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Bookfair

Matthew burning around the Basket Ball courts!!

Fire Education with Fireman Frank

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Student of the Week

**Prep One Two Class**

Georgia Cummings for including others in games and being considerate.

Madison Ahloy-Coutts for confidence and a positive attitude when reading.

Shayla Jerome for clever working using money.

**Year Three Four Class**

Georgia Williams for trying her best at building tension in her writing.

Ryan Alley for giving up play time to help a friend.

Anton Palmeri for consistently high spelling results.

Cody Atkinson for an informative and engaging movenote.

**Year Five Six Class**

Corey Brown for using his initiative and for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities.

Danae Tosoni for her fantastic effort on her “Holes” reading task and on her reading centre task cards.

Desarae Turnbull for “never seeing a need without doing something about it” and working diligently on her paragraph writing.

Neve Godfrey for presenting beautiful cursive handwriting and working diligently on her paragraph writing.
Principal’s Report
Last week’s student free day was no doubt enjoyed by all the children at St Anthony’s. The day away from school allowed staff to participate in a very organised moderation process of students’ assessment tasks, criteria sheets and student outcomes in Reading Comprehension and Writing. It was also an opportunity for staff to share examples of best practice in relation to Visible Learning (based on the work by John Hattie), which has been a Diocesan focus this year.

Class Structure 2016
Many parents have started asking about class structures and teachers for 2016. In the coming days a letter will be sent to families with information regarding class structures and staffing as well 2016 Book Lists.

School Fees
As we approach the final weeks of the 2015 school year, I strongly encourage families to settle all outstanding payments owed to the school. St Anthony’s relies heavily on the receipt of school fees to meet financial obligations, purchase resources for the following year and to upgrade/maintain our facilities. Monies that are not settled impacts on staffing and resourcing, therefore affecting our ability to provide the best education possible for the students who attend St Anthony’s.

Statements were issued to families earlier in the month. If you require another copy, please contact Rena as soon as possible.

Book Fair
Last week’s Book Fair was a huge success! Our thanks to all the families who supported the school by purchasing books and other ‘goodies’ that were available. As a result of the large number of books purchased we have been able to select a number of texts from Scholastic as well as receiving $300 to purchase additional texts from suppliers of our choice. This is a fantastic result for the students of St Anthony’s who will have a wider selection of books to read next year.

Mutchilba Dinner
A reminder that the Mutchilba Dinner, being hosted by St Anthony’s, is next Friday night 6th November. It would be great to see as many people there as possible. The dinner will be a fantastic opportunity to relax, catch up with friends and support the school. Any families coming out are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Our thanks to those who have been working behind the scenes to help organise this wonderful event. Your efforts and support are much appreciated!
Graduation
Last week an invitation went out to families for the Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Liturgy being held on Wednesday 2nd December at 6pm. This is a special event in our school calendar as we farewell the students and families who will be leaving St Anthony’s. For catering purposes it would be appreciated if the return notes and money could be returned to the office as soon as possible. We hope to see you there to celebrate this wonderful event.

Christmas Fair
Preparation for the 2015 Christmas Fair is full steam ahead with many parents working behind the scenes to ensure that the event is another huge success. There is a Christmas Fair meeting today at 3pm and all families are encouraged to attend.

Shade Structure
Work will commence next Tuesday. The playground will be unavailable for a couple of days while this project is underway.

P&F Meeting
The next meeting for the P&F is on Wednesday 11th November at 7:00pm. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

World Teachers Day
Tomorrow we celebrate ‘World Teachers’ Day’. World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the crucial work that teachers across the globe play in our ever-changing world.

As Principal of St Anthony’s, I would like to thank, congratulate and acknowledge all the teachers within our school for the effort, dedication and enthusiasm they bring to their role. St Anthony’s is very fortunate to have staff that are so supportive, encouraging and focused on improving outcomes for the students they teach.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Brad Williams
Principal,
St Anthony’s Catholic School

Next Newsletter: Thursday 12th November
Next Assemblies: Monday 2nd November (Year 3/4)

Monday 9th November

Congratulations Danae Tosoni and Cody Aitkinson
Guidance and Counselling News:

Supporting and Enhancing SEL at St Anthony’s.

Being Strong ……..

The following article has been written from information provided by www.kidshelpline.com.au, which provides valuable resources for parents and teachers regarding the social and emotional well-being of children.

Being strong doesn’t simply refer to being physically strong, but it also refers to being mentally strong (having a strong mind), being able to bounce back after a setback, being confident, being responsible and being strong in your culture.

Having a Strong Body

We don’t have any control over the body we have in that we can’t make ourselves taller or change the colour of our eyes or change whether we have a disability or not, but we can have control over how strong our bodies are by:

- Eating healthy foods- try to avoid eating fast foods regularly and eat more fruit and vegetables …..When you are thirsty drink water or juice rather than soft drink.

- Exercising- running around with your friends at lunchtime, skipping, swimming riding your bike/scooter and anything that gets your body moving is exercise ….. try and really limit the time you spend on Play Station and X Box entertainment.

- Sleeping- having a regular bedtime and sleeping for long enough each night gives your body and mind time to rest and relax. Kids need 8-10 hours of sleep per night and if they don’t get that regularly it can affect learning and social/emotional development.
Having a Strong Mind

In everybody’s life there are times when things don’t go the way we would like them to or things become tough and difficult. At these times, if you can be strong in your mind, you will look for solutions rather than make excuses or shift the blame on to others. Some useful questions you could ask yourself are “What can I do to feel better”? Or “What can I learn from this experience”? You can help to develop a stronger mind by:

- **Understanding your feelings** - try to determine if they are comfortable or uncomfortable feelings ….. talk to a trusted person about your feelings as this will help you better understand your feelings and be more aware of them.

- **Find something you enjoy and do well** - no matter what the activity, whether it be a sport, an art or craft activity, singing or playing a musical instrument, it is important that you feel good doing it. Feeling good about yourself helps you to be strong.

- **Join in** - Feeling part of something is another way of helping yourself be strong. Spending time with people, playing a sport, joining a group like Scouts or Brownies or helping out a neighbour or friend are all positive ways you can join in and feel a part of what is going on around you.

- **Being strong in your culture** - understanding and living your culture can give you feelings of strength, happiness, confidence and a sense of belonging. Knowing who you are, where your people came from, what their stories are, what they believe in and what is important to them can help you to feel part of something bigger than yourself.

- **Getting things wrong can help you get stronger** - learning from our mistakes or having to ask for help can teach us to find new ways to do things so that next time we will be able to find solutions rather than make mistakes ….. Asking for help is not a weakness, it is a strength. Solving problems helps us to feel more confident and more willing to try new and more difficult things. People who don’t ask for help limit their scope for development and restrict them from taking on challenges.

I hope you find the information in the above article to be of some interest and use to you in helping your son or daughter develop into strong, young people. If you have concerns about the social/emotional well-being of your child, please don’t hesitate to contact myself by email bschofield@cns.catholic.edu.au or the Principal, Mr Brad Williams at the school office on 4093 5319.

Wishing you a safe and happy week.

Bryan Schofield – Guidance Counsellor.
Dear Parents/Carers,

It’s scary to think that we are nearly half way through the final term of school and there is still so many activities our children will be involved in. Next week all our students will start their 5 week swimming program in HPE and our year 5 and 6 students will be heading off to Chillagoe for their excursion touring through the Royal Arch Cave, viewing the Balancing Rock and having a look around the Chillagoe Hub. The following Friday all our students will be participating in World of Maths, which gives each child the opportunity to explore a variety of mathematical concepts in a very hands on approach. We are also eagerly preparing for our wonderful Christmas Fair, rehearsing for our class performance and trying to sell as many tickets as we can in the mega raffle. Through all this our students are very hard at work learning new and exciting curriculum and not to mention all the assessing. I think by the end of the term our gorgeous children will be ready for the holidays.

2016 Leaders
This term our students will be electing their school leaders for next year. The students who would like to nominate themselves for this position will deliver their speeches to the school community on Wednesday 25th November at 11:20am and all are very welcome to attend. Our elections for sport captains will occur next year in term one.

End of Year Liturgy
An invite went home last week outlining the end of year celebrations. It is a wonderful occasion where we get to acknowledge our leaving students, staff and families. It is also a great time to come together as a school community, share a meal and have a chat. All family and friends are welcome to come along, we just please ask that you RSVP by the date indicated on the invite for catering purposes.

Happy World Teacher’s Day to all the wonderful educators out there for Friday

“We teachers who love teaching, teach students to love learning”

May God’s Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo

In the words of Saint Mary MacKillop

“There where you are, you will find God.

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Upcoming Masses

♦ 11th November—Prep/1/2 class mass
♦ The Prep/1/2 class will also be hosting the Parish Mass on Sunday 15th November

All family and friends are very welcome to attend both of these celebrations.

From our APRE

Parish Weekend Mass Times
St Anthony’s – Dimbulah – Sunday 8.00am
St Thomas of Villanova – Mareeba – Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 10.00am
St Christopher’s – Kuranda – Sunday 6.00pm

“Life is so much brighter when we focus on what truly matters”

Author Unknown
Swimming
Our first swimming lesson commences next Tuesday 3 November (Melbourne Cup Day) so please remember to bring swimming clothes and a towel to school. The students have been making great progress with the swimming sessions and it is important that they attend all lessons to gain the full benefit of the program which has a strong water safety focus. If students are unable to swim for a medical reason a note would be appreciated. It is great to see a lot of our students taking advantage of and supporting the local Dimbulah Dolphin’s Swimming Club.

Tennis
Tennis sessions commenced this week for all classes with Mareeba Tennis Coach Libor Konicek working with students in the undercover area. This will continue each Thursday for 5 weeks and is a result of a successful grant received from Sporting Schools Australia. This Federal Government initiative aims to increase student participation in a variety of organised sports. The older students may also get to use the local tennis courts for some sessions as the Council has agreed to assist in making these available.

Congratulations!
Toby Brown achieved a Personal Best Discus Throw of 27.4 metres to finish 12th as a Peninsula Representative at the State Athletics Championships in Townsville recently. Well done Toby!
COMMUNITY NEWS

URGENTLY NEEDED
TIN LIDS, WIRE COATHANGERS, BEADS

The gardening club is looking for 3 particular items for a project. They are:

- Tin lids – such as the lids from milk or international roast coffee tins (we need up to 30 of these if possible)
- Wire coathangers – such as the coathangers from dry cleaners
- Pretty beads – of any description that you no longer want.

If you have any of these items in your home and you would like to donate them, please drop them into the office anytime. Thank you!!!

Dimbulah & District Museum Markets

Heritage Park, Dimbulah

1st Saturday of Each Month
9am to 3pm

Starting Saturday
3rd October 2015

Come and join the fun.
If you would like to have a stall contact Ian 0447 796 049.

Ride
The Savannahlander
from
Dimbulah to Mutchilba

$5.00 per person.

Tickets available at the Dimbulah Train Station.

My Favourite Place in Queensland

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

And over $2,000 worth of prizes including:

- Winner in the open age category – your choice of Canon equipment to the value of $3,000 from Garrick’s Camera House Domain Central.
- Winner in the secondary school category – your choice of Canon equipment to the value of $1,000 from Garrick’s Camera House Domain Central.
- Encouragement award in the secondary school category – your choice of photographic equipment to the value of $250.
- Winner in the primary school category – your choice of Canon equipment to the value of $500 from Garrick’s Camera House Domain Central.
- Encouragement award in the primary school category – your choice of photographic equipment to the value of $250.
- Winner in the Canon Collection creation award – a Canon EOS 750D with an EF-S 18-55mm IS STM valued at $1,249.

For all this and more visit our website (www.myfaveplace.com.au) and fill in the online entry form and submit your photograph before 5pm on Monday 30 November 2015.

Importantly, again this year, we don’t ask for the copyright for the photos submitted.

Entries will be featured regularly on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/mefaveplaceaustralia) and the winning and highly commended photographers will be announced in early 2016.

If you have any questions about the competition, please send me an email or call 4726 0608.

Regards,

Lorraine
Lorraine Siddhant
Marketing Manager

MUSEUM OF TROPICAL QUEENSLAND

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Saturday 31st October
Dimbulah Memorial Hall and Park precinct
4pm till midnight

What’s on offer:
- Hot Rod and bike displays.
- Food & Drink including bar facility.
- Kids face painting and jumping castle.
- Prizes for best decorated kids bike and billy cart.
- Jack-o’-lantern competition.
- Live entertainment by MadChi & Girl Radio and much, much more...

Come and join us for a spooktacular good time...

2015 Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Buffet lunch inc. dessert
Raffle
Sweeps
Art auction
Lucky door & Other prizes

Dimbulah Community Kindergarten

Tuesday 3rd of November
Doors open 11am
At Dimbulah Bowls Club
Tickets sold at Dimbulah Community Centre
$30.00 per person