Congratulations to all our students who competed during the Mareeba District Sports Days. Special mention goes out to Amber Jerome who has qualified to compete at Peninsula Level at Barlow Park for the 200m and Reserve for 100m. Fantastic effort from all who participated.
**UP COMING EVENTS……...**

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**Student of the Week**

**Prep One Two Class**
- Dustin Hatfield for clever thinking in Maths!
- Amaliya Fitzgerald for careful listening when learning sounds.
- Sam Williams for confidence and creativity when writing narratives.
- Jack Pownall-Teece for being sensible, mature and ready to learn.

**Year Three Four Class**
- Caitlyn Parson for working on her multiplication skills.
- Clancie Siyver for a great information report on a flower.
- Hazel Hobden for trying new ideas when making a brochure.
- Bronson Exton for answering questions in class about 2D & 3D shapes.

**Year Five Six Class**
- Kaiden Anning for using his time wisely and portraying great leadership qualities.
- Mia Cavanagh for being a great friend and using her time wisely.
- Neve Godfrey for providing thoughtful responses in Religion and for being an awesome leader.
- Alice Harrigan for working diligently in all class activities and watching out for the well-being of others.

***Reminder***

Our 50th Anniversary is fast approaching. If you have not already done so, book a table at the front office for the dinner dance being held on Saturday 27th August. You will be entertained by the great band “Careless” and be delighted with an amazing buffet of food. Enjoy a great night out with your friends and for our past students, a night to catch up and reminisce about the good old days.
Small communities are wonderful places to live and work in for a whole host of reasons. The sense of belonging and feeling safe are two characteristics of country towns which make them attractive places. Perhaps the biggest reason that small communities are so highly regarded and valued is the way in which people come together to support one another during good times and in times in which we are challenged. People in small country towns readily come to the aid of others and support each other during times of need, uncertainty, hardship, grief and loss. Aid and support comes in many different forms and at very different levels and can be as simple as a wave. There are families within our school community and the Dimbulah/Mutchilba area that are being challenged who will need our support and love. When the time comes, let’s all be prepared to reach out, give of ourselves and continue the legend of small communities coming together and looking after their own.

50th Anniversary

In recent times a number of letters have been sent out regarding our 50th Anniversary. These letters have addressed matters concerning assistance required for the event as well addressing questions in relation to fundraising. It is absolutely vital that parents take time to read all letters that have been distributed and return those notes indicating how you can assist the school and P&F. At the P&F Meeting on Wednesday afternoon I will be discussing aspects of the 50th Anniversary and will be happy to field any questions that may arise.

Support Services

We are very blessed in the Tablelands and Cairns region to have a number of Support Agencies who can assist with counselling and support for students and families outside of the counselling support offered by Catholic Education Services. Please find below a list of support agencies available to our St Anthony’s families:

- TCASS (Tablelands Counselling) Mareeba 40926899
- MISC (Mareeba Information and Support Centre) 40921948
- Dimbulah Community Centre 40935444
- Centacare Cairns 40440130
- Lifeline 131114
- Child Youth and Mental Health 40929171
- Atherton Counselling and Training 40917555
- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
- Parent Line 1300 301 300 (8am-10pm)
- Atherton Mental Health 4091 0213

Notification of Student Absences

We often have students away from school for a whole range of reasons, sickness, holidays, sporting events etc. Parents are reminded to contact the class teacher or the school when a student is away from school. Each morning and afternoon our administration staff need to record student attendance. If notification has not been received from parents outlining reasons for student absence, staff will mark your child as an Unexplained Absence. Parents are reminded that notification must be in the form of an email, phone call, written note or conversation with a staff member. It can not be a verbal message passed through your child. We thank you for your cooperation with this.
From our Principal

**Best Practice Tour**

I want to advise our parent community that between Monday 12th September and Friday 16th September I will be joining a number of other Principal’s from the Cairns Diocese on a Best Practice Tour in South Australia. Whilst in South Australia we will be visiting a number of other Catholic Schools in the Adelaide Diocese as well as getting the chance to speak with Principals, Teachers, Students, System Leaders and Communities in the Diocese. The Tour has been designed by Principals in the Cairns Diocese, in collaboration with the Adelaide Diocese and key people in Catholic Education Services Cairns. Whilst in Adelaide we will be exploring three major themes relating to Catholic Education, all of which are pertinent and relevant to our context at St Anthony’s. These three major themes are:

1. Student Learning – Wellbeing, teaching pedagogy, learning environments, visible learning
2. School Leadership – What is leadership, the role of the church (priests), management of schools, leadership in the Catholic Context
3. Catholic Identity – What are the lived experiences of people in Catholic Schools, identity and culture of Catholic Schools, what is a Catholic construct for learning and pedagogy.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in professional conversations with a number of stakeholders from the Adelaide Diocese. The richness and growth that comes through such experiences is hard to measure but I am looking forward to the opportunity of sharing my learning with our staff and school community in Term 4.

In my absence from St Anthony’s school, Mr Ben Smith will be standing in as Acting Principal. Mr Smith is one of a small group of teacher’s within the Diocese who is a part of the Aspirant Principal Program facilitated by CES. Mr Smith is currently serving as a Middle Leader at Mount Saint Bernard College, Herberton and is highly regarded. Mr Smith will be visiting later this month to meet staff and students, as well as spend time with me becoming familiar with protocols, procedures and events taking place in the last week. I have full confidence that Mr Smith, together with staff and students, will navigate the last week of term with ease.

**Athletics**

Congratulations to those students from St Anthony’s who represented Walsh River at the recent Mareeba District Athletics Carnival. Each student competed with courage, determination and to the best of their ability. We extend a special well done to Amber who has been selected in the Mareeba District Team to compete at Peninsula on 13th and 14th August.

**P&F Meeting**

A reminder that all parents are invited to attend our next P&F Meeting on Wednesday 10th August at 3:15pm. There are some important items to be discussed and we would love to see as many parents present as possible.

**Book Week Celebrations**

Parents are reminded that our Book Week Celebration Parade will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd August at 9:15am. The theme is ‘Australia Story Country’ with students invited to dress-up as their favourite character from an Australian book.

**Eureka Rodeo**

All the best to those students competing at the Rodeo today and over the weekend. Those families who are heading out are sure to have a great weekend. I extend my thanks to those parents who are helping at the bar tonight in support of the P&F.

**Kindy Visit**

On Tuesday our P-2 class will be visiting the Dimbulah Kindy to read stories to them. I am sure they will have fun reading to the kindy children!!!
From our Principal

Next Newsletter: Thursday 18th August

Next Assembly: Monday 8th August (Year 5/6 Class)
Monday 15th August (School Captains)

Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup: Monday 15th August

Yours in Catholic Education

Brad Williams
Principal

Olympic Celebrations
Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Catholic Education Week Mass and our tree planting ceremony on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed having you there and I know you would agree, that the chocolate mud cake was delicious—thank you very much Mrs Ceola for making the cake, we greatly appreciated it. It was a lovely occasion, where we came to show all that is great about our Catholic School and what we stand for—a place of community.

On Sunday, several students from our year 3/4 class hosted our Parish Mass, along with students from the other year levels and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their contributions to what was a beautiful celebration. You should be very proud in the way you continue to show great reverence. Many parishioners have told me this as well and have told me that they love having our students provide those extra special touches to the Masses.

Next week Wednesday, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a whole school Mass at 9am. All are welcome to attend. Mary MacKillop’s story is a heart-warming one that is especially precious for children and us, Saint Anthony of Padua as we are a Josephite school.

Mary was an ordinary Victorian farm girl who was born in 1842 and was the eldest child in her family and had 3 sisters and 4 brothers. As her father was excellent in religious education, most of Mary’s education was at home. After her first job as a clerk and working as a governess looking after her cousins and teaching them and other farm children, she became a school teacher. It was in South Australia that she met a priest named Father Julian Tenison Woods, who shared her passion, wanting to help poor children attend school and together in 1866, they started the “Stable School.” Here the children had lessons in reading, writing, math and singing. The girls also enjoyed learning to sew whilst the boys enjoyed woodwork. Mary and her sisters also taught the children about God and taught them to trust in Jesus. Mary became a nun – “Sister Mary of the Cross” in 1867, after Father Woods and herself started the religious order of the sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). Mary devoted her life to the service of God and did great things for Australian and New Zealand families (set up schools, houses for elderly women, young girls and women without jobs, gave comfort to the sick and dying and even visited people in jail to give them whatever help they could).

The Mary MacKillop Feast Day is celebrated on the 8th of August. This is also the date of her death in 1909. At times in her life Mary MacKillop met people who made it hard for her to perform her good works, but she never gave up and today the Sisters of St Joseph are still doing the work that Mary MacKillop started all those years ago. Mary MacKillop was declared Australia’s first Saint on the 17th of October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

May God’s Spirit be with you always
Rachelle De Iacovo
Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education in Dimbulah

To Seek, To Strive, To Find for Love of God

All past Teachers, Teacher Aides, Administration Staff, Parents, Students and Community Members are invited to attend the weekend of festivities.

Saturday 27th August

Dinner Dance, Dimbulah Shire Hall
Doors open 6pm, Dinner served 6.30pm, Music by local band ‘Careless’
This event is for people aged 18 & over

Sunday 28th August

10am Sign-on and Celebration Mass, St Anthony’s Church, followed by activities, fashion parade, class displays, photos and memorabilia from the past
Guest Speakers and cake cutting
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea available for purchase from P & F Association stall

Photos and contributions are sought to assist with a Commemorative 50 Years Book. Businesses and families are invited to sponsor a page. The booklet, souvenir items including a paver engraved with family details are available for purchase from the website. Visit www.sta.qld.edu.au or Facebook Page ‘St Anthony’s Celebrates 50 years’.
Contact secretary.dimbulah@cns.catholic.edu.au or 4093 5319

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Community News

Eureka Creek Campdraft
Rodeo & Bush Races
5, 6, 7 August 2016

Coding & Robotics workshops for providers

Mareeba Shire Council and Fiona Quin from Stories Galore are offering computer robotics workshops in Mareeba targeted at upskilling Library staff, teachers and providers of community programs for youth.

- **Friday 28th August**: Explore Coding training 8am–11:30am at Mareeba Council Rankin Street training room
- **Friday 28th August**: Robotics & Coding 1pm–3:30pm at Mareeba Council Rankin Street training room

Robotics Activity for young adults

Mareeba Library & Fiona present a workshop for young adult Robotics enthusiasts which encourages them to create and enjoy coding an interactive animated story.

- **Saturday 27th August**: Let’s have fun robotics workshop 9:30am–11:30am at Mareeba Library

Funded by State Library of Queensland Coding and Robotics Vision 2017 Grant

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