Dear Parents

As we find ourselves back into the swing of things, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all for the start of the fourth and final term for 2016. I trust that the two-week break provided at least some respite from the regular routine and an opportunity to catch your breath and re-energise. This term is 9 weeks with the school year concluding on Friday, 2nd December at midday.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair begins on Tuesday of next week. It will be open in the mornings from 8:30am until 9:00am and then again from 2:55pm-3:15pm. There is quite a selection of books and items available for purchase with a percentage of sales from the Fair coming back to school.

Study Tour

In the last week of term a number of Principal’s and CES Staff visited the Adelaide Diocese, where we had the opportunity to visit schools, talk with leadership staff and teachers and talk with staff from their head office. We also had lectures on the topic of the theology of the child and attended Mass at the Cathedral. Each of our days concluded with debriefing sessions where we had the chance to reflect on significant learnings and implications for our own schools and the diocese. Over coming weeks and into next year I will be sharing these learnings with our staff and making collaborative decisions about how these may or may not be suitable for our school community and students. Visiting other schools gave me the opportunity to observe pedagogies, strategies, initiatives that are working well in those schools and are impacting positively on student learning and wellbeing. What it also highlighted to me was that there is much that we are doing here at St Anthony’s that is already very important and positively impacting on student learning and wellbeing.

Shannon recently returned from a 3 day Early Years Conference in Darwin. The three days consisted of lectures, workshops, key note speakers and professional conversations. Next week Shannon and Patsy will be visiting Holy Cross in Smithfield to observe some specific programs and teaching pedagogies utilised by their early years teachers. The conference and school visits are an integral investment in our continued effort to provide high quality teaching and learning opportunities for our students. So that we have currency in our current educational climate we need to keep providing opportunities for our staff to keep learning.

CTJ Day

As indicated in the letter that went home earlier in the week Monday 17th October is CTJ Day. CTJ is an acronym for Consistency of Teacher Judgement. All schools within our diocese participate in it and it is a pupil free day for students. At CTJ Day staff get together in year levels and moderate reading, numeracy and science assessments from selected samples of student work. What this does is help to ensure that all staff have a common understanding of what an A is or what a C is in terms of assessment. CTJ day will also provide an opportunity for staff to share best practice in the form of units of work, resources used etc. Despite CTJ day, Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup will still run as planned.

Rotary Youth Speaking

Last Thursday night I had the opportunity to attend the Rotary Youth Speaking Awards at the International Club where Neve Godfrey represented St Anthony’s. Neve did a great job speaking about why netball should be an Olympic sport. The Youth Speaking Awards are another example of ways in which students at St Anthony’s get an opportunity to develop and pursue areas of interest. It is open to students in year 6.

Kindy Transition

On Wednesday of this week we had the first of three transition visits for our new Prep students for 2017. Transition visits
are a very important aspect of School Readiness and give children an opportunity to experience school life and routine as well as developing relationships with staff and students. We will be holding two further transition visits for new students on 26th October and 9th November. If you are aware of any families who are moving to the area or who are undecided about schools, please invite them to contact the school.

Literacy Coaching

This term our class teachers are working with Literacy Coaches to continue to develop skills and knowledge of the explicit teaching of spelling and reading. Our teaching staff really value the opportunity to work with Gloria (Literacy Coach) as they strive to continue to hone their knowledge and expertise in teaching spelling and reading to students.

Trivia Night

A Family Trivia Night has been planned for Friday 11th November from 6:30-8:30 with a venue to be confirmed once we have an idea of how many people are likely to attend. The idea will be that families are invited to attend and bring a plate to share and that families can make tables/groups for the trivia component. Shannon and Rachelle will provide further information in coming days.

Swimming

Each class will have 4 sessions this term beginning next Tuesday 18th October. This is in addition to the program offered in Term 1. If you or any other parents you know can assist at the pool I ask you to make contact with the school. Please note the session times for students:

- 11:15-12:15 – Year 3/4
- 12:15-1:15 – P/1/2
- 1:25-2:25 – Year 5/6

2017 Processes

Over the course of the term much work will be done in relation to planning for 2017. This includes strategic planning, curriculum initiatives, staffing, budget development, data analysis, goal setting and process review. We continue to ask families who may be aware of possible movements, either to or from the school, to please let us know as soon as possible so a more accurate picture of enrolment numbers can be gauged. Please be assured that I will endeavour to keep all families abreast of 2017 developments as they unfold in the closing weeks of the year.

In closing, we are looking forward to what will be a great term for all involved. We look forward to working in partnership with our parents to continue to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students.

- Monday 17th October Pupil Free Day
- Next Assembly: Monday 24th October Year 5/6 Class
- Next Newsletter: Friday 28th October

Yours in Catholic Education
Brad Williams
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your family, spending quality time with each other. I had an amazing time away and thoroughly enjoyed all the places I visited on my journey. Term four has come very quickly this year and again look forward to what’s in store.

Last week I attended the Rotary speeches, where our very own Neve Godfrey represented our school very proudly. Neve presented her speech on a topic passionate to her heart—why Netball should be an Olympic sport. Her speech got a lot of people thinking and hopefully one day her point of view will come to fruition. Another speech delivered by a young girl, also got me thinking and thought I would share the following with you:

The Value of Empathy

Jesus, during his earthly ministry, had a great capacity to empathise with those he encountered, particularly those who were easily dismissed by the status quo of the times. Empathy is one of the core Gospel values. It allows us to have a sense of the feelings of others. It is the value that allows us to begin to see the perspective of others; to see where they’re coming from. It is the value that helps us recognise that each person is faced with obstacles and hardships in their life journey and thus we are called to respond to others with Christ-like compassion, mercy and respect regardless of our own difficulties. It is the value that helps us recognise the injustice of poverty, war and human rights abuses. On a grander scale, it is the value that challenges us to recognise that we are not the centre of the universe, but one of many citizens of the Earth called by God to live in Community.

So how can we live a life of empathy?
• Try to understand how others are feeling.
• Walk in other people’s shoes.
• Realise that everyone makes mistakes and to be discerning rather than judgmental.
• Understand that we are all created in God’s image.
• Celebrate other people’s differences.
• Think before they act.
• Be good sports and encourage others.

May God’s Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”

Walt Disney

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### Class Celebrations for Term 4

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### Up Coming Events

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### Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class

Neve Godfrey for delivering an awesome speech at Rotary, you did our school proud! Congratulations.

Amber Jerome for producing a creative metaphor poem.

Year 3/4 Class

Cayde Miller for working hard on the reading redbox comprehension

Cooper Kennedy for estimating different lengths in measurements.

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**Ballgames Day**

Beau Hatfield, Eric Tosoni, Dio Jasmin and Clancie Sivyer.
Community News

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE CELEBRATES
25 years
DINBULAH AMBULANCE STATION
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2016
9am-11am
16-17 Brinkley Street, Dinbulah

Invitation

To all Diners Guests of Coast
To all Partner Guests of Coast
To all Visitors Guests of Coast

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE SOUTHERN BEACHES
CORPORATE INVITES YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY
TO THE
Fiftieth Jubilee Celebrations
MARKING THE PARISHES ESTABLISHMENT IN 1966
A SPECIAL EVENT IS ORGANISED FOR
SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2014
WITH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM OF EVENTS:
- Open for Open Photographers Display
- Open View of Thanksgiving
- Open Renewal: BDO Children’s activities will be as provided by St Andrews and Holy Cross Clubs

R.E.P.T. Inc. Vicern ph. 455 1020
e-mail: secretary@diocese.de/

Dimbulah Kindergarten
Open Day
You are invited to come and see our Kindergarten

When: Monday, 31 October 2016
Time: 9 - 11 am
Bring: Your child, Birth Certificate, Health Care Card, Immunisation Record

Come and spend the morning with our friendly staff and see what is available for your child in 2017

ENROL NOW
Affordable Kindy - Discount on Fees for Health Care Card holders and ATSI children if your child turns 4 by 30 June 2017

For further information, contact Leanne Harrigan on 4093 3450

Dimbulah Community Kindergarten
welcomes you to a buffet lunch at the Dimbulah Football Club.

Tuesday 1st November
Doors Open 11am.

Race cup sweeps!
Art Auctions!
Prizes throughout the day!

Tickets sold at
Dimbulah Community Centre
(Ph 4093 3450)
$30 per head