FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

In this our last week of term, we are sure to see some great learning experiences to culminate Term 3 Learning objectives. This include our Year One “Jesus Day” experience, Year 4 “Convict Day” and Year 6T “Federation Day”. Such “lifelike” activities reinforce new knowledge and skills that our students have acquired across the term. “Being More” in character for Year One can strengthen our belief in Jesus – real and present in our lives. “Being More” in character for historical events deepens the awareness of social and cultural understandings significant to our nation’s history that has built and shaped who we are today. Thank you for your assistance in preparing the students for these events.

Staff News

We farewell Mr Billion for the next five weeks, as he takes up the Acting Principal position at St Ita’s Dutton Park and we congratulate and welcome Mrs Marianne Ferguson to the Acting Assistant Principal RE role. We also welcome the return of Mr Jamie Weinert to teach 4K. We also wish Mrs Marie Shepherd a bon voyage as she takes some well-earned long service leave for Term 4 and welcome Mrs Therese Evans to teach 6T.

Congratulations to Miss Anna Hindle who will be getting married during the September break. We wish Anna and Matthew every blessing and many joys for their celebration of marriage and a lifetime of happiness. We look forward to welcoming Anna back in Term 4 as Mrs Davison.

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas – Some holiday reading.

St Rita’s membership to Parenting Ideas provides some helpful and insightful information to parents and this month’s Parenting Magazine offers articles in the following topic areas that may be of interest to you.

They include:

✓ The BIG birthday bash is the latest rage for kids. Michael Grose outlines some alternatives in my article children’s birthdays special.
✓ Parentingideas journalist Karen Fontaine has written a fabulous piece on children who go back and forth between two homes.
✓ Maggie Dent’s article about the nightmare of adolescent sleep is a beauty.
✓ Technology is an ever-changing landscape. Kidproof’s Catherine Gerhardt helps parents stay up-to-date in her informative article about Instagram, the latest social media craze.
✓ New contributor Angelica Rose has written a great article for parents of children on the autism spectrum develop social skills. Her article - How do you make friends when you’re too busy studying insects? has great friendships ideas for ALL children.
✓ Journalist Kath Walters has written a fabulous piece with practical guidance on the vexing topic of whether to allow children to attend a funeral or not.
✓ Parentingideas favourite Bill Jennings has written a personal story that’s a great reminder that sometimes great parenting is about simply ‘turning up’ for your kids.

To access the magazine follow the URL link: www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

NAPLAN RESULTS

An initial view of our school NAPLAN RESULTS is pleasing and demonstrating the growth - particularly in our whole school efforts to improve literacy outcomes for our students. A full analysis will be provided next term comparing our results in 2013 with those in 2011 for the same cohorts.
We look forward to celebrating our end of term with a whole school picnic organised by our Student Council. Thank you for all your support this term in our educational endeavours. Stay safe and well on the holidays – especially if you are travelling. Term 4 is bound to be another exciting term at St Rita’s where we come to Know More Do More and Be More.

Anne McKenny
Principal

NAPLAN UPDATE

“The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has acknowledged it made errors in an aspect of the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN student reports for Language conventions that it provided to states and territories. This means individual student reports for these year levels have to be reprinted with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. There is no error related to the NAPLAN test data or student results.

The QSA had originally planned to deliver hard copy student reports to Queensland schools by Friday 13 September. We remain committed to sending individual student reports as soon as possible, although it is likely that many schools will not receive them until early in Term 4.”

Please view QSA memo 048/13 for more information.

Neil McDonald
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Studies Authority

SPORTS NEWS

St Rita’s – Friday Night Touch Football
u/10’s Allstars 1 (Mrs Hill) vs u/10’s Allstars 2 (Mr Kenyon) – 4.30pm on Field 5A
u/12’s Allstars Blue – BYE
u/12 Allstars Maroon – 5.15pm on Field 1
u/14’s Invaders – 6.00pm on Field 5
Please let Mr Kenyon or Mrs Hill know if you are not available to play this week.

There will be no games over the holidays, they will resume again on the Friday 5 October.

There will be no training in the last week of this term. In term 4, training will commence on Monday’s from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

Important Dates
Prep to Year 3 Swimming Program – 28 Oct to 1 Nov
Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival – Monday 4 Nov
Interschool Sports Day #4 – Tuesday 15 October

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE AWARDED A GOTCHA FROM GUS. FANTASTIC WORK!

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<td>Well done Noah!</td>
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<td>Jessica H</td>
<td>For Inspiring learning through great story writing. Well done Jessica!</td>
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<td>For Inspiring learning through great story writing. Well done Levi!</td>
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<td>Ashllee G</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning for your great organisational skills! Keep up</td>
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<td>the good work Ashlee!</td>
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<td>You are challenging yourself to use your imagination and draw really</td>
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<td>interesting characters. Congratulations, Nate!</td>
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<td>Talitha M</td>
<td>Fabulous work Talitha!! You always work very hard, taking care to make</td>
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<td>sure you do your best work. This INSPIRES OTHERS to be like you.</td>
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<td>Thanks for showing 1K the right thing to do!!!!!!</td>
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<td>Tarlae W</td>
<td>Great Work Tarlae. You always show kindness and RESPECT to others both</td>
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<td>in and out of the classroom. Fantastic Work!!!!!</td>
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<td>Hunter M</td>
<td>For the creative and colourful diorama you constructed and presented</td>
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<td>to our class to show us what you have learnt about rainforests this</td>
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<td>term. Well done, Hunter!</td>
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<td>Charlotte C</td>
<td>For playing so happily with your friends at lunchtime and for trying</td>
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<td>so hard with your schoolwork in class. We’re glad you are in our class.</td>
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<td>Hayley N</td>
<td>For making such a great improvement with your writing this term. Your</td>
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<td>positive attitude is an inspiration to everyone. Well done, Hayley!</td>
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<td>For working hard to treat others with respect and kindness. Keep it up,</td>
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<td>Hannah!</td>
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<td>Dacodah B</td>
<td>For working so hard on your writing, you are really improving! Great</td>
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<td>work, Dacodah!</td>
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<td>Tyler-Jaye D</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning in 2K by working keenly and confidently on your</td>
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<td>multiplication arrays. Awesome effort!</td>
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<td>Joshua C</td>
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<td>tasks this term. Keep up the super effort!</td>
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<td>Sophie B</td>
<td>Inspiring learning by producing a super piece of writing when describing</td>
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<td>your fantasy character. Fantastic adjectives and similes.</td>
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<td>Riion B</td>
<td>Inspiring Learning by always completing and presenting his homework</td>
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<td>every week. Super!</td>
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<td>Nicolas C</td>
<td>Inspiring Learning by always completing and presenting his homework</td>
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<td>Brendon T</td>
<td>For always giving 100% effort to your work. You can be proud of your</td>
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<td>Jett N</td>
<td>For always presenting your work neatly. Well done!</td>
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<td>For Acting Safe and Being Safe by consistently walking on paths and</td>
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<td>meeting the safety expectations at all times. Congratulations Damon!</td>
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<td>Amy S</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning by working well on your literary description of</td>
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<td>your fantasy character. Congratulations Amy!</td>
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<td>Jemma S</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning by presenting a well written literary description</td>
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<td>of your fantasy character. Congratulations Jemma!</td>
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<td>Ryan H</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning by being so focused as you wrote your literary</td>
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<td>description of your fantasy character. Congratulations Ryan!</td>
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<td>Ezrah B</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning by posing questions and participating in class</td>
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<td>discussions about the Sacraments of Healing.</td>
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<td>Mackenzie B</td>
<td>For being an excellent St Rita’s Representative by welcoming new</td>
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<td>families to our St Rita’s Community and acting as a tour guide.</td>
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<td>Luke E</td>
<td>For Inspiring Learning by making good choices and following the school</td>
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<td>For acting safe and being safe by staying in control of his emotions</td>
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<td>Will</td>
<td>For inspiring learning by making a better effort to complete his homework tasks</td>
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<td>Scoutt</td>
<td>Welcome to St Rita’s! We are so pleased you are here to learn with us!</td>
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<td>Ava</td>
<td>For being an excellent St Rita’s Representative by welcoming new families to our St Rita’s Community and acting as a tour guide.</td>
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<td>Tyger F</td>
<td>Welcome to St Rita’s! We are so lucky to have you join our class!</td>
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<td>Krystal J</td>
<td>For contributing interesting ideas during our book club discussions.</td>
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<td>Hamish L</td>
<td>For contributing interesting ideas during our book club discussions.</td>
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<td>Kaleb W</td>
<td>For trying extra hard with concentrating in class. Keep up the good effort, Kaleb!</td>
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NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

The Great Book Swap Day is Oct 25 – Mark it on your calendar. Do you have some picture books, chapter books, teenage books or even adult fiction books that are in good condition and you no longer need? Send them along to the library to be a part of The Great Book Swap Day.

All money raised will go towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Did you know that less than 36% of people in remote communities have access to a library and books? For further information go to the website: http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/

Happy Reading,
Therese Evans

SCHOOL BANKING

Hasn’t this term gone fast... This weeks Banker of the week is Ashton C. Well done Ashton!! Planning an overseas holiday? Hooray! You'll have a blast. But first there's a lot to organise before you go - Your visas, insurance, immunisations and don’t forget the right currency! Check out www.boq.com.au for some helpful advice or call into the Victoria Point Branch!!

School banking resumes first week back (8 October).

Have a good week & holidays!

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UNIFORM SHOP

HOURS

Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL

Learning Support- Reflecting on our Cultural and Creative Experiences

Last Friday we went to two workshops at the writers festival. The first one was called Wearing your undies on the outside: ordinary superheroes by Benton McKenna and Scott Sneedon. Ava had the opportunity to go up on stage and draw with Brenton, he turned Ava’s three shapes into an amazing illustration! The second writer was Oliver Phommavanh. He was funny.

The writers said something alike, that it doesn't matter what culture you are from or what people say. What matters is that you like doing what you are doing. We think the authors we saw were trying to explain that whoever you are, and wherever you are, that you should always believe in yourself.

We got cards signed by different authors the first one was Oliver and the second one was Michael Gerard Bauer who wrote the Eric Vale Series and Just a Dog (one of Michaela favourite books of all time).

We enjoyed going to the Writer’s Festival because the authors and the illustrators inspired us to think differently about when we write and what we draw. The authors told funny stories and they were all about their life and they talked about who they were inspired by.

Written by 4T students.
Congratulations to senior choir who performed fantastically at Marebello Aged-Care Facility, Victoria Point on Monday 16th September. The senior choir performed a 40 minute concert featuring soloists and pianists. They had a lovely meet & greet and a well deserved morning tea.

Just a reminder that due to meetings, there will be no junior or senior choir this week. Choir will resume in Week 1, Term 4.

Have a safe and happy holidays, and I look forward to a fantastic term 4!

Paul Tyrrell
Arts Teacher

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Wednesday 18th September**
Tracey Knight
HELP NEEDED???

**Thursday 19th September**
Alicia Overdijk
Trish McNamara

**Friday 20th September**
Emily Murray
Michelle Romeo
Louise Lowcock
Brenda Owbridge
2nd Break
Kay Coeburn

We are currently looking for more volunteers. If you can spare 3 hours a month please fill out a Volunteer forms and return it to the office.

Renee Saleh 0411523969

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**Point Lookout SLSC Nipper Sign On**

Do you like the beach? Do you want to be active? Do you want to make new friends and get involved in a great Australian way of life? Are you aged between 5 and 13 years? Then join the Point Lookout SLSC Nippers. Program is run on a Saturday, starting October 12 and runs throughout the summer.

Sign On and Pool Swim Assessments will be held at Ormiston College Pool on Monday 9th and 16th September from 6.30p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Bring your togs and speak with the Club Officers (birth certificate required). For more information ring Deb on 0428 771 377 or email admin@ptlookoutsllsc.com
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