FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Congratulations St Rita’s - what an amazing community event we had on Saturday. Months and months of planning and preparation went into Winterfest 2013 and it was only a great success due to the generosity of your spirit, time, goods and energy. I was talking to one of our new families who have started at St Rita’s recently and she was incredibly impressed by the community spirit that she experienced on Saturday. This is something that we hear often in our enrolment interviews and events such as Winterfest showcase what our community is all about. Mrs Barton had two families from the surrounding area ask if they could talk to someone about enrolling in the near future. Thank you to the committee, our staff and those members in our community for their tireless efforts in making this day a great success.

Our new Public Website will go live this Thursday 1 August. We have spent a great deal of time talking to the community in developing this site so we hope that you like the new look. We have kept a number of features, added some new information and taken some things away. What is coming next in this space is the ‘Parent Portal’ that nearly 150 family details have been registered for. In the coming weeks these people will receive some information that will allow them access to this new space and provide information that may not be on our new public site. If you wish to register for the parent portal please email stritasict@bne.catholic.edu.au and provide your student/family name and year level. We will continue to add and update information in both these sites in the coming months. We would welcome any feedback you have as you experience these new web features.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Team have added to this new public website St Rita’s whole school ‘Student Behaviour Support Plan’. This can be found under the Student Wellbeing tab in School Profile. This plan has been developed over a number of years in conjunction with St Rita’s staff and community members and our Brisbane Catholic Education colleagues. Included within the whole school Student Behaviour Support Plan are links to some important information that informed the development of this document. On 7 August we welcome a Brisbane Catholic Education Colleague...
within student wellbeing who will conduct some professional development in relation to this plan. I would encourage you to take the time to look at this information and as always we welcome your feedback and questions.

Within the last few weeks during pick up time, a young child was injured on the play equipment and required a few stiches near an ear. A gentle reminder that during pick up time (3:00 – 3:30/last bus) St Rita’s children are supervised at the pick-up zone near the grade one classes or at the Benfer Road bus stop. This is the safest place for you to direct your children to while waiting to be collected. The play equipment and surrounding area is not a supervised area at pick up time and children are advised not to play in this area while waiting. We thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring the well-being of all children in our care.

Lastly, congratulations to our Yr. 5 campers who challenged themselves to climb, fall and fail during the camp challenge activities last week. You all did yourself proud!

Safe travels for Ms Heshusius and our WYD pilgrims – enjoy your week.

Kevin

Rosie’s and BABi Appeal

Yesterday at our whole school assembly students from the Mini Vinnie’s team presented Maria Jones with the last of our winter collection and a check for $274.53. Well done to the Minni Vinnies team and the leadership from Miss Anna Hindle, Mrs Tracey Hill and Miss Amy Heshusius. It is the hard work and organisation from these students that made the appeal such as success.

Year 5 Camp

Last week I was lucky enough to join the year 5 students as they enjoyed their first camp and spent 2 nights at Kindilian Outdoor Centre. They challenged themselves in many ways through climbing, jumping, trusting others and spending the time away from mum and dad. Throughout the three days they formed teams where they had the chance to form new friendships and develop skills needed to work as a team in challenging situations. A big thank you to Mr Daniel Kenyon and the Year 5 teachers for coordinating and organising a camp that provides our students with so many fantastic opportunities. I am sure there will be many camp stories being heard this week at school.

World Youth Day

Miss Amy Heshusius has been keeping the staff and 4T up to date with her experiences in Rio for World Youth Day. Some highlights for her have been viewing the magnificent Christ Redeemer Statue and marvelling at how beautiful it was to be seeing Jesus standing their watching over the city. She has written about how special it has been to celebrate Mass in so many different cities. On Friday Amy was among thousands of pilgrims as His Holiness Pope Francis arrived at Copacabana Beach. This is a memory I am sure she will treasure and continue to look back upon. The pilgrims began their vigil walk on Sunday then on Monday celebrated a Papal mass with Pope Francis and were commissioned to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” Remember you can continue to join Miss Heshusius and Little Gus on the pilgrimage at Gus on twitter: https://twitter.com/LittleGus_WYD. Please continue to keep Miss Heshusius and the other pilgrims in your prayers!

Jess Hill

At Monday’s assembly Mr Billon discussed the expectations of our school uniform, in particular the winter uniform. The expectation is that if students do not have the correct jumper, they may be asked to go to the office to swap for a school jumper for the day. Their jumper will be held in the office and returned at the end of the day when the loan jumper is returned. Many thanks for your support with this.

Recently I read an article and it discussed the importance of good dialogue and communication in school communities. The article emphasised the importance of parents speaking with teachers and the leadership team about their child’s education and wellbeing. They firmly believe that the solution is not always in the car park but rather with the people that can provide clarity and resolve the situation by having a conversation with the right people at the earliest opportunity.

They used the analogy of the game called Chinese Whispers where the first player whispers a sentence to the next player? Each player then whispers what they think they heard to the next player. The last player announces the sentence out loud. Usually little errors begin to creep in each time the sentence is repeated so the final sentence is very different from the original, often hilariously so. The name Chinese Whispers is sometimes used as a metaphor for the inaccuracies that occur as rumours or gossip are
spread. The most famous example (which may or may not be true!) of a message becoming ridiculously wrong is from World War One when a General is supposed to have sent the urgent message: Send reinforcements, we’re going to advance. After passing along the various signals transmitters the original message became: Send three and four pence, we're going to dance.

Modern communications like blogs and Twitters can spread misinformation very quickly, as can gossip. This is where real harm can be done. Gossip can be harmful to the individual and create mistrust and depression. Gossip can destroy friendships. Any event—an accident, a crime or even an incident at a party—can generate a huge variety of versions of what actually occurred from those who witnessed or participated in it. And as time goes on, even further mistakes occur in stories about the event, either deliberately or by accident. It’s a human tendency to exaggerate and make a more exciting story to entertain our listeners.

At St Rita’s, we love to hear and tell stories about other people and what they do. That’s part of how we build healthy communities by learning what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. If people are talking about good things others do, we see that as a good example for us to follow.

The article concluded by saying “As in everything, however, there are a few simple rules. First of all, check the facts. Second, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn’t true. And, third, try to follow the old rule that if you have nothing nice to say, stay quiet.”

Source: http://www.principalsdigests.com/Assembly/Vol 15/Number 13

All the best
Shane

**SPORTS NEWS**

St Rita’s Touch Football
Friday Night games at Cleveland Showgrounds are:
U10’s Allstars 1 (Mrs Hill) – Field 6 @ 4.30pm
U10’s Allstars 2 (Mr Kenyon) – Field 2 @ 4.30pm
U12’s – Allstars Maroon vs Allstars Blue : Field 5 @ 5.15pm
Training will be held on Monday’s from 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Mission Cup Netball
Training for the Mission Cup Netball Squad will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm till 4.15pm. Please let Mr Kenyon know if you are unable to make training certain weeks.

QLD State Championship Trials – Tennis
All the best to Chelsea (Y7) who travels to Townsville this week to compete at the Qld Primary School State Tennis Championships for one of seven positions in the state squad. We look forward to hearing some great news and results. All the best on behalf of St Rita’s!

**Important Dates**
Interschool Sports Day #3 – Tuesday 20 August

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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to a high standard. Naomi is also to be congratulated on her contribution to the wider life of our school.

Kai G
For the improved effort and focus in class. Kai has been listening attentively and completing his work at a good standard.

NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

MSReadathon!
Yes it’s that time again when we invite all "St Rita's book lovers" to join up and support people with MS. It’s as easy as 1-2-3!
1. Register online at: msreadathon.org.au
2. Ask your family to sponsor you.
3. Read as many books as you can during the month of August.
You will be able to win some great rewards and help people living with MS at the same time.

Another Friendly Reminder from the Library!
Book Week is fast approaching and the excitement is building about our "Dress Up as your Favourite Book Character Day" on Monday, 19th August.

Book Fair brochures will come home next week to give you more details about the books for sale.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to Kynan C 2T. $2 has been deposited into your account today! Also we would like to mention what a wonderful time we had at your Winterfest this year it was really great to see all there having heaps of fun.

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Wednesday 31st July
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Thursday 1st August
Kim Heironymus
Tracey Knight

Friday 2nd August
Maggie Helmn
Nigel Wright
Brenda Owbridge
HELP NEEDED

2ND Break
Nicola Taylor

THURSDAY SPECIAL: Pizza (meat or hawaiian), Garlic Bread, Popper (apple or tropical) $5.50.

If there is no money in a student's tuckshop order and I have not been contacted by the parent/caregivers, the student will be sent to the office to be supplied lunch.

If you have any inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me. Renee Saleh 0411 523 969

UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS
Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

FROM THE PARISH

Last chance to book for our Parish Retreat this weekend- 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

We need to know if you are coming for catering purposes, so please call Angela on 3207 9177 or email her on pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Aria Angels – Music, Movement, Art and ...More
Reaching out to parents before and after Baptism, through the parish, ARIA Angels offers a special time for children from birth to 5 years. We start the session with music, song and dance. Next we have an art activity, then a cuppa and close with a prayer. We gather in the Ruby room next to the parish office on Thursdays from 9.00am to 10.30am during the school term. Starting dates are THURSDAY August 1, 8, 15, 22, 30, Sept 5, 12. The cost is $5 for one child, $8 for two children and $10 for three children, including morning tea. If you are a parent, grandparent, or carer of pre-school children you are warmly encouraged to join us. For more information call parish office on 3207 9177.

Altar servers – More volunteers needed urgently:
Fr Leo is 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 eight and seventeen. We need altar servers for both Sunday Masses and at the vigil Mass on Saturday night. 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. 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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YEAR 7, 2016

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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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What a wonderful day we all had on Saturday. Thank you to all our sponsors, and all our businesses that donated prizes, gifts and auction items, we thank you. Congratulations to all the winners in the Lucky Squares and to the wonderful families old and new who purchased some great auction items. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this years Winterfest a wonderful experience.

Congratulations also goes to the lucky winner of the Camper Trailer, Dorothy James from Victoria Point. Dorothy was extremely excited when she received the phone call to say she had won. Thank you to the Wendt family who took great care of the camper trailer, getting it to the shopping centre and home again. And a huge thank you to all the mums and dads who sold raffle tickets at the shopping centre.

Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers who were turned up for Friday setup, it was great to see so many willing helpers.

Thank you to everyone who helped convene a stall and all the stall helpers, without your assistance and help, the day would not run smoothly.

Thank you to the committee for putting together another fantastic day out for our families and community, especially Colleen and Darryn who so generously gave of their time, day and night.

We would appreciate any comments/feedback about the day, please send an email to stritasfete@bne.catholic.edu.au.

A special thank you goes to the finance team which included Daniel & Fran Connor from the Bank of Queensland as well as their Staff, Deb Tye-Anderson, Terry Green, Wim Van Schie, Tom Burkett and Phillipa Mazzaroli for their energies and assistance on Fete day. Your professionalism and accuracy was outstanding and is to be commended. We are very grateful to you all for making the day run so smoothly.

Bev Van Schie
Fete Treasurer

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