Yr 5/6 Class using microscopes with Michelle Ford from St Stephen’s School

Rotary Youth Speaking Competition

Thank you Mr Bin for fixing our swings!
## COMING EVENTS......

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## Student of the Week

### Prep One Two Class
- Livinia Di Salvo for reading Level B books! Wow!
- Alexandra Serafin for always following classroom rules.
- Mia Gargan for careful attention in spelling.
- Georgia Cummings for always listening carefully and finishing tasks.
- Brayth Miller for listening with his eyes, ears and body.
- Cayde Miller for clever regrouping in maths.

### Year Three Four Class
- Anton Palmeri for excellent teamwork.
- Matthew Bin for excellent ideas when writing a sizzling start.
- Alice Harrigan for independently completing her 66 word summary.
- Nate Mitchell for achieving 100% on his maths test.

### Year Five Six Class
- Danae Tosoni for working diligently across all learning areas and working enthusiastically in group settings.
- Neve Godfrey for willingly assisting her peers when she sees the need and providing thoughtful responses in SEL.
- Marco Cappella for producing outstanding cursive writing and for writing a beautiful and reverent prayer in RE.
- Cara Dryden for giving 100% effort across all learning areas and always willingly helping out her peers.
- John Lamont for presenting fantastic cursive writing and working independently on given tasks.
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

I have mentioned over the course of the year that at St. Anthony’s we value highly the open communication that exists between staff and parents. We are blessed to have a culture here where parents feel comfortable approaching staff to seek knowledge as to the progress and wellbeing of their children. This communication exists in both formal and informal ways, from social chats to interviews and reports. I acknowledge that many parents lead very busy lives and can at times be ‘time-poor’. It is often as a result of the busy lives we lead that we are finding parents trying to talk with staff about their child as they are dropping their child to class or when they are on bus duty. I would encourage parents who are wanting to speak with staff to approach that staff member and ask to make a time to meet with them. Alternatively, parents are able to call the school and ask for the staff member to contact you with times that might be suitable to catch up.

The Bully is Back

Last week our students were able to view a fantastic play about bullying. The key messages were around resilience, how we can help others when they are being bullied and how we can include others to make school a happy place for everyone.

Enterprise Bargaining

It is my duty to inform you that next week there will be industrial action at St Anthony’s. This industrial action is linked to enterprise bargaining negotiations currently being undertaken within Queensland Catholic Schools.

The majority of teachers and staff who are members of the Independent Education Union, recently voted to take industrial action in the form of a 30 minute and one (1) hour work stoppage that will take place at the end of the school day on 15 September and 16 September respectively.

Unfortunately, due to staffing levels expected, our school will not be able to operate normally for students during these work stoppages. While there will be supervision available at school, no formal classes will operate during these times.

While I am sorry that this action will disrupt our usual school routines, I respect the right of employees to take appropriate industrial action.

For your information it should also be noted that industrial action within the Catholic sector is being taken on a school by school basis.

I invite you to contact me if you have any concerns or require further information.

P&F

On behalf of the St Anthony’s school community I would like to thank each and every parent who cooked, served and sold cakes and sweet goods yesterday. Over $450 was raised. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Rotary Speaking

Congratulations to Desarae and Lauren who represented St Anthony’s at the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition at the Mareeba International Club last night. Both girls spoke extremely well with Lauren winning the trophy for best speaker on the night. What a fantastic achievement!
Staffing 2016
We congratulate Trudy Pretorius who has successfully been appointed to the position of Western Deanery Teacher/Librarian commencing 2016. In her new role Trudy will serve as the teacher/librarian at St Anthony's Dimbulah, St Thomas Mareeba, St Joseph’s Atherton and St Therese’s Ravenshoe.
This is the first of a number of developments that will unfold over coming weeks. We will soon be interviewing for the positions advertised last week and will keep the St Anthony’s community informed with any announcements.

Year 3/4 Family Mass
All families are invited to attend the Year 3/4 Family Mass this Sunday at 8:00am. We hope to see you there.

Lastly…
As this will be the final newsletter for the term I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff, students and parents of our school who make it the great place that it is. I hope you are all able to get some time away over the holiday period and I look forward to seeing you again.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Brad Williams
Principal,
St Anthony’s Catholic School

Principal’s Award
Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term we have had and what wonderful work and events that have occurred during this time. As we approach the school holidays I hope that you all have an excellent time with your family and friends relaxing and catching up on quality time. Stay safe and enjoy.

This term the year 3/4 class have been focusing on the Confidence Key in Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Here is what they have to say:

**Ways to building Confidence**

- Act confident
- Try new things
- Have fun
- Try hard things
- Try joining in
- Have positive thoughts
- Have confidence building thoughts
- Ask a question
- Ask others to join in
- Build friendship groups
- Have a go

May God’s Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo

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**Parish Weekend Mass Times**

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**In the words of Saint Mary MacKillop**

“Let us be joyful and thank God”

**1874**

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**Father’s Day Prayer of Remembering**

_Susan Kramer_

”Fathers young, fathers old
Remembering good times are our gold.
Value earned through guidance given
Helping us go forth in livin’.

Each father adding to our trove
A treasure chest of love untold.

Remembering fathers in our lives
Taking time to realize.

Fatherly love brings wealth to living
Remembering this, we go forth in giving.

Fathers young, fathers old
We remember you all
As life unfolds.”

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**Upcoming Masses**

- 13th September—Year 3/4 class hosting Sunday Mass
- 16th September—Whole School Mass

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**Ways to relax**

- Breathing in and out
- Thinking of something you enjoy
- Thinking of a relaxing image
- Have a drink
- Go for a walk
- Being in your mother’s arms

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“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.” Jimmy Dean
Guidance Counsellor News: Supporting and Enhancing SEL at St Anthony’s.

Keeping Kids Safe.

This week is Child Protection Week (5th–12th September) and last Saturday I attended the inaugural “Safeguarding Children Conference” hosted by CES in Cairns. The conference focused on the essential requirement, which is to play an active part in keeping our children safe from harm of all types. The conference was divided up into a number of workshops which included:

- How to complete accurate and relevant student protection reports, which are a mandatory requirement for all staff who may suspect that a child is either being harmed or is at significant risk of being harmed.
- Sexting, Transmission of Child Exploitation Material and Unlawful Peer Activity, which focused on technological devices being used to transmit material for the above purposes: e.g. “Explicit selfie’s being forwarded to a friend and then going viral” and paedophilic activity.
- Ethical conduct and interaction with children, which is well documented in the CES Code of Conduct pamphlets for both staff and parents.
- Case Management of students at risk in schools, whereby schools have obligations and responsibilities to manage students at risk of harm or those that have been harmed.
- Family and Child Connect, which is a new service, soon to be offered in the Cairns Diocese. Family Connect is a community based intake and referral service which helps at risk and vulnerable families connect with the services they need to safely care for their children at home ….. it aims to support families before Child Safety Services become involved.
- Identifying grooming strategies used by offenders in both the real world and the cyber world.
- Childhood sexuality: Myths and facts about healthy sexual development and problem behaviours.

NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) reports that research has shown that the most successful way to prevent child abuse and neglect is by building strong communities that support, respect and value children and families. Those communities who openly respect the rights, needs and views of children, and that have services and systems in place, have significantly less incidences of neglect and child abuse.

As a contribution to Child Protection Week, NAPCAN is focusing on educating communities and it aims to:

- Promote the benefits of a child friendly culture.
- Support communities to create and sustain unique child friendly environments, child friendly practices, reflective of the individual community’s values.
- Promote a universal prevention focus to child abuse and neglect.

Connected healthy communities are able to best identify and support children in times of stress and effectively inhibit the cycle of child abuse. Some things we can do to help our children grow up in a caring safe community is to get to know neighbours, connect with families in our street, respectful behaviour to all members of the community and being aware of the support services that are available in the community (Dimbulah Community Centre, TCASS and MISC in Mareeba, Lifeline, the Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Service Cairns and Queensland Police are examples). Communities need to develop a zero tolerance to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect ….. such behaviours are not OK and are not acceptable.

I would just like to remind you that if you have concerns relating to the well-being of your children, that you may contact the Principal, Mr Brad Williams on 4093 5319 or myself by email: bschofield@cns.catholic.edu.au. On behalf of the staff at St Anthony’s, I hope that all our kids and families have a safe and happy week.

Bryan Schofield (Guidance Counsellor).
Ball Games Carnival

All students will participate in the Wolfram v Mulligan Ball Games Carnival next Thursday 17 September. This will start at 9am and finish around 11am. All parents are invited to attend and hopefully participate in a few of the games.

Parent v Student Soccer & Netball

It has been a tradition at St Anthony’s that the older students challenge the parents in a chosen sport. This year, after the ball games carnival the older students would like to challenge the adults in a game of soccer and netball. These games will take place concurrently as 2 x 15min halves from 11.00-11.15 and 11.20-11.35.

Tennis

St Anthony’s has registered with the Australian Sporting Schools Program to increase the involvement of children in sport. We have been successful in acquiring a grant to conduct a tennis program in Term 4 and will confirm details as they are known.

Swimming (Term4)

All students will participate in a 5 week program at the end of Term 4 commencing in Week 5 on Tuesdays.
Prep, Year One and Year Two excursion- we attended a performance of Animalastic, set inside the 96 year old original Belgium Spiegel Zelt. It was a fantastical, musical exploration of the animal kingdom!

We also had a tour of the Mareeba Heritage Museum, exploring the past. We used old fashioned telephones, sat in old fashioned classrooms and even got locked up in an old jail!
Prep Year 1 and 2 Class Excursion
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 barbecue 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,

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DIMBULAH HOSPITAL REQUIRES A NEW BUILDING

Attend the public meeting 6.30pm for 7pm sharp at Dimbulah Town Hall Monday 14 September 2015. A large attendance is important so bring relatives and friends. MP Shane Knuth and CHHS CEO Julie Hartley-Jones C.B.E. will attend.