Dear Parents,

The Mutchilba Dinner on Friday night was a resounding success for St Anthony’s. Over $2,000 was generated through the raffle, dinner and generous donation from the Mutchilba Community Centre. The dinner was well patronised with close to 200 adults and children in attendance.

Our sincere thanks to the many parents, staff and community members who gave so freely of their time to prepare, serve and plate food on the night as well as those who assisted with raffles, cleaning and cooking.

The Mutchilba Dinner was yet another example of the fantastic support we receive from our parent and wider community. We are very blessed to have such a dedicated group of people who strive to provide our students with resources and opportunities which improve outcomes for learning and wellbeing.

Remembrance Day

This year marks the 98th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. Our school and wider community took part in a wonderfully orchestrated Liturgy this morning to remember those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Parent Session – Natural Fertility Services

All parents are invited to a ‘How to have the talk’ session with staff members from Natural Fertility Services next Wednesday 16th November at 3:15pm in the Library.

NFS will be conducting the Wonders of Living Program with our Year 5&6 students throughout the day.

Principal Appointment Process

Since announcing I will be taking up the position of Principal at South Johnstone in 2017 a number of parents have inquired as to the appointment process for a new Principal.

Advertising for a Permanent Principal will take place very shortly and it is hoped that an announcement can be made before the end of term. Timelines for Principal appointments can vary however, depending on the number of applicants, panel member availability, referee checks etc. Our parent community can be assured that Catholic Education will work very hard to ensure that the person who steps into the role will be the best person available.

School Camp 2017

At the last two P&F Meetings parent representatives have asked if it is possible to hold a whole school camp in 2017. Whole school camps were once upon a time a permanent fixture for St Anthony’s with staff, students and parents coming together and visiting places such as Kurrimine Beach, Cooktown, Northern Beaches etc. Whole school camps have been absent from our planning over the last few years and the feedback we have received from many Parents is that they would like to see them return. This year we did go on a whole school excursion to Herberton Historical Village for a day, which was very well received.

What I would ask of our parents is to give thought as to whether a whole school camp is something that you would like considered for 2017. Other considerations are dates, locations, accommodation. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback and ideas to staff before the end of the year to assist with planning for 2017.
End of Year Reports

Preparation is under way for the writing of report cards for Semester 2. Student Reports are one of the mediums through which teachers provide feedback to parents about their child’s learning. Parents are to be reminded that there are many important aspects of learning that can’t be formally assessed and that reports are summative by nature – they don’t tell the full story. Parents are encouraged to make a time to speak to a teacher if you have questions regarding your child’s report.

Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 29th November.

Yours truly,
Brad Williams
Principal

Upcoming Events

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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

APRE Report

“Truly wonderful are the ways of God.”
Mary MacKillop 1873

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Remembrance Day**

Today we commemorated Remembrance Day by participating in a Liturgy, where we paid tribute to all the service men and women who fought and were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. Remembrance Day was once known as Armistice Day before it was renamed after the Second World War. It is also commonly referred to as Poppy Day, because it is traditional to wear a poppy. The poppy is associated with the remembrance of those who died in order that we may be free and of the poppies which grew in the Flanders Fields. At our liturgy today, the following reflection was read to our students and we would also like to share it with you:

*Do you know that this flower is called a poppy (a poppy was held up). The poppy serves as a reminder that today we honor the men and women who have served in the military and who fought to defend our freedom.*

The poppy was chosen as a symbol for Remembrance Day because it reminds us of a place called Flanders Fields where many soldiers from the First World War are buried. The poppies grow wild there between all the crosses that mark their place.
We enjoy a lot of freedom. We are free to come to church and worship, we are free to choose what we want to be when we grow up, we are free to choose where we want to live, we are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives.

This might come as a surprise to some of you -- but did you know that freedom isn’t free? Someone had to pay the price for us to have the freedom that we enjoy. There are students and staff here this morning whose relatives are among those who helped to pay that price. Some served in the military and many of them fought in wars. There are probably some people here this morning who had loved ones who gave their lives fighting for our freedom. These are the ones that we honor as we celebrate Remembrance Day.

In Flanders fields
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872–1918)

End of Year Liturgy
Just a reminder to all that the end of year Liturgy will take place on Thursday 1st December commencing at 6pm. This is a very special time for our school community where we celebrate and give thanks to our students, staff and families who will be starting a new venture in their life. Everyone is welcome, family and friends, to attend the liturgy and is also invited back to the school grounds for dinner and light refreshments. A note went home last week outlining the details of the event and we kindly ask that all families return their note by the RSVP date for catering purposes.

Prep/1/2 Class Mass
A massive thank you to Ms Grantley for preparing the Sunday Parish Mass, which was held last week and to all those students who attended and assisted in the celebration, you once again did Saint Anthony’s School very proud. The Parishioners loved seeing you there and thoroughly enjoy listening to your beautiful singing voices.

School Leaders
The students wishing to nominate for School Leadership positions next year will be delivering their speeches on Thursday 17th November at 11:30am in the undercover area. All are very welcome to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend,
May God’s Spirit be with you always
Rachelle De Iacovo

Class Celebrations for Term 4

Wednesday 16th November
9am — Prep/1/2 class Mass

Wednesday 23rd November 9am — 3/4 class Mass

Thursday 1st December 6pm — End of year Liturgy

Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class
Beau Hatfield for excellent work in maths and creative writing in poetic styles.
Marco Cappella for writing a fantastic story on the theme: “How I became an instant millionaire”.
Alice Harrigan for brilliant work in Maths and for producing a wonderful “love is” booklet.
Nate Mitchell for assisting peers without being asked and working diligently on all class tasks.

Year 3/4 Class
Georgia Williams for showing resilience and working hard in maths.
Shayla Jerome for excellent working in maths when working on addition.
Livinia Di Salvo for making words in shaving cream.
Nathaniel Exton for following a procedure to make something.

Year Prep 1/2 Class
Jack Pownall-Teece for great reading fluency!
Felix Gargan for awesome use of reading strategies!
Georgia Cummings for listening to others to solve problems – well done!
Laura Cavanagh for trying new strategies to solve problems.
Amalnya Fitzgerald for amazing improvement and hard work in reading.
Emma Palmeri for continued excellence in reading.
Congratulations to Shayla Jerome on receiving the most overall points for the 18 years and under and both Amber and Shayla Jerome winning the highest points all year round and over the 2 days at The Herberton Horse Sports Club recently.

Music Recital
Lynda’s Christmas Student’s Concert will be held at St. Anthony’s School Library on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm. Everybody Welcome.

If parents could bring a small plate of food to share afterwards. I will provide Tea, Coffee and Juice.