28 October 2016

Principals Report

Dear Parents,

It is almost inconceivable that we are almost already half way through the school term. With only 5 weeks remaining until the end of the year it is imperative that we continue to support and nurture our students, who, after three terms at school, sport and the change of weather, begin to show signs of weariness. It is often near the end of the school year when a student’s resilience is tested and when their capacity to deal with small issues becomes more challenging. As we enter this period of the school year we encourage parents to contact teachers should there be concerns.

This week I have had the pleasure of attending both the Dimbulah State School and St Stephen’s Catholic College Presentation Nights. Both schools did a fantastic job of showcasing their achievements over the course of the year and farewelling those students who are moving on to new pathways or schools. It was excellent to see some past St Anthony’s students among those who were recognised for their sporting efforts and outstanding academic results. It highlights the fact that our students are well placed to compete with other students once they leave our school gates.

A reminder to all parents that our End of Year Liturgy and Year 6 Graduation Dinner is to be held on Thursday 1st December. During the evening there will be an opportunity to thank those staff and families who are leaving us at the end of the year and to pay tribute to the Year 6 students as they transition into the next phase of their education.

Book Fair

I would like to thank all those families who purchased books and other goodies at the 2016 Book Fair last week. Due to the support we received, over $500 worth of books has been purchased for our school library giving our students an even greater opportunity to find texts that engage and excite them.

Halloween Disco

A reminder to parents and families that we are holding a Halloween Disco tonight at the Dimbulah Soccer Club from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Children are encouraged to dress up and have fun with DJ Nipper. Sausages and popcorn will be available for purchase and the soccer club bar will be open for drinks and other snacks.

Mutchilba Family Night

St Anthony’s P&F are hosting the Mutchilba Dinner Family Night on Friday 4th November at 6:30pm at the Mutchilba Community Centre. We encourage as many families as possible to join us for this fantastic night and to support our students and school. All families attending are asked to bring a plate of sweets to be sold on the evening.

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night planned for Friday 11th November will be postponed until next year. The decision was made based on feedback from parents that school events had been placed on three consecutive weeks with the Halloween Disco on Friday 28th and Mutchilba Family Night on Friday 4th. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Melbourne Cup

Next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day, the race that stops the nation. To get into the spirit of one of Australia’s biggest sporting events students are encouraged to dress like they are heading to the races. We hope to see students in shirts, ties, hats, fascinators and dresses, with fancy hair and accessories to match. Students will need to get changed out of these clothes into their togs for swimming lessons and will then get changed back into them once lessons are complete. Giddy Up!

A reminder, that the Kindy are holding a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Soccer Club. Bookings can be made through the Dimbulah Community Centre.
Transition
On Wednesday our 2017 Prep students joined us for the second of three planned transition visits. These visits are an important part of ‘school readiness’ and provide an opportunity for children to build relationships with other students and staff and develop an understanding of school routines and expectations. The last transition visit is scheduled for Wednesday 9th November.

P&F Meeting
The next P&F Meeting is to be held on Monday 7th November at 3:15pm in the School Library. We hope to see as many parents as possible.

Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup
The next Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup Session is Monday 31st October starting at 9:00am. All welcome!

Natural Fertility Service Parent Session
NFS is conducting a parent session on Wednesday 16th November from 3:15-4:15pm on ‘How to have THE TALK with your child’ in the school library. Any interested parents are asked to inform the school. Further details can be found on the information flyer in the newsletter.

World Teachers’ Day
Today Australia celebrated World Teachers’ Day. This particular day provides a much needed opportunity to publicly recognise that fantastic work done by teachers in our schools and in society. At St Anthony’s we are very fortunate to have a wonderful teaching cohort, who work tirelessly to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes for the students in their care. As Principal, I look on with absolute admiration for the efforts our staff go to on a daily basis to provide students with excellent learning opportunities. Please join me in thanking all our staff and congratulating them on the job they do in our community.

Yours in Catholic Education
Brad Williams
Principal

Upcoming Events

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The month of October is the month of the Rosary and of Catholic Missions. Our students have been learning about the Rosary during class time and know that the year 5/6 class have focussed on the importance of saying the Rosary and the significant events in each of the four mysteries.

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". The Rosary is considered another perfect prayer, along with our Lord’s Prayer, because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary we meditate on the mysteries of joy and light, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. In every way, our heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary to bring us to true peace.

For Catholic Missions this month, our students have been socking it to poverty. Each classroom was given a “sock it” box, where our students have been kindly donating their loose change to aide in the fight against poverty. The Catholic Church is one of the biggest providers of relief and development for those affected by extreme poverty in the world. Among the principles of its social teaching is the understanding that the poor have a special claim on our attention and efforts to work for justice. Another of its principles is that of solidarity; of standing together with those in great need. It is so inspiring to see how compassionate our students are in assisting in this mission and their desire to make for a just world for all.

**All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day**

1st November, All Saints’ Day, is a day set aside for the Church to honour all of our saints. We honour the known saints, those who have been recognised and canonised by the Church, like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We also honour those men and women unknown to us who have led holy lives in the footsteps of Jesus. The original name of All Saints’ Day was All Hallows. Hallows is an old word meaning ‘saint’ or ‘holy person’. The feast once began on the eve of All Hallows or Hallowe’en.

2nd November is All Souls’ Day. It is a day where Catholics commemorate those who have died in faith. It is traditional for the whole of the month of November to focus on remembrance and commemoration of those who have gone before us in faith.

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**APRE Report**

**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

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“Let God’s glory…absorb our thoughts”
Mary MacKillop 1904

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**May God’s Spirit be with you always**
Rachelle De Iacovo

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**Class Celebrations for Term 4**

- Sunday 6th November 8am — Prep/1/2 Hosted Mass
- Friday 11th November 10:15am — Remembrance Day Liturgy
- 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

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**Student of the Week**

**Year 5/6 Class**

Corey Brown for his mature approach towards his learning.
Shine Jasmin for excellent problem solving in Mathematics.
Matthew Bin for working diligently on producing creative poetry pieces.
Anton Palmeri for working conscientiously and independently on all class tasks.

**Year 3/4 Class**

Clint Hatfield for applying himself 100% in all subjects.
Hazel Hobden for following different procedures to make things out of paper.
Cooper Miller for settling so well back into school.
Cooper Kennedy for working hard on the red box literacy in class.

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Ms Rachelle De Iacovo
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

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**Year Prep 1/2 Class**


**Winners of the Book Fair Competition**

Georgia Williams, Cooper Kennedy, Corey Brown, Mia Cavanagh, Amber Jerome, Beau Hatfield, Azali Mitchell, Mia Gargan and Madison Ahloy-Coutts.

**Kindy Transition 2016**

We had our second of three Kindy Transitions. It was wonderful to meet our 2017 Prep students and give them the opportunity to play and get to know classrooms, students, staff and routine.

**Catholic Mission Month**

Today the children “Socked It” to poverty, raising $100 for Catholic Missions during the month of Socktober.

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**Community News**

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**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 5450

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**Melbourne Cup**

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

**Tuesday 1st November**

Doors Open 12pm

Race cup sweepst Art Auctions
Prizes throughout the day

Tickets sold at Dimbulah Community Centre
(Ph 4093 5444)
$30 per head
Mutchilba Community Centre

FAMILY DINNERT
Friday 4 November
Hosted by St Anthony’s P & F
Everyone welcome
From 6.30 pm Licensed refreshments Music

JACKPOT MEMBERS’ DRAW - $20 Must be present to win

Join us on facebook Mutchilba Community Centre

Lynda’s Christmas Student 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.

Well Women’s Clinics – Mareeba Hospital & Mulung
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Mareeba Hospital – Thursdays 10th & 24th November
Ph: 4092 9311
Mulung – Monday 21st November
Ph: 4092 3428

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.

Free Information Session on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

MAREEBA
Details
Pay the Way
Carer’s Guide to the NDIS
First Session
Mareeba Town Hall
Thursday 17th November, 2016

When & Where
Thursday 17th November, 2016
7.00pm – 8.30pm
St Thomas of Villanova Parish School
73 Constance Street
MAREEBA

What else do we offer?
During our visit, Mareeba Pave the Way will also be offering workshops to:
* Individuals and Families
* Community Groups
* Government Non-Government Agencies

How to Register
To register, please contact the school directly: (07) 4092 1070

Prepares
Mareeba Pave the Way is a project supported by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

If parents have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us on 0433 020 201

Queensland Government

How to have “The Talk” with your child

Family Life Educators from Natural Fertility Services Cairns, will conduct a session for parents on how to discuss issues of sexuality with your child.

It’s been delivering values-based sexuality and relationship education for year 7 through to Year 12 throughout the region.

For further information or to register, please contact

Natural Fertility Services
Ph: 4041 7365 www.nfscairns.org

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