FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

We started our assembly this week by welcoming two Principals from Singapore to our St Rita’s community. Education Officers from Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) travel each year to offer Professional Development Programs to Singaporean Catholic Leadership Teams and Teachers. Ms Angeline Wong and Ms Shirley Tan are part of this program and are here to observe our Early Years classrooms with a particular focus on Religious Education. Our teachers were recognised by BCE as delivering quality programs in this area, including our strategies for strengthening our Augustinian Charisms through Masses, liturgies and the St Rita’s school song. Ms Wong and Ms Tan were officially welcomed by Fr. Leo and our Preps in a liturgy on Monday afternoon. We hope they have a fantastic stay.

Go Green for World Environment Day
World Environment Day occurs every year on 5 June. It is a global day for actively supporting positive environmental action plans. As part of a Brisbane Catholic Education initiative, we are currently auditing our waste and making an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle in partnership with Redland City Council – ‘RedWaste’. Over the coming weeks, all year levels will participate in a rubbish bin audit with Bob to identify the different types of waste and to highlight the need for recycling. On Wednesday 5 June for World Environment Day, we are inviting students to wear something green to school and to pack a lunch using reusable containers or items that can be recycled. Let’s see if we can have a totally waste-free day at St Rita’s (there were 2 students in Mrs. Fergusons class who had a waste-free day today). Thank you to our sustainability team members for their leadership in this area.

Before and After School Supervision
A gentle note please if you could remind your children to remain within supervised areas before and after school. Our before school supervision starts at 8:15 am in the undercover area in front of tuckshop for Prep’s to Year 3’s. The Year 4’s to Year 7’s are to wait in this area also until they are walked to the top covered area near the tennis courts. The children are supervised after school in the pick-up area outside the Year 2 classrooms from 3:00 to 3:30 pm as well as the bus stops on Benfer Road. As always, we would encourage parents to park and collect children from within the school grounds and supervise accordingly while leaving for the day.

Parent Portal Registration
We are continuing to have a steady stream of families logging their email details through the ‘Parent Portal Registration’ button on our public website. It is important to note that the information provided is separate from our current school data base. In essence, we are unable to pull the information from other sources. We would appreciate it if all families could register their email addresses through the button before the end of this Term. It will only take a few minutes and is most appreciated http://www.stritasvp.qld.edu.au/

Enjoy the Winter week ahead
Kevin Billion
Acting Principal
As we approach the end of Term, I can’t help but note how quickly the time has flown!

In the final week of this Term, your child / children will receive their Semester One report cards. Your child’s report is a written record of their demonstrations of learning. It represents a summary of progress based on judgements made by the class teacher from formal testing, work samples and regular consultation and observation.

The home and school share a common purpose - the growth and development of your child. This written report provides just one means of communicating your child’s faith, intellectual, social, emotional and physical development at school. You are encouraged to discuss its contents with your child’s teacher if you have concerns, so that together, we can provide opportunities for your child to continue to grow and learn.

The children’s progress in regard to their social and application skills are also assessed and this is another important aspect of our children’s development. This looks at St Rita’s School expectations - how they work in class, complete homework tasks, follow directions, follow school and class expectations, accept responsibility and interact with their peers. You will notice that the 4 point scale has slightly changed this year to ‘Consistently, Sometimes, Generally & Rarely’.

Finally, sincere thanks to all parents for your support in ensuring that your children continue to wear the correct school uniform throughout winter.

All the best
Shane Thompson

Rosies and BABi Appeal
The Mini Vinnies are doing a terrific job leading our community in this important winter appeal which supports the homeless and disadvantaged here in the Redlands. On Thursday Maria Jones, one of the parishioners from Manly who is coordinating the appeal, met with the Mini Vinnies to encourage and thank them for the work they have done so far. Thank you for your continued support with this appeal.

Prep Liturgy of the Word
Yesterday afternoon the Prep students celebrated a wonderful liturgy with their teachers, parents and Father Leo in the Church. During the liturgy each child was presented with a little gift bag containing:
  - A gem stone to remind you that you are very precious in God’s eyes and to all those who love and care for you.
  - A box of Smarties to help you remember that there are different kinds of smart. Some are smart at learning letters and numbers. Others are smart at running and playing sports. Others are smart at being great friends or helping people.
  - A rubber reminds you that it is ok to make mistakes. We can try again.
  - A star reminds you to shine and always do your best.
  - A hand reminds you to lend a helping hand whenever you can.
  - A foot to remind you to always follow in Jesus’ footsteps. Try to be more like Him each day.
  - A heart reminds you that school is a safe, caring place where you are loved and treasured.

What a beautiful message to give our kids. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for this celebration.

Year 1 Liturgy of the Word – Thursday 6 June
Our Year 1 children will be celebrating a Liturgy of the Word at 10:00am in the Church. All are welcome to join them as they gather as a faith-filled community to celebrate families.

Enjoy your week!
Amy Heshusius

SPN ‘SNUG AS A BUG’ MOVIE NIGHT
The School Parent Network proudly presents WRECK IT RALPH (PG) in the Unitas Centre on Friday 14 June at 6pm. The movie is free for families to come and enjoy. Bring your own chair, beanbag, comfy pillow, rug and snacks. A sausage sizzle, snacks and drinks will also be available to purchase from 5.30pm. Look out for the flyer for all the information and RSVP slip. It’s a great night so we hope to see you there!

UNIFORM SHOP

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Sports News

Athletics Training
Athletics training has commenced - Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings from 7.50am.
Mondays – 100m Sprints/Timing
Wednesdays – Shot Put
Fridays – Long Jump
All are welcome!

Age Championship Events
Nominations for these events close on Friday 7 June. We are trialling an ‘Online’ method to nominate for these events this year. These events are available to all that turn 10 or older this year.

The page to nominate for these events can be found on the student portal (follow the quick link from the school website www.stritasvp.qld.edu.au).
Events available for nomination are:
- Shot-put
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- 800m

St Rita’s Touch Football
The games for Friday night are to be advised.

Please let Mr Kenyon or Mrs Hill know early in the week if you are unable to play due to other commitments.

Important Dates:
Monday 17 June – St Rita’s Sports Day Athletics
10 to 12 July – Year Seven Camp (Goodenough)

Music News

There will be a ‘Musical Showcase Extravaganza Concert’ on Wednesday 12 June at 6pm, in the Unitas Centre. There will be performance from Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Rock Band, St Rita’s School Band, Creative Kids Singers & Dancers as well as keyboard students and guitarists.

The concert will celebrate great music making at St Rita’s, as well as showcasing the fantastic talent of our students.

Please come along and support our music students!

Paul Tyrrell
Arts Teacher

Enrolments for 2014

Places for Prep in 2014 are filling fast so please remember to get your enrolment forms in to the school office for the 2014 school year. Also remind all your family and friends that enrolments are open for all year levels for the 2014 school years. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or the website www.stritasvp.qld.edu.au.

Assembly Awards

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News from the Resource Centre

Woolworths Earn & Learn. This fantastic program will be closing very soon, so if you have any stickers at home, please send them in! We have plenty of the sticker sheets in the library if you need them.

So far we have collected close to 20,000 points! Thanks for your continued support.

Explorers by the Fourers

The Year Fours welcome families and friends to their Explorers by the Fourers Museum on Thursday 13 June from 2-3pm in the Unitas Centre. The museum will include a range of interactive exhibits teaching you about the great explorers and their journeys. Please come along to support the Year Fours as they share their learning.
A big congratulations to our Banker of the week Alice Connor from 1K, well done. Alice, $2 has been deposited to your account from the BOQ Team. Wishing everyone a great week and please feel free to drop into our branch at Victoria Point Shopping Centre or Redland Bay Branch anytime to say hello to our friendly staff, who will be more than willing to help you with any of your banking needs.

Kind Regards
Your Personal Banking Team @ Victoria Point Shopping Centre
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Last week at Wool Club we learnt how to create pompons using forks! It was wonderful to see the students helping each other and sharing the new skills they have been learning. We are still looking for more parent helpers to join in the fun, if you can help please contact me on 0414 943 485.

Carly Kotynski

As we are getting into cooler days, students are wanting more hot food. Just a few things to remember: When ordering Noodles please let your child know that they need to come to the tuckshop straight away to pick them up. A second hot food bag is advised especially for lasagnes.

Please talk with your child before order their food as we are finding students not eating their order because they don't like it.

If your child is sick on the day you have ordered online, please let the office know so I can refund your order. This can only be done on the day of order and only if the food has not been prepared.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Renee Saleh 0411523969 or email rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au

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Enrolment are now open for this term 3 Art Block. (There are only a limited number of places available.) Information and enrolment forms are available from the office foyer.

**ART SHOW**
This week, the students from the term 2 Art Block are displaying a selection of their work in the school library. We would love everyone to come along and enjoy our exhibition.

Enrolment enquiries please phone 0438 376 311 after 3.30pm.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Yours in Art
Jenny Randall

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**St Rita’s Primary School**

**Wool Club**
Grade 3-7 students can now join our new Wool Club held every Wednesday during the 1st break in the Flexible Learning Space in the Library. We will learn how to make lots of different things with wool including knitting, weaving and crochet.

We are also looking for parents and grandparents to teach the students. Please contact Carly on 0414 943 485 if you would like to join in.

Any donations of wool, needles and hooks that we can use can be left at the school office or in the church.

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for
Our Annual Reunion
at which
will be celebrating their 10th, 20th, 30th and 40th year reunions

There will be morning tea, a gathering ritual, an address by the
Principal and a tour of the college

Please join us at
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RSVP by Monday 5 August to the college 3900 9800
Please advise any dietary requirements
Snug as Bug Movie Session

In conjunction with St Rita’s Primary school, the School Parent Network proudly presents.....

WRECK IT RALPH (PG)

Wreck-It Ralph longs to be as beloved as his game’s perfect Good Guy, Fix-It Felix. Problem is, nobody loves a Bad Guy. But they do love heroes... will he realize he is good enough to become a hero before it’s "Game Over" for the entire arcade?

When: Friday 14th June @ 5.30pm (6pm Movie Start)
Where: Unitas Centre
BYO: Chair, Comfy Blanket, pillow, snacks
BBQ, Snacks & Drinks available to purchase

Please note children are to remain under the supervision of parents for the duration of the evening.

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Family Name: ________________________________

Number attending: ___________________________

Please return this to the office by Wednesday 12th June, 2013