**From the School Leadership Team**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

**Welcome** back to term 3! We especially welcome our six new students and families who are joining our St Rita’s community this Term. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces return yesterday and hear all the adventure stories from holidays – travel, movies, mountain climbing. With recent world events we are blessed to live in such a wonderful country. Congratulations to a number of our parents and teachers who competed in the Gold Coast Marathon and half Marathon last Sunday. This is an impressive achievement and we hope you achieved your record time.

Speaking of records, St Rita’s in partnership with some of our other local Catholic Schools are participating in an event on Saturday which may see some children enter into the ‘Guinness Book of Records’. The Creative Kidz Team have invited all students in the band to attend an event led by James Morrison to break the Guinness Book of Records for the World’s Biggest Orchestra as part of the Queensland Music Festival. It is being held at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane on Saturday July 13 and requires 6500 performers. James Morrison has arranged a melody of three iconic tunes to be played continuously for five minutes from memory to break the record – currently held by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra playing with almost 6,500 musicians. The band students have been working on this music lately and the students are very keen to be involved. More information can be found on the WBO website: [http://www.qmf.org.au/public/public/](http://www.qmf.org.au/public/public/)

We wish Dave, team St Rita’s and all involved the best of luck as you attempt this record.

**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. Thank you to those who have done this to date – the passwords will be coming later this term.

**What’s coming** – This term our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Team (SWPBS) will provide regular information in the newsletter about our Student Behaviour Support Policy and its associated guidelines, regulations and procedures which are continually being revised by the team with the intention of reaffirming effective best practices. As always, we encourage your discussions with teachers on this information to provide feedback to the team with the agenda for continual improvement.

Finally, we wish our **Year 7 campers** safe travel and fine weather as they head off to camp ‘Goodenough’ in Northern NSW. Camps are an important component of our school curriculum with the focus on developing vital skills such as team building, communication, problem solving and resilience. We sincerely thank our teachers who provide 24/7 support to our children during this time.

Enjoy a peace filled week ahead

Kevin

Late last term, The Australian Curriculum officially released the subject area of Geography. Now that it has been officially released, we will be able to formally teach and assess using this curriculum. We will be transitioning this process throughout this semester. Below is the rationale and aims of the Geography curriculum:

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**Around Our School**

**Term 3 Week 1**

9 July 2013

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Geography is a structured way of exploring, analysing and understanding the characteristics of the places that make up our world, using the concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale and change. It addresses scales from the personal to the global and time periods from a few years to thousands of years.

Geography integrates knowledge from the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities to build a holistic understanding of the world. Students learn to question why the world is the way it is, reflect on their relationships with and responsibilities for that world, and propose actions designed to shape a socially just and sustainable future.

The concept of place develops students’ curiosity and wonder about the diversity of the world’s places, peoples, cultures and environments. Students examine why places have particular environmental and human characteristics, explore the similarities and differences between them, investigate their meanings and significance to people and examine how they are managed and changed.

Students use the concept of interconnection to understand how the causal relationships between places, people and environments produce constant changes to their characteristics. Through the concept of sustainability students explore how the environmental functions that support their life and wellbeing can be sustained. The concept of scale helps them explore problems and look for explanations at different levels, for example, local or regional. The concept of change helps them to explain the present and forecast possible futures.

Geography uses an inquiry approach to assist students to make meaning of their world. It teaches them to respond to questions in a geographically distinctive way, plan an inquiry; collect, evaluate, analyse and interpret information; and suggest responses to what they have learned. They conduct fieldwork, map and interpret data and spatial distributions, and use spatial technologies. Students develop a wide range of general skills and capabilities, including information and communication technology skills, an appreciation of different perspectives, an understanding of ethical research principles, a capacity for teamwork and an ability to think critically and creatively. These skills can be applied in everyday life and at work.

The Foundation - Year 10 Australian Curriculum: Geography aims to ensure that students develop:
- a sense of wonder, curiosity and respect about places, people, cultures and environments throughout the world
- a deep geographical knowledge of their own locality, Australia, the Asia region and the world
- the ability to think geographically, using geographical concepts
- the capacity to be competent, critical and creative users of geographical inquiry methods and skills

As informed, responsible and active citizens who can contribute to the development of an environmentally and economically sustainable, and socially just world. As Science and History is our focus for staff planning this Term, I look forward to working with teachers in partnership with the curriculum team on the implementation of the Geography in Term 4.

All the best for a great Term 3.
Shane

Rosies and BABi Appeal
Thank-you St Rita’s for your support of the Mini Vinnies Rosies and BABi Winter Appeal!! Most of the collection has already been passed onto Rosies and BABi and received with great appreciation. The last few items and a cheque will be presented at assembly on Monday 22 July to Mrs Maria Jones from the Manly Parish. The Mini Vinnies are to be commended on their enthusiasm and organisational skills in co-ordinating this appeal. Well done everyone!

Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
Congratulations to the following children from our school community who were Confirmed and received their First Eucharist before the holidays:

Callum A  Kaed A  Luke A
Holly B  Conor C  Ashton C
Joel D  Piper E  Rachael E
Suliana F  Carly G  Eden G
Hannah J  Thomas J  Caleb K
Hamish L  Katherine R  Myra S
Ryan S  Sarah S  William T
Lawson V  Chelsea W  Alexandria W
Karissa W  Bailey W

As a community we wish every blessing upon each of you as you continue your journey in faith.
**World Youth Day**

World Youth Day (WYD) is a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is a week-long meeting to build and strengthen the bonds of faith, friendship and hope, symbolising the union between people of different cultures and countries. WYD is a testimony of a living Church that is continually being renewed. The main goal of WYD is to inspire young people with Christ's message.

This year, WYD will be held in Rio de Janeiro during July and I will be going as a representative of Brisbane Catholic Education. My journey to WYD started late last year when I underwent an application process, shortlisting and interview before being selected as one of 20 teachers representing BCE. Our group will leave on Friday 19 July bound for Chile, Argentina and Brazil to be part of WYD activities.

Fortunately I will not be alone at WYD as the St Rita’s spirit follows me everywhere I go however, a special little piece of St Rita’s will also be travelling with me. Little Gus is coming along and you can follow our WYD journey on Twitter @LittleGus_WYD

For more information on WYD please visit the official website [http://www.rio2013.com/en](http://www.rio2013.com/en)

In Faith and Friendship,
Amy

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Age Championship Events**
Age Championship events (Long-Jump, High Jump and Shotput) will be held on Monday 15 July for all those students who nominated last term. Students must ensure they wear sports uniform and adequate footwear.

**St Rita’s Touch Football**
Congratulations to our ‘St Rita’s Allstars Blue’ Touch Football Team, who came Runners-up in Season One for U/12’s last term. Well done on such a great achievement. A special thank you to Mr Justin Heinemann for all his volunteered time and efforts in training them, all the parents and children involved are much appreciated.

Sign-Up process has begun for Season Two. Notes have gone home to interested students, and are due back asap. Our first training and team placement day will be held on Monday 15 July instead of Wednesday the 17 at the same time.

**Mission Cup Netball**
Notes have gone home to all girls interested in trialing for a position in one of our ‘Mission Cup Representative Teams’ to compete at the carnival in Redlands on 26/27 October. Trials will be held on the St Rita’s MPC on Thursday 18 July from 3.30pm.

**District Trials**

**Girls U/12 Cricket** – Available to all girls born (2001, 2002 and 2003). Please see Mr Kenyon as soon as possible.

**Camp**
All the best to our Year 7 Students, who travel down to ‘Camp Goodenough’ this week. Student will be involved in a 3 day programme designed to develop self-independence and challenge them both physically and mentally with activities designed to push them from their comfort zone in order to build self-confidence and self-esteem. All the best Year 7!

**Important Dates:**

10 to 12 July – Year Seven Camp (This Week)
24 to 26 July – Year Five Camp (Kindilan)

**SCHOOL PARENT NETWORK MEETING**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 10th July, will be the next monthly SPN meeting. 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. This week a few key items to be discussed are: Redland City Council Grants, Covered roof over the Prep T bag racks, SPN involvement at the fete and the Father’s Day Liturgy/Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there!

**PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS**

Prep acceptances for 2014 are now due. Can you please pay the enrolment deposit and submit paperwork as soon as you can. If you have problems please contact the school office.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

3K

Brianna H For always showing gentleness and kindness to her classmates and teacher. What beautiful manners you have.

Indiana-Rose H For your quiet and gentle ways you display each day to your classmates and teacher. Keep smiling.

Emma C For always be so helpful around the classroom and your willingness to assist others.

Ethan H For Inspiring Learning by always being ready to answer Mathematical questions. Congratulations Ethan!

3T

Brianna S For the Great effort you have put into your work. Well done!

Caitlin B For Inspiring Learning by discussing what you have read and encouraging others to read ‘The Twits”

Matilda T For Inspiring Learning by discussing what you have read and reading some of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the class.

Thomas B For Inspiring Learning by being an enthusiastic reader. Well done!

5L

Lawson V For listening and working hard in all areas. You are an inspiring learner. Keep up the good work!

Mary W For working hard in all areas of your learning. You have put in a great effort!

Laura H For always showing consideration towards her peers and being a great helper in the class. Thank you, Laura!

Hayley S For making a great effort in all areas of your learning. You have worked hard this semester. Keep it up!

NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Welcome back to a rather busy term in the Library! I hope you had the chance to catch up on your holiday reading. I finished the Dan Brown book: Inferno, and just loved the history about Rome, Venice and Florence. (Hope to visit some of these places in the near future!!)

If you have any Woolworth stickers left at home, please send them to the library this week. I will be sending off the final tally on Friday, so that we can redeem the points earned. Thanks for your support once again.

In Weeks 6 and 7, we will be hosting our annual Book Fair for Book Week. All classes will view the books during their borrowing time and create a wish list that will come home. There is no obligation to buy! However, purchases can be made by returning the wish list with payment in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the front. (further details later- along with details of parent viewing of books!)

On Monday, 19th August we will be welcoming our visiting authors, Craig Smith (of Wonky Donkey fame) and Michael Gerard Bauer (Ishmael series, Eric Vale series and Just a Dog, to name a few). They will present their love of books and writing/illustrating to our students.

To celebrate these events, we will invite all students to come dressed as their favourite book character on Monday, 19th August. (Please don’t go to any expense with costumes) The book week theme for this year is “Reading Across the Galaxy”.

SCHOOL BANKING

*Free Showbag* WINTERFEST

It was great to see many St Rita’s students coming into the bank to continue saving over the holidays! We hope it is the beginning of great saving habits for you all. Congratulations to Lara B, $2 has been deposited into your account for winning the Banker of the Week. If you do school banking next Tuesday 16th and Tuesday 23rd you will go into the drawer to win a free showbag of your choice. Winners will be notified by a “Showbag Voucher” returned in your school banking – good luck!

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ONLY 2 ½ WEEKS TO GO
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 veggies) from 3.30pm Friday July 26. Any enquiries to Darryn on 0457 092 150.

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.

BOOK STALL
Books, books, books! Do you have any 2nd hand books that you no longer need? Angela Clarke is our book stall convenor and needs any books. Cookbooks, picture books, craft books, magazines, reference books, novels..... She will take them all!!

TRAILER NEEDED
Winterfest is in desperate need of a standard size trailer, 6x4, to borrow for our Lob-O-Choc stall. It can be dropped off on Friday 26th July and collected after the Fete on Saturday 27th. If you can help, please phone Colleen on 0402 176 654 or Darryn on 0457 092 150.

SOFT TOYS
Remember to bring in your unwanted, clean soft toys for our Student Council stall in Sideshow Alley at Winterfest. A box has been placed in every classroom for the toys and they will be collected by Student Council members.

COLOURED HAIR SPRAY
Our social justice group, Mini Vinnies, are holding their Coloured Hair Stall. They need donations of coloured hairspray and glitter hairspray. All the funds raised from this stall go to St Vincent de Paul to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Let’s encourage these selfless St Rita’s students who are trying to help people in our community in need.

TICKET SELLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We still have a few empty spots on the volunteer roster, if you can spare an hour or two, please call into the school office and put your name on the roster, every hour helps. If you sell 10 raffle books, your child can receive one free all day ride pass.

ARM BANDS
This year you will be able to purchase arm bands on line through Flexischools. Arm Bands will be $35 pre purchased, and $40 on fete day. The on-line ordering should be up and running this week, and will close on Thursday July 25 at 5pm. Pre purchasing will close on Friday July 26 at 3pm. Any purchases needed to be made on the Friday will have to be done through the school office with either cash or credit card.

INGREDIENTS FOR BAKING
Donations required for the Baking stall, these can be dropped off to the school office, see class allocations:
Prep: Blocks of chocolate 155gr, flour (SR, plain, gluten free), 100’s & 1000’s, vanilla essence, butter
Year 1: Blocks of chocolate 155g+, sugar (white, caster, brown), desiccated coconut, rolled oats
Year 2: Blocks of chocolate 155g+, baking cocoa, crushed nuts, glucose syrup, raspberry lollies
Year 3: Giant Freddos/Caramellos, icing sugar (pure and mixture), food colouring, condensed milk
Year 4: Blocks of chocolate 155g+, strawberry jam, brown sugar, honey, mini M&M’s
Year 5: Blocks of chocolate 155g+, condensed milk, golden syrup, raspberry lollies, cachous balls
Year 6: Giant Freddos/Caramellos, cooking chocolate (white, milk or dark—blocks or buds), choc chips (white, milk or dark)
Year 7: Full size KitKats, mixed dried fruit, dried apricots, desiccated coconut, mini M&M’s

Toilet wanted for ‘Lob a Loo’ game on Side Show Alley
If there is any builder or plumber in our midst who would consider lending us a new toilet pan for the day, please contact the school office.

Side Show Alley
Last year was Side Show Alley’s first year and due to your kind support it was a huge success. This year, I would ask again if you could donate new items that your child would love to win at Winterfest, here are just some suggestions:
Individually wrapped sweets, Whizz fizz, Mentos, Trolli lollies, Milkos, Red skins, Milky Way bars, Mars bars. Toy cars, hair bands, rubbers, writing sets, pencils, trading cards, note pads.
Please drop them into the office into the box labelled Side Show Alley. Once again thank you for your support.
Cathy Payne

TOMBOLA
Please help the Tombola stall by donating a jar with goodies to the value of $5, i.e., marbles, stickers, hair ties, 5c pieces, small toys.
WOOL CLUB

We are going to start off Wool Club this term with a weaving project. Students will need to bring an old or blank CD with them this Wednesday to start this activity. We are also offering an adult knitting class to any parents who would like to learn how to knit this Wednesday at 10am in the library. We are always looking for more adults to join in our Wool Club fun - if you can help or have any questions please call me on 0414 943 485.

Carly Kotynski

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday 10th July
Wendy Bevis
Leila Winterburn

Thursday 11th July
Maria Kaese
Trish McNamara

Friday 12th July
Louise Lowcock
Michelle Kotynski
Del Daly
HELP NEEDED???
2nd Break
Michelle Kotynski

To all Volunteers, rosters have been sent home today in a St Rita’s envelope. Please check your child’s bag.

Term 3 Special - Pizza, Garlic Bread, Popper. $5.50
Pizza - Meat or Hawaiian.
Popper - Apple or Tropical.

It was great to see so many families using Flexischools last term. We have access to flexischools in the Tuckshop, so if would like to see what it is about or have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me. If you are unable to come in on Tuckshop days please let me know so we can organise another time.

All Tuckshop enquiries Renee Saleh 0411 523 969
email - rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS
Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

FROM THE PARISH

Sacramental Program
Congratulations to all the children who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion with Bishop Oudeman over the weekend. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they continue in their Catholic journey; Callum, Kaed, Luke, Holly, Sam, Conor, Ashton, Joel, Dylan, Piper, Rachael, Sulliana, Carly, Eden, Kasey, Thomas, Hannah, Caleb, Hamish, Katherine, Sarah, Myra, Ryan, Lawson, Chelsea, Karissa, Bailey, Alexandria and William.

You are invited to our Parish Retreat - Life in the Spirit Seminar with Fr Jack Soulsby S.M.at St Rita’s church.

A Life in the Spirit weekend is for anyone wanting to:
• Know more about their faith
• Grow in prayer
• Discover the gifts God has given to them
• Open their lives to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit
• Learn more about the mission they have been called to.

When
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

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.

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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](http://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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