Issue 3 : Term 3
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National Evangelisation Team Performance

Life Education Van

Feast of St Mary of The Cross McKillop

NAIDOC Celebrations

Donation to Rosie’s

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### Student of the Week

#### Prep One Two Class
- Ricki Sivyer for great problem solving with words.
- Dustin Hatfield for careful spelling.
- Robert Hobden for interesting journal writing.
- Madison Ahloy-Coutts for considering others feelings.
- Georgie Cummings for careful subtractions and finding difference.
- Caitlyn Parsons for adding ones before tens.

#### Year Three Four Class
- Raff Risley for working well in a group
- Nate Mitchell for working independently and diligently during reading groups.
- Eric Tosoni for a well prepared and exceptional presentation of Talk Time.
- Ryan Alley for being attentive and focused during spelling.

#### Year Five Six Class
- Lauren Schincariol for displaying outstanding work across all class work.
- Beau Hatfield for his immense enthusiasm towards reading and for working attentively during all class activities.
- Georgina Serafin for being conscientious and using her time effectively during class activities.
- Kellie O'Shea for never seeing a need without doing something about it and for giving 100% in class activities.
Dear Parents,

As we approach the half-way mark of the school term it never ceases to amaze me how busy our school is and how lucky our students are to be afforded such wonderful learning opportunities. We are very blessed to be well supported by the P&F, Catholic Education Services and our parents, which has assisted in our students being able to participate in many various activities and experiences. In late July we were very fortunate to be visited by the National Evangelisation Team. As well performing skits and games and sharing stories, the NET Team stressed to students some key messages; we have to try hard to love everyone and we have to try hard to be honest to ourselves and other. Last Thursday our students took part in some art activities and were able to view a collection of Indigenous artwork in the Year 3/4 classroom to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Next Monday 13th August the Year 5/6 class will be travelling to Cairns to view the Courage to Care exhibition and on Thursday 20th parents and students from the Kindergarten will be ‘Coming to see St Anthony’s.

Uniform

Just a quick reminder to parents to make sure your children are wearing correct school uniform each day. Since the beginning of term 3 I have reminded students on a number of occasions about wearing the correct uniform, in particular, wearing navy socks, having the correct necklace/earrings, wearing their hat and correct footwear. On occasions, it may not be possible for your child to wear the correct uniform. When this occurs, I would request that a very short note be sent in to your child’s teacher and I would like to thank those parents who have been doing such.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Come and See St Anthony’s Day

On Thursday 20th August we will be holding a ‘Come and See St Anthony’s Day’ from 8:45-11:15. Parents and students from the Dimbulah Kindergarten, as well as interested parents and students from Dimbulah and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Students will have the opportunity to participate or (observe if they are a little shy) in learning activities. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with Ms Grantley, P-2 Teacher, Ms De Iacovo, APRE and myself. St Anthony’s will provide a shared morning tea for parents/students.

NAPLAN

Last week our NAPLAN results arrived and were distributed to parents. Any parents wishing to discuss NAPLAN results are encouraged to make an appointment with the class teacher or myself.

2016 Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are charged for students attending a Catholic school in the Cairns Diocese. These fees are fixed by the Catholic Education Office and are reviewed annually. Please find attached to this newsletter, information regarding Tuition Fees for 2016. Also attached is information regarding Catholic School Fee Discounts.

A reminder that no child will be denied a Catholic education because of financial hardship. Any families experiencing genuine difficulty in paying school fees are encouraged to make an appointment with myself.
Wonder of Living

Last week a letter was sent to parents with information regarding the Personal Development Program being offered on Tuesday 1st September by the team from NFS. Below is the schedule for the day. Parents are invited to attend the Movie sessions.

Parents who do not wish for their child/children to participate are asked to complete and return the note sent out last week.

Next Newsletter: Thursday 27th August

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Next Assembly Dates: Wednesday 19th August 2:25pm (School Captains to host)

Monday 24th August 2:25pm (Year 5/6)

Yours in Catholic Education,

Brad Williams
Principal,
St Anthony's Catholic School

Principal’s Award
06 August 2015

2016 Tuition Fees

Dear Parents and Guardians

The annual review has occurred to determine the level of school tuition fees in 2016. The decision to raise fees is not taken for granted, nor taken without careful consideration of the resource needs of schools balanced against the capacity of families to contribute.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the lower funding that is provided by governments for students in non-government schools. Tuition fees are used by schools to meet ongoing expenditure of the school. A minor portion of the tuition fee is used to fund the purchase of land for existing and new schools and staff accommodation for schools in regional towns.

In 2016 the attached tuition fee schedule will apply for families with children attending primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Cairns. The movement in 2016 tuition fees is an increase of 2.5%. This is a lower movement than previous years in recognition of the low inflation environment that currently exists. A major objective is to make Catholic Education affordable to all and the 2016 level of tuition fees will assist in achieving this.

In addition to the above movement, the level of sibling discount in primary schools has reduced. This reduction is necessary as many of our primary schools have a lower enrolment as a consequence of Year 7 moving to secondary. Reducing the level of sibling discount offered in primary schools will help to offset reduced income levels.

Catholic Education continues to offer discounts to families with more than one child in one or more Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese.

The 2016 tuition fee increase applies to tuition fees only. Schools and colleges charge various levies to support specific initiatives or needs within each school and college. As this level of expenditure differs at each site, these levies are individually set by schools.

I appreciate that some families may face financial hardship in meeting fees and levies. It is important that families who want to access Catholic Education for their children are not excluded because they do not have the means to pay fees. It is our policy and practice to assist any family in this situation.
As of 2016, parents/carers with a means-tested Australian Government Health Card or Pensioner Concession Card will be eligible to receive an automatic concession on tuition fees (refer attached information sheet). Families without these cards who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should continue to apply for special consideration by speaking with their school Principal or Parish Priest who will treat the situation with understanding, sensitivity and confidentiality.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to Catholic Education. We are proud of the quality of education provided in our schools and we are keenly aware and grateful of how much parental support we receive, both through payment of tuition fees and levies and so many other forms of generosity.

Yours faithfully

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 Executive Director

Enclosure: 2016 Tuition Fees Information Sheets (2)
Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns

2016 TUITION FEES

The approximate cost of the tuition fee component of a Catholic primary school education over a 40 week school year is $37.50 per week (or $288.80 per calendar week). For a secondary education, the approximate tuition fee ranges from $62.75 per school week ($482.60 per calendar week) for lower secondary to $77.00 per school week ($599.20 per calendar week) for higher secondary.

School Fees also comprise of levies, which vary from school to school, and may include items such as a Building Levy, Subject Levies and General Purpose Levy. Levies in secondary colleges add approximately $25 per week. These approximations are before Subsequent Child and Rural Location discounts.

Discounts apply for families with more than one child attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns. In primary schools, a 2.1% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, a 3.8% discount for three children, and up to a 7.9% discount for seven children.

In Catholic secondary colleges, a 15% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, 30% for three children, and up to a 70% discount for seven children. Families with children at both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese also receive a discount even though the children are at two different Catholic schools.

Eleven primary schools in the diocese and two secondary colleges attract a further discount because of their rural location and/or having limited access to a Catholic secondary college.

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes below, to assist with calculating fees from the 2016 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule, overleaf.

Explanatory Notes

- To calculate tuition fees payable, the following steps are necessary;
  a) Determine number of students per family attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns.
  b) Identify that column in Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule (top of schedule).
  c) Identify annual fee per student from that column for each level of education the students are receiving. That is Primary, Middle School, Lower Secondary or Upper Secondary.
  d) If the students are attending a Country Discount school the annual fee per student is the fee per student after country discount.

- Examples of tuition fee calculation for different family structures are: (non-country discount schools)
  - 2 Student family with both students in Primary School
    a) From the column's students in Parish & Diocesan Schools the annual fee per student is $1,186.
    b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are $1,186 per student times 2 students. Total tuition fees payable of $2,372.
  - 3 Student family with all students in Primary School
    a) From the column's students in Parish & Diocesan Schools the annual fee per student is $931.
    b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are $931 per student times 3 students. Total tuition fees payable of $2,793.
  - 2 Student family with 1 student in Primary and 1 student in Lower Secondary
    a) From the column's students in Parish & Diocesan Schools the annual fee for the primary student is $1,186 and the annual fee for the lower secondary student is $3,134.
    b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are $3,320 ($1,186 + $2,134).
  - 3 Student family with 1 student in Primary, 1 student in Lower Secondary and 1 student in Upper Secondary
    a) From the column's students in Parish & Diocesan Schools the annual fee for the primary student is $931, the annual fee for the lower secondary student is $1,757 and the annual fee for the upper secondary student is $2,156.
    b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are $4,844 ($931 + $1,757 + $2,156).
## Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2016 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

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### Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

- St Joseph’s School, Atherton
- St Michael’s School, Gordonvale
- St John’s School, Silkwood
- St Clare’s School, Tully
- St Rita’s School, Babinda
- St Augustine’s School, Mossman
- St Rita’s School, South Johnstone
- St Teresa’s School, Ravenshoe
- St Anthony’s School, Dimbulah
- Mount St Bernard College, Herberton
- St Stephen’s Catholic College, Mareeba
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Thursday Island
- St Joseph’s Parish School, Weipa

### In addition to the above schools the 2016 Tuition Fee Schedule applies to:

- Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville
- St Thomas’s School, Mareeba
- Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns
- St Joseph’s School, Parramatta Park
- St Therese’s School, Bentley Park
- Holy Cross School, Trinity Park
- St Gerard Majella School, Werris
- St Monica’s College, Cairns
- St Mary’s Catholic College, Woree
- St Francis Xavier’s School, Manunda
- St Andrew’s Catholic College, Redlynch
- Good Counsel College, Innisfail
- Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail
- MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL FEE DISCOUNTS

For families with more than one child in primary and/or secondary Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese, attend a country school, or hold a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card.

Why do Catholic schools have fees?
To provide quality learning environments, Catholic schools have fees to help meet the shortfall in Government funding. Catholic schools strive to keep fees as low as possible.

The term ‘school fees’ includes tuition fees and levies. Each school assesses the school levies necessary to meet their individual school and community operation requirements.

In doing this they are firstly guided by the diocesan tuition fee set by Catholic Education Services.

How do I enrol my child in a Catholic school?
Parents/carers are encouraged to contact the Principal of their preferred Catholic school to find out about their enrolment procedures and what information is required to complete the enrolment application (e.g. birth certificate, baptism certificate, school reports and academic records if applicable). Enrolment applications are accepted at any time.

Schools may not always be able to accept every family who applies, due to the availability of places.

In these cases, the Principal is guided by the Cairns Catholic Education enrolment policy that has been set by the Diocesan Education Board of Governance. Many schools have waiting lists if this occurs.

Multi-student/school family discount
Families with more than one child in the same or other primary or secondary Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese receive fee discounts for the second, third and subsequent children.

This information is collected by the school at the time of enrolment and the discount is automatically applied.

Country area discount
Schools in more remote, country areas also qualify for a further Country discount. This discount automatically applies at the time of enrolment.

Country schools are listed on the Cairns Catholic Education schedule of fees.

Pensioner and health care card holder fee discount
In addition to these family and country school discounts that have historically been offered, Cairns Catholic Education has introduced means-tested concession card discounts.

Parents/carers with a means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card are automatically eligible to receive a 70% discount to tuition fees (does not apply to school levies). Card holders are required to advise the school of their concession card at enrolment or when the card is gained. Once the card is sighted by the school’s administration, tuition fees will be adjusted.

Special consideration
Families without a means-tested concession card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should speak with their school Principal or Parish Priest to apply for special consideration.

No child will be denied enrolment due to financial difficulty. The school Principal or Parish Priest will treat the situation with understanding, sensitivity and confidentiality.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday, 16th August, the 13 Sacramental candidates of our parish will be presented with “The Lord’s Prayer”. This is in lead up to the following Sunday, 23rd August where they will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist, where they will receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time. As these children take the next step along their faith journey, may they know that our parish community warmly welcome and pray for them on their special day:

Both of these special events are at 8am in our Parish Church and all family and friends of the school community are more than welcome to share in these occasions.

This Monday, 17th August, the year 5/6 class will be heading down to The Seville Mercy Centre in Cairns where they will participate in “Courage to Care”, a topical and relevant educational exhibition.

Courage to Care aims to highlight the problems of bullying, racism and discrimination and promote understanding and acceptance of all people in our multicultural society.

Courage to Care is designed for Years 5 to 6 primary school students with curriculum links in History, Geography and Religious Education. In the session the students will experience the various components of the program, which includes a guided tour of the exhibition, a Holocaust survivor’s positive story first hand and a facilitated workshop. In our next newsletter the students will share their experiences of the exhibition with you.

May God’s Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo

Upcoming Masses:
♦ 19th August—3/4 class Mass
♦ 9th September—5/6 class Mass
♦ 16th September—Whole school Mass

Did you know?

First Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic person’s life. It is the first time that a person receives the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the eating of consecrated bread and drinking of consecrated wine. Catholics believe these to be the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
From our Counsellor

Guidance Counsellor News: Supporting and Enhancing SEL at St. Anthony’s.

Cyber Safety for Primary School Children.

The following article comes from the February 2014 edition of the Kidsmatter Newsletter and talks about teaching our younger children to be more cyber aware.

Ms. Rosalie O’Neale is a senior advisor for the Australian Communications and Media Authority’s Cybersmart Outreach division and she reveals the latest online statistics and discusses the danger of internet usage and provides safety strategies for parents and schools.

How widely is technology used by primary aged children?

Children are going online younger and younger with the rapid uptake and hypnotic appeal of tablets and other touch screen devices. Consider the following recent research findings:

- Some 95% of eight to eleven year olds had accessed the internet in the last 4 weeks, with almost all accessing the internet at some stage.
- Children of this age group use multiple internet enabled devices ..... up to 3 for ten to eleven year olds (including ipods, ipads, and game consoles).
- 37% of 8-9 year olds and 51% of 10-11 year olds have accessed the internet from a handheld mobile device.
- Mobile phone ownership increases significantly with age .... 11% of 8-9 year olds increasing to 67% of 12-13 year olds owned a mobile phone.
- 29% of children aged 5-14 years have a mobile.
- An increasing number of children in this age group are using technology at school and at a friend’s house away from parental supervision.

What do primary aged children do online?

- For 8-11 year olds the top four sites were You Tube, Club Penguin, Moshi Monsters and Facebook.
- The most popular activities were playing games, private messaging, posting comments and posting their own status updates.
- The internet is highly valued by this age group with the proportion of 8-9 year olds who rated the internet as “very important” doubling since 2009.

What are the main issues arising?

- Around 20% of 8-13 year olds reported seeing something or experiencing something in the last year that bothered them.
- There has been a slight rise in the number of 8-9 year olds reporting that they have been cyberbullied ..... some 10% of 10-11 year olds and 17% of 12-13 year olds also reported cyberbullying.
- A large proportion of 8-11 year olds post personal details including phone, address, photo, school and birth date on the net.
What can parents do to support their children?

Parents are still the main source of advice and support when children are experiencing online difficulties. The advice to parents is:

- Talk to your child about staying safe as soon as they start becoming online active and keep the discussion open on a daily basis.
- Monitor children’s time online, particularly the younger ones.
- Set house rules … what’s okay and what isn’t okay, how much time is online time and what kind of personal information is okay to make public.
- Consider using filters and other tools to limit exposure to potentially harmful sites.
- Find out what children are up to … Create your own accounts and play with the services they are using to familiarise yourself with privacy settings and reporting mechanisms.
- Model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like them to use.

What do schools need to do?

Schools play an extremely important role in guiding children to be safe online …… Safe schools put in place policies and procedures around online safety issues and have limited access for students on the internet at school (blocking devices). Schools need to be alert to the following:

- Changes in personality and behaviour.
- Friendship concerns.
- Withdrawal from peers or peer exclusion.
- Decline in academic performance and rising absenteeism.
- Excessive sleeplessness or lack of focus.
- Increased negative self- perception.
- Decline in physical health.
- Self- harming thoughts.

I hope that you find this article of some interest or use when teaching your children to be cyber safe. Classroom teachers in primary and secondary schools have had the necessary training in keeping children safe online and provide very good role models for their students, which is a crucial strategy in teaching our young people these valuable life skills. If you have any concerns in relation to your children’s emotional well-being, please don’t hesitate to contact me by email on bschofield@cns.catholic.edu.au or the Principal, Mr. Brad Williams on 4093 5319. Wishing you a safe and happy week.

Bryan Schofield

(Guidance Counsellor).
St Anthony's P&F

**Christmas Fair** is on the **21st November 2015!!!**

Please begin collecting unwanted clothing, books and toys for the **Trash and Treasure Stall**. Only clean items in good condition please! (Keep them at home for now).

**New families** - Please contact Shannon Grantley if you are unsure how you will support the fair.

We need everyone on-board to make this community fund-raising event a success and resource the school for our students!!!

If you can't make the meeting- Please take the time to read P&F minutes on the Parent Information notice board.

Thank you for your continued support
**New Sporting Equipment**

Students are enjoying the use of new sports equipment thanks to the financial support from the P & F. Soccer nets, tennis nets and racquets as well as hockey equipment is attracting lots of students to the courts and fields during lunch breaks and keeping them active.

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**Lawn Bowls**

Tim Blake from Lawn Bowls Qld together with our local Lawn Bowls Club has arranged an inter-school competition including our cluster schools for our Year 5/6 students. This will take place on Thursday 20 August from 1:00pm –3:00pm and it is hoped that we will also be able to do some follow up sessions before the end of the year.

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**Peninsula Athletics**

Four of our students are training in shot put, high jump and long jump after school on Wednesdays in preparation for the Peninsula Athletics Championships at Barlow Park coming up this month. It is great to see Kaitlyn, Georgina, Toby and Beau training together and helping one another during and after school. Thank you also to those parents who have been assisting and offering the students support and advice.

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**Inter-house Ball Games Carnival**

All students are preparing well for the ball games carnival which will be held later this term. Games played include tunnel ball, corner spry, leader ball, exchange ball and under/over ball and we hope that parents will also be willing to join in the fun and competition on that day. I have been encouraging students to practise bouncing, catching and throwing with a tennis ball at school and would hope that they all have a ball at home that they could use to reinforce these skills.
Tuesday morning reading sessions are taking us to wonderful places! We’ve read with some American Screen Actors Guild members from Storyline Online. Silly Books gave us some funny stories to laugh about. And Inanimate Alice is taking us around the world, from China to Saudi Arabia to Russia.

We’ve been really lucky to have Ms Lynda bring in her real-life Saudi artefacts from her time as a teacher there. On display in the library we have an authentic Arabic coffee decanter, some beautiful scarves and some of Ms Lynda’s own books with Arabic sayings translated into English. Some favourites from this book are ‘Talk has a taste like food’ and ‘Every knot has someone to undo it.’

Join us every Tuesday from 8.30am to continue Alice’s journey and find other online reading treasures.
Woolworths Earn & learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school. Last year more than 14500 schools benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries and music rooms to name a few. Its simple to participate. From 15th July to 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet or you can pick one up from St Anthony’s. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box in the office at St Anthony’s.
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE CHAIN

St Thomas’s Catholic Church, Mareeba
Sunday 13th September 2015
Mass at 2.30pm

Following mass there will be a procession of the statue of Our Lady of The Chain followed by a barbeque to be held on the school grounds with hot chips, spaghetti, gnocchi, steak, sausages and a licensed bar. The tea/coffee stall will have a wonderful array of sweets including Italian cannoli, crostoli and nougat. Try your luck at the pesca with fantastic prizes to be won and don’t forget the wonderful fireworks display at 8.30pm.

This year we are delighted to bring to Mareeba an entertainer direct from Brisbane. “Fortunato Isgro” is a singer/entertainer who performs throughout Australia. The style of music he performs includes English classics from the 1950’s to 1970’s, plus traditional Italian music. He plays the keyboard and guitar. Fortunato started performing professionally at the age of sixteen at various clubs and restaurants across the Gold Coast. Fortunato is a popular entertainer within the Australian-Italian community and performs at numerous Italian clubs and festivals throughout Australia, including the Ingham Australian Italian Festival,
Community News

**Dimbulah Rhyme Time**

Join us at Dimbulah Library for our NEW Rhyme Time Program

Enjoy songs, rhymes & stories while bonding with your baby & meeting other local families.

This is a fun filled session for children from 0-4 years designed to develop early literacy skills. This program is delivered by Mareeba Shire Library Services and is funded under the Best Start grant by the State Library of Queensland.

For more information see Helen, phone 07 4092 9311 or visit www.macleay.qld.gov.au/libraries.

The Dimbulah rhyme time sessions will run during school terms from 9:30am - 10:30am on the first Wednesday of each month (unless the first Wednesday falls during school holidays).

- Wednesday 6th May 2015
- Wednesday 3rd June 2015
- Wednesday 15th July 2015
- Wednesday 5th August 2015
- Wednesday 2nd September 2015
- Wednesday 7th October 2015
- Wednesday 4th November 2015

**Mareeba Shire Council**

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**Well Women’s Clinics**

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

**Mareeba Hospital** - Thursdays 3rd & 10th September

Ph: 4092 9311

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.