Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

In the final week of another busy Term (and after a day of athletics) there are a number of tired children and families that deserve a relaxing holiday. We also have two of our teachers who are taking some well-earned extended leave. We hope Mrs Hughes and Mrs French have a fantastic extended break with their families, and we warmly welcome Ms Geraldine Steenson and Ms Therese Rae to our community during this time. Both Ms Steenson and Ms Rae have been planning with their respective year levels and have taught in these classes, so we know the transition for the children will be seamless.

Next term we welcome back Roseanne Davies from maternity leave. Roseanne will be job sharing with Geralyn Murphy in 3K while Sheridan Arndell continues her leave.

A huge ‘Thank You’ to all in our community who were with us, or participated in spirit, for Monday’s Sports Carnival. We trialled a new system of children nominating on-line which proved to be very successful with maximum participation. These days are about giving it your best and having a go which was evident throughout the program. Congratulations to all who contributed in making this day a great community event, especially to Mr Kenyon, your efforts are most appreciated!

A few quick reminders for the week -

**Report Cards** will be going home Wednesday 19 June. As we continually strive to work in partnership with families, please contact your teacher if you, or your child, have any questions regarding the report card.

**Prep acceptances** for 2014 are due this week. There are limited vacancies for prep in 2014 so please get your acceptance back to us as soon as you can.

School Fees are a vital component of our budget and enable us to pay our bills and fund additional learning and teaching resources for your child. We currently have a number of outstanding accounts and would appreciate prompt payment be made before the end of Term.

**Parent Portal** - If you are having difficulty registering your details through the Parent Portal button on the St Rita’s website, could you please simply email stritasiclt@bne.catholic.edu.au detailing your email address, family name, child’s name and year level. This would be most appreciated.

**Free Dress Day** on Friday 21 June for a gold coin donation - this will help in providing craft supplies for the Winterfest Fete on 27 July.

**Confirmation and Eucharist** - congratulations to our children involved in the Parish Sacramental Program and are receiving their Confirmation this Thursday 20 June and first reception of Eucharist on the weekend. We also welcome Bishop Oudeman to our community who will be having morning tea with the staff and children this Friday.

**Rosie’s and Babi Appeal:** This is the final week for the Rosie’s and Babi Winter Appeal!! The Mini Vinnie’s have done an amazing job co-ordinating this appeal in our school community over the past few weeks. Thank you for your kind donations and support! The final collection of items will occur on Friday.

**Year 2 Liturgy of the Word – Thursday 20 June** - our Year 2 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 the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**.

On behalf of our Staff, may you all enjoy a restful and joy filled break with your family. Thank you for your continued support as we journey together in ‘Knowledge, Truth and Love’

Kevin, Shane and Amy
EXPLORERS BY THE FOURERs

Last Thursday the 13 of June the year four students held a museum to display their learning about world explorers. Over the term they have worked diligently to develop interactive timelines and maps that detailed the journeys of Ferdinand Magellan, Francis Drake, Christopher Columbus, William Dampier, Abel Tasman, Vasco Da Gama, Marco Polo and Dirk Hartog. The artefacts, information cards, movie posters and trading cards that had been created showed the students understanding of why they all went exploring, for new land, gold and trade relations. The students showed leadership and proud ownership of their learning as they answered questions from the older students and their parents. Thank you to all those that were able to visit the year 4 museum and celebrate in the year 4 students learning.

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Day Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all students who participated in the events and activities on Sports Day this week. Students enjoyed the day immensely with some very close competition between house colours right down to the final event. It was great to see each and every student cheer on their house colour and applaud each other whether there was defeat or success.

Congratulations to BANKSIA – White House, Our 2013 Sports Day Champions! The last known recorded win of White House, dates back to 1994! A champion Effort!

Our winners of the ‘House Spirit Trophy’ was awarded to BORONIA - Maroon House – some fantastic War Cries, Team Spirit and encouragement. Well Done!

A big thank you to all our teachers who were involved on the day. Without your hard work our Sports Day carnival could not have run as smoothly as it did. A big thank you to Connor Martin and Bob Smith for their tremendous efforts involved preparing the oval for Sports Day, and Mr Tyrrell, Mr Brammer, Mr Thompson and Mr Billion for their assistance in the early morning setup.

Age Championship Events
Age Championship events (Long-Jump, High Jump and Shotput) will commence early next term. Times TBA.

St Rita’s Touch Football
All the best to our ‘U/12 All Stars Blue’ team who play in the GRAND FINAL this Friday. This is the second season running where St Rita’s has made it to the Grand Final. The best of luck to all our girls and boys.

Important Dates:
10 to 12 July – Year Seven Camp (Goodenough)
24 to 26 July – Yr 5 Camp (notes home this week)

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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Emerson P: For Inspiring Learning in others by your ability to undertake challenges and complete your work.
Ethan E: Your persistence with working to meet your learning goals is an inspiration.
Jack L: For Inspiring Learning, doing your best in all activities and persisting to complete your tasks.
Nikita S: Your persistence with working to meet your learning goals is inspiring.

Nicholas H: Nick’s concentration in class is unwavering. He ensures that his work is completed to the best of his ability and does so with a positive attitude.
Claudia H: Claudia’s caring nature never goes unnoticed in our classroom. She displays beautiful manners and an infectious positive attitude.
NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Final reminder to send in any Woolworth stickers that you may still have at home. So far we have collected 30,000 stickers. Thanks for your support.

WOOL CLUB

Our first term of Wool Club has been a big success and we are already planning projects to start after the holidays. Students will need to bring an old or blank CD with them the first week back for the first project. If there are any parents who would like to learn how to knit and join in the Wool Club we will be holding a knitting class for adults early in term 3. Please contact me on 0414 943 485 if you would like to join in.

Carly Kotynski

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to Patrick Comerford 1T you are the lucky Banker of the Week and we have made a $2 deposit into your account! All of us at BOQ Victoria Point are very excited about being the major sponsor again this year for your fete. We all look forward to having lots of fun at Winterfest! Please note that school banking will resume first week back after the holidays on Tuesday 9th July.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!
Your Personal Banking Team @ Victoria Point Shopping Centre
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TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday 19th June
Kelly Goldston
Veronica Dunn

Thursday 20th June
Kim Heironymus
Annie McHerron-Murray

Friday 21st June
Leila Winterburn
Brenda Owbridge
Sandra Di Salvatore
Michelle Kotynski
Maggie Helm

2nd Break
Nicola Taylor
Michelle Kotynski

A very big THANK YOU to all the parents that volunteers yesterday at the Sports Carnival.

To all my wonderful; volunteers if you have not received next terms roster by Thursday please come and see me, text me with an email address or send your child to me to pick up on up.

We still have Milky Ways so please feel free to order some for your children - Limited supply.

This Friday only we will be selling hotdogs - the only options are BBQ or Tomato Sauce. This offer is only available to Prep to Year 3 (as we used to do).

UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS
Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am
LOST PROPERTY

Olivia Murray 2L has lost her named jumper. If found please return to her in her class room.

As it is the last week of the term it would be a good idea if your children can check the lost property for items lost during the last couple of weeks.

FROM THE PARISH

You are invited to our Parish Retreat
Life in the Spirit Seminar with Fr Jack Soulsby S.M.at St Rita’s church.
Friday 2nd August 7pm to 9pm
Saturday 3rd August 9.30am to 3.30pm (lunch provided)
Sunday 4th August 1pm to 4pm (concluding with mass at 3pm)

Cost: Donation
The Life in the Spirit Seminar is available for everyone and provides a way to learn more about living in the Spirit. The gift of the Spirit fills our whole life and changes us so that we begin to know and experience God's love and the abundant life Jesus spoke of. The Church has never lost the life of the Spirit nor the experience of the Power of the Holy Spirit. For catering purposes, please let us know if you are coming by signing up on the sheet at the back of the church. For enquiries, please call Angela at the parish office on 3207 9177.

Altar servers – More volunteers needed:
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

Children’s Liturgy Volunteers Needed
We are one of the few parishes that offer Children’s Liturgy in two age groups for our parish children during the school term. There is a Lower Primary Group (Prep to Year 4) and a Upper Primary Group (Year 5 to Year 7). All children are very welcome to participate in this Liturgy. It’s a great way to introduce your children to Sunday worship. In order to do this we need help, particularly with the Senior Group. If your child is in that Grade 5 to 7 age group, please consider getting involved. If you can spare us an hour once a month during the Mass you attend, we can keep this ministry operating each week for our young people. All the material is supplied. Contact Angela at the parish office 3207 9177, if you can help.

St Rita’s Winterfest

Saturday July 27, 2013
Ticket Selling Volunteers needed!!
Our major prize this year is a Camper trailer, and it is heading to the Victoria Point Shopping Centre from July 11 (first week back in Term 3). We are seeking families and parishioners who would be willing to help sell tickets for this wonderful prize. The roster is available in the school office, so please call in and put your name down for an hour or two over the three weeks it will be at the shops. Ticket books will soon be available from the school office. For every 10 books that you sell, one free arm band will be awarded to your family. Raffle tickets will be coming home this week. Keep an eye out in your child’s satchel.

Thank you to the following business who have so graciously donated towards Winterfest 2013: Bank of Qld; LJ Hooker, Cleveland, Dan Murphy’s; Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary; Merlo coffee; Lorraine Lee Linen; Redlands RSL Club; Service Plus Auto Victoria Point; JDS Carpet Dry Cleaning; King Country; Cleveland Picture Framing; Sirromet Winery
Don’t forget our Facebook page, LIKE to keep in touch with everything going on.

BAKING CLUB
The baking stall was a great success last year thanks to all those in the St Rita’s Community.

This year we are forming the St Rita’s Winterfest Baking Club.
The purpose is to form a group to share the load of baking and packaging of the baked goods for the Fete. Donated ingredients will be supplied. Baking days may be arranged at school (tba).

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.

SET UP CREWS - Volunteers needed to set up the stalls for the fete from 3.30pm on Friday July 26 and volunteers are required to stock the stalls (eg-bagging fruit and vegies) from 3.30pm Friday July 26. Any enquires to Darryn on 0457 092 150.

Music and Dance Lessons at St Rita’s School
Enrol Now for Term 3!

Creative Kidz is now accepting new enrolments at St Rita’s School in Dance, Guitar, Drums, Singing or Brass and Woodwind Lessons.

Learning a musical instrument helps your child develop in so many ways other than just learning music. Our Creative Kidz program offers children the chance to develop their social skills, communication skills, self-concepts, cooperative talents and creative mind.

If there are any students at the school who would like to be part of our fantastic Extra Curricular Music or Dance Program please pick up an enrolment form from the school office or download an enrolment form from www.creativekidz.com.au and send it back to us directly. Alternatively, if you have any questions please call Kathleen Smith on 0421022818 or email info@creativekidz.com.au

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CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

YEAR 7, 2016

Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2016 are invited from parents of students who are currently in Year 4.

Carmel College’s enrolment process for this year level will begin early in 2014. Enrolment information can be obtained via the Carmel College website www.carmelcollege.qld.edu.au.

We also encourage any parent who may be interested in a tour of Carmel College to contact the College Enrolment Secretary Mrs Donna Cook, on 3488 7791.

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