

SCHOOL NEWS

Learning, Respect, Community and Faith



22nd May 2012

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SCHOOL TIMES

First Bell:	8.40am
First Lunch:	11.00-11.45am
Second Lunch:	1.10-1.30pm
Finish Time:	3.00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thur:	8.00am - 2.30pm
Fri:	8.00am - 2.00pm

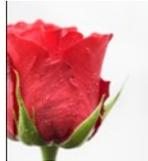
PARISH MASS TIMES

Sat :	7.00pm
Sun :	8.00am

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

May 30th	Trivia Night
May 31st & 1/6	Athletics Carnival
June 2nd	Harvest Festival
June 6th	Student Free Day
June 8th	Spell-a-Thon
June 11th	Queen's Birthday Holiday



On the week of our feast celebrations for St Rita, Sarah has prepared the newsletter editorial for your enjoyment and information...



FEAST DAY OF ST. RITA

Today our school celebrated the Feast day of St. Rita. As Shylah welcomed us to the Mass, she told us the ways in which St. Rita was a model of **faith** for our school community.

Faith is a value that our whole school body identified as being an essential part of who we are at St. Rita's School. Faith is the gift of trust, and the secure belief and trust in God and God's will. St. Rita is the patron Saint of impossible cases.

St. Rita was born in Italy. She married at age 12, with her parents arranging her marriage despite the fact that she repeatedly begged them to allow her to enter a convent. Her husband was a rich but quick-tempered man, who had many enemies in the region. St. Rita endured his insults for 18 years, and had two sons.

Toward the end of her husband's life, St. Rita helped convert him to live in a way that was kinder, and more faith filled. Although he lived with greater justice, his allies betrayed him, and he was violently stabbed to death. Before his death, he repented to St. Rita and the Church and she forgave him. After her husband's murder, her sons wished to seek revenge on their father's murderers. Knowing murder was wrong, she tried to persuade them from retaliating, but was not successful. She, instead, prayed to God.

After the deaths of her husband and sons, St. Rita desired to enter the monastery but was turned away, since although the convent acknowledged Rita's good character and piety, it was afraid of being associated with her due to the scandal of her husband's violent death.



However, she persisted in her cause and was given a condition before the convent could accept her; the difficult task of reconciling her family with her husband's murderers. She was able to resolve the conflicts between the families and, at the age of 36, was allowed to enter the monastery. She remained there until her death.

So the question for us is, in 2012 how do we relate this story to our lives? It may be that we take just a little extra time this week to connect with our faith, or that we try to practice greater patience towards others, that we take a risk and show courage, or forgive a past hurt. However it applies to you,

St. Rita is a wonderful starting point for inspiration.
Have a wonderful week ☺ Sarah (information sourced from Catholic Online)



Principal's Pen **Feedback from a volunteer Contractor about St Rita's children....**

Thanks Gavin,

There was one thing that I have not mentioned yet.

While we were down there many of the children in passing, thanked us while we were working for fixing their play equipment.

I just wanted to highlight that you and your staff are doing great work, for these children are grateful for what they have.

This shows the values they are learning at your school. These things never go un-noticed. You and your staff should be proud of the examples you are setting for the children of the next generation. Motivated people change the world. Keep up the good work!



Peter Conomos PDA Engineering, Cairns

BOY OH BOY WORKSHOP

A reminder that tonight at 7pm we are holding the parent workshop. It will be held in the 2/3/4 classroom. Children who are booked in to be minded are to be taken to the Library where Miss Donna and Mrs Anthony will be supervising them.

PRINCIPAL MEETING

This Thursday and Friday I am attending the termly Catholic Primary Principal's Meeting on the Tablelands. These meetings are important networking opportunities as well as opportunity for our Director, Dr Bill Sultman and other CES personnel to communicate with us a group.

SIMULTANEOUS READING TIME

This Wednesday we will be gathering at 11am in the Library for

National Simultaneous Reading of the great book 'The Cranky Bear' followed up by Literacy activities from the story. Parents are welcome to join us for the reading.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Your P&F have been working hard in recent weeks meeting to organise the float as well as the bar. In the spirit of 'community', I urge all parents to offer their assistance and support. Please refer to the note that went home last week to register you availability to work at the bar. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring in some much needed funds for the P&F this year. Similarly, see one of the P&F Executive – Jeremy, Katherine, Andrew or Christina to register your help. Thanks

BLACK DUCK WISDOM

By way of sharing some insights this week, I offer you an excerpt from a great little book called Black Duck Wisdom by Maggie Dent... enjoy



1st Wisdom: Personal Acceptance is Important and Valuable

"Ducks are happy being ducks. They do not question their life as a duck. Ducks do not wish they were owls, emus or eagles or anything else for that matter. Being a duck just 'is' and 'is' is just fine."

Humans often waste valuable moments in life wishing they were something different... maybe smarter, thinner, hairier, taller or richer. Deep personal acceptance of who we are is an important step to happiness in life. Once we accept who we are we can then aim to become the best 'us' we can be without wasting time and energy bring someone or something that we are not."

As a parent, I find myself often in chats with my children about the good, the bad and the sometimes ugly in all of us and that I love them 'just the way they are'. We can all be better in some way and it's good to aspire to become better – it's also good and healthy to accept who and what we are cause 'God made us just the way we are and God don't make no junk'. It is vitally important that parents help to instil into children an acceptance of themselves as they are and not always as we want them to be or what we never were or became.

Have a great week.

Gavin



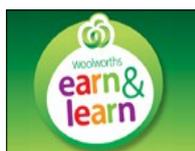
CAIRNS CENTRAL-SHOP FOR CAIRNS KIDS

We are currently in 3rd place... a great start. This week's code word for this week is **GEOGRAPHY**

Mention this word to receive extra points. Thursday evening and Sundays are double points.

WOOLWORTHS—EARN AND LEARN PROMOTION

Remember to take your docket to the service desk to get the stickers for your



TUCKSHOP

A reminder that tuckshop will recommence this Friday 25th May 2012. The new menu is as follows:

Please remember to write lunch orders on the front of a paper bag and if possible, enclose the correct amount of money.

Ham & P/apple mini pizza		\$3.00
Ham, Salami & Cheese mini pizza		\$3.00
Sausage Roll	sml	\$1.20
	lge	\$1.70
Toasted Sandwich -	Ham & Cheese	\$3.20
	Chicken & Cheese	\$3.20
	Cheese	\$2.40
Jelly Cup		\$1.00
Jelly Cup (with custard)		\$1.20
Muffin		\$0.80

Orders need to be in by WEDNESDAY.

Can you please make sure that orders clearly show:

1. Student's name
3. What is being ordered

tally sheet.

REQUEST FROM THE SCIENCE CLASS

If families have any of the following unwanted **glass** jars, please send them in, as they are needed for science experiments? Things collected from throw away household groceries etc.

I need 8 of each

120ml jar (eg baby food)

250ml (e.g jam jar)

330ml (e.g salsa jar)

500ml (e.g pasta sauce jar)



Thanks,

Taryn

TRIVIA NIGHT SUPPER

Once again we are asking families to donate items for the Trivia Night Supper. Please fill out the form attached to the newsletter, indicating what your family is able to provide e.g. Slices, Cakes, Cupcakes, Muffins, Sandwiches or a donation of money to help purchase ingredients.

Your support is always very much appreciated.



Dr Greta Galloway presents

Conflict Minimisation and Resolution

A free workshop for service providers

Includes morning tea and lunch

June 20th 2012 9am—4pm

Hambledon House
177 Bruce Hwy, Edmonton



Numbers strictly limited!



RSVP: Petra Lovey by 1st June (07) 4051 6560 or

loveyp@missionaustralia.com.au

An Australian Government initiative



TRIVIA NIGHT BOOKING FORM

We wish to book a table for the St Rita's Trivia Night.

Our Team Name is:- _____

NAME _____



ST. RITA'S TRIVIA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY
2012

Tables of 8



Thought of the Week

Oh Lord, help me
To be calm when things go wrong
To persevere when things are difficult,
To be helpful to those in need,
And to be sympathetic to those whose hearts
are heavy.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Prep / Yr 1	Steele Day
Year 2/3/4	Caitlyn Ross
Year 5/6/7	Kesha Bridger

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

Screening at 7.30pm on
25th, 26th & 27th May, 2012



THE HUNGER GAMES (M)

Admission \$7.00

Info line 40671032

Coming Soon:

BATTLESHIP (M)

Screening at 7.30 pm on
1st, 2nd & 3rd June, 2012

GROUNDS & GARDENS ROSTER

Thank you to the following families who are rostered on:



BREADEN	9th - 22nd June
MONTAGUE	23rd June—6th July

Please be sure to check the roster so that you can organize to pick up and drop the mower key to the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUGAR BOWL COMPETITION

This year's Harvest Festival theme is Wet & wild—go wild with creativity and celebrate Babinda being the wettest town in Australia as well as being surrounded by natural wilderness. Design and make a sugar bowl for your chance to win!

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

Categories : Open

12 years & under

Make your bowl out of anything at all.

Entry forms available, Babinda Taskforce, Babinda Pharmacy and from schools in the district.

Entries are due by 4pm Wednesday 30th May.



JOIN THE YOUNG COMPANY'S WINTER WIPEOUT HOLIDAY DRAMA SCHOOL (CAIRNS) – SUPER HERO SQUAD & THE RUTHLESS RETURN OF HORRIBLE HISTORIES

Let your child discover the magic of theatre with TYCs Winter Drama School; Super Hero Squad (26/6 – 29/6) and Horrible Histories (3/7 – 6/7). TYCs action packed program is loads of fun as participants make lots of new friends while also exploring costumes, lighting, sound and multimedia elements, then finish with a creative performance on the final afternoon. For more information please phone Leigh Boswell on 4041 4066,

email info@theyoungcompany.com.au or book online www.theyoungcompany.com.au.



PET SHOW

**Saturday 9th June 2012,
9am - 3pm SAINT
MICHAEL'S SCHOOL**

58 MILL STREET GORDONVALE

Great prizes & giveaways

Lucky door prizes

Various stalls & activities

Jumping castle /

Face painting Games & crafts / Refreshments

Pet entry fee & categories:

Pocket Pet \$3.00 / Cuddle Me Pet \$5.00 / Big Step Pet \$7.00

Further info: please contact HELEN (0407 711 501) or JO (0414 330 893)

Girls, boys and teenagers have fun at the Harvest Festival this year. Be creative and dress up as a BABINDA "RAIN DANCER". 3 prizes to be won for BEST COSTUMES! Phone Judi Van Dycke for further information on 40 672604. Register with Frances Alley @ Babinda Pharmacy.



