below.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Anne McKenny
Principal

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO ST RITA’S IN 2015

Child’s Name: __________________________

Current Class: __________________________

Date leaving St Rita’s: __________________

New School: __________________________

Contact Phone No.: ____________________