FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

We are beginning this week’s newsletter ‘around about’ as we wish to inform you all that on Saturday night at Brisbane Catholic Education’s (BCE) Leadership Dinner, Anne received the incredible honour of receiving an award – namely the ‘Neil Bloxsidge’ Award. This is a very prestigious award as Neil Bloxsidge was a much loved Catholic Leader who displayed outstanding capabilities and vision before his sudden and tragic passing early in 2010. This award is in recognition of outstanding leadership across 136 BCE schools in the Archdiocese (Primary & Secondary, North & South). Nominees are put forward by Area Supervisors, with a ballot system including BCE Senior and Executive Leadership Members.

Anne received this award for her outstanding leadership in developing a positive community culture for learning and student well-being. Strengths also recognised include promoting shared leadership, openness to innovation and creativity within teams, building strong collaborative networks – all with a clear agenda for improving student outcomes. As a community, we should be enormously proud of Anne’s achievement. In Anne’s acceptance speech, she acknowledged the collective work we all do as a community in realising these great achievements together.

Kevin and Shane

Receiving this award is a deep honour and a clear acknowledgement of the pleasure and enormous professional satisfaction in working with a great team at St Rita’s. My thanks to all for such good wishes. Anne

Class Groups 2014
Thank you to those who have taken up the opportunity – where you have felt there is a particular need – to provide written information about class placements for 2014. Most, if not all of these match teacher considerations and we also appreciate that in general, this task is mainly left to those who know the comprehensive needs of our students – their current teachers and support staff. As always, it is not a process for teacher selection and I am appreciative that this is respected. The final date for this request process was Wednesday 6 November and we will now be working on finalising the class lists.

Welcome to Director- Learning and Teaching
This Friday we welcome Mrs Helen Royan, a Brisbane Catholic Education Director for Learning and Teaching. Mrs Royan will be here to talk with our teachers and students who have been implementing the LIFE – Learning Management System through our technology resourcing. The LIFE program provides web based learning in a closed and secure working environment. All of our teachers have been working collaboratively to learn to use and apply new and engaging technology tools to enhance student learning. In addition it will be wonderful to showcase our new classroom furniture that matches contemporary learning and teaching.

Around Our School
Term 4 Week 6 12 November 2013
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IMPORTANT DATES

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Last Friday night’s Disco was a great success – and wonderful to see so many parents helping out with the evening. Our thanks to the SPN for organising another enjoyable community event. Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming our new Preps for 2014 at our Prep Orientation Day.

May God’s peace and blessings be with you and your family in the coming week.

Anne

End of Year School / Parish Mass: Please celebrate with us on the 1 December for a combined end of year School / Parish Mass (Sunday 9:00 am). The Parish Junior Choir will be singing with a special children’s liturgy to mark the beginning of the Advent season (1st Sunday of Advent). We would love to see you there and you are most welcome to stay for morning tea afterwards.

Congratulations to these children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week: Mackenzie, Chelsea, Elliot, Claire, Jacob, Jake, Lexi, Isabella, Mikayla, William, Carlos, Mali, Georgia, Aimee, Mia, Tyler, Michaela, Montanna, Daniel, Paolo, Billie, Hayden, Brianna, Connor, Kayne, Lucy, Jade, Kyle, Callum, Neve, Stirling, Jordan. May this sacrament of forgiveness guide your actions in times when you need it most.

Year 5 Mass: Thursday 14 at 9:00 am
Year 3 Liturgy of the Word: Friday at 15 10:00 am

Thank you to Faye, Alice, Connor, Brianna, Zac, Laura and Dylan for attending the Remembrance Day Service at Salford Waters Retirement Village. Lest We Forget!

FETE MEETING

The Fete Meeting planned for this week will be postponed to Wednesday 20 November at 4pm in the staffroom. Apologies for the inconvenience.

SCHOOL PARENT NETWORK

The School Parent Network would like to thank everyone who helped to make the disco a success. It is always great to see so many children enjoying themselves with their peers of all ages. A special thank you goes to Julie Johnstone & Darryn Smallwood for their help in making sure the disco went ahead.

MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS AND BACK TO SCHOOL APPEAL

With Christmas fast-approaching and preparations for the festive season begin, it’s that time when our thoughts also turn to those less-fortunate than ourselves. The Mini Vinnies are once again holding a Christmas and Back-to-School Appeal and are asking for your help.

Please show your support for families in our community by donating from the list of items requested by our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference below. All items will stay within our Parish and are sure to brighten-up somebody’s Christmas.
## Mini Vinnies Christmas and Back-to-School Appeal 2013

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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Christmas lollies / Candy canes (no chocolates please)</td>
<td>Kasey, Paige, Aymee</td>
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<td>Christmas table decorations / Tinsel / Bon Bons</td>
<td>Cian, Maddy B.</td>
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<td>Tinned Biscuits / Shortbread</td>
<td>Madi W, Emerson</td>
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<td>Tinned ham / Tinned salmon</td>
<td>Claire, Maddi M., Lucy</td>
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<td>Christmas cakes / Christmas puddings</td>
<td>Krystal, Ebonnie</td>
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<td>Soft drinks / Cordial</td>
<td>Gabbi, Lauren</td>
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<td>Jessica, Holly</td>
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<td>$5-$10 small gift for a primary-aged child (not wrapped)</td>
<td>Natasha, Piper</td>
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Appeal runs from Mon 28 Oct until Thursday 28 Nov. The collection will be presented to the St Rita’s Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference at our carols evening. Please ensure that all food items are non-perishable.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students were awarded a Gotcha from Gus. Fantastic Work!

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<td>Fynn M</td>
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<td>Eloisa T</td>
<td>For always listening attentively and contributing interesting ideas during class discussions. Good Work!</td>
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<td>Tyger F</td>
<td>For always listening attentively and making valuable contributions to class discussions. Good Work!</td>
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<td>William T</td>
<td>For showing great thinking skills in Maths and working through problems well! Good Work!</td>
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<td>Ethan W</td>
<td>For making excellent progress with his reading and comprehension. Well Done!</td>
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## SPORTS NEWS

**St Rita’s – Friday Night Touch Football**

- u/10’s Allstars 1 (Mrs Hill) – 4.30pm
- u/10’s Allstars 2 (Mr Kenyon) – 4.30pm
- u/12’s Allstars Blue – 5.15pm SEMIFINAL
- u/12 Allstars Maroon – 5.15pm SEMIFINAL
- u/14’s Invaders – TBA

**Mission Cup Netball**

There are still a number of netball dresses that have not been returned. Could players please return them cleaned by the end of the week to Mr Kenyon.

## NEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed. If you wish to place an order for issue 6, please send your order to Mrs Brownlie in the library by Monday 18 November. This is the final Book Club for the year.

## MOBILE PHONE MUSTER

Why bother to recycle mobile phones and accessories?

- It's estimated there are over 23 million unwanted mobiles in homes around Australia.
- Over 90% of the materials in mobile phones, batteries and chargers can be recycled.
- For every 1 million cell phones that are recycled, 35,274 pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold, and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered.

So that's why St Rita's is starting recycling mobile phones.

As a result of starting our Mobile Muster recycling box at St Rita's, we are running a competition. Each class and student has been asked to collect the most old and unused and data free mobile phones. This also includes accessories for mobile phones, phone chargers, old mobile phone batteries, hands free sets, data free unusable/broken USB’s and mobile broadband wireless devices.
With parent’s knowledge and permission and with SIM cards and data removed, we would like your children to bring into school as many of the above. Please remember once the items are brought they cannot be returned!

On Monday 25th November 2013, during our assembly the class who have collected the most mobile phones and accessories will be announced as the winners!


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**SCHOOL BANKING**

The Banker of the Week is Luke A in 5K, congratulations Luke we’ve deposited $2 into your account. This Christmas The Smith Family are calling for brand new, unwrapped toys or books particularly for children 9-12 years old. Gifts that are donated should ideally be smaller than a school backpack so The Smith Family can easily transport the gifts to their new owners. So have a think about what you, your sons or daughters would have liked at that age and donate a gift to any of our BOQ branches nationally from November 1-29.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Wednesday 13th November**
- Wendy Bevis
- Taryn Durant

**Thursday 14th November**
- Alicia Overdijk
- Niah Brown

**Friday 15th November**
- Darren Smallwood
- Leila Winterburn
- Tracey Knight
- HELP NEEDED???

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**HELP NEEDED??? 2ND Break**
- HELP NEEDED???

**IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM TUCKSHOP**
- Flexischools is our preferred method for ordering tuckshop for your children, though we do still use the brown paper bags system.
- This week pre-ordering begins for Sushi. You must have your Sushi ordered by 1:30pm on the previous day to guarantee your child’s order.
- This Wednesday we welcome new Families to St Rita’s with Prep Orientation. You can help by suppling a plate of cakes, packet of biscuits etc. to the Tuckshop by Wednesday morning. We are also looking for some volunteers to meet and greet with the new Families trough out the day.

For all enquiries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Renee Saleh 0411 523 969 email: rsaleh@bce.catholic.edu.au

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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Advent Adventures:
On Saturday 30th November, your children are invited to come to our church to participate in a very special day to prepare for Christmas. The theme that day will be “Advent Adventures”. Catholic children will gather from many schools for a fun day of activities including drama games, PowerPoint stories, craft, songs etc. BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting the parish office on 3207 9177 or email Angela on pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Return slip: Advent Adventures Holiday Activity Day

I would like to register my child/ren

Name/s__________________________________________

Age/s ___________________________ School/s ________________

Parent’s name ________________________________

Contact No _____________________ Email _______________________________

Junior Choir:
The Junior Parish Choir will be singing at the 9am mass on Sunday 1st December. This will mark the first Sunday of Advent.

Meet and Eat:
Our final Meet & Eat for 2013 is planned for Sunday 1st December both 7am and 9am masses. So bring some gold coins and stay after mass for some yummy pikelets and jam.

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Japanese Students Arriving Soon……

We are cooperating with St Rita’s catholic Primary School to arrange a study tour for 30 Japanese Students from Seibi Gakuen Primary School.

They will require Host Families and we are hoping you can help.

- They are here to practice their English so knowledge of the Japanese Language is not necessary.
- There are no special food requirements.
- Host Family Payments of $37.50 per Student per night are included. This is a 2 Students per family placement.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to experience another culture.

Dates – Arr : 24 March Depart: 31 March 2014

Please contact our Coordinators for more information: Name Odette Clark / Alison Muller Mobiles 0418 672 498 / 0438 738 064