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Principals Report



Dear Parents,

We have certainly had some interesting weather down south with the heat wave. Luckily we seem to have escaped the extreme high temperatures but it has still been a little hotter this week. With this in mind please encourage your children to drink plenty of water during the day when at

school to stay hydrated.

We welcome back the Ahloy-Coutts family from their holidays. Madison and Mikayla had a great time and have enjoyed getting back to school to catch up with their friends.

We wish Cayde Miller all the best this week as he heads off to Brisbane to compete in the State Title for swimming. Good luck Cayde, we will be thinking of you.



This week has been a busy one for me with the Parish Council Meeting on Monday night, a Curriculum Meeting in Cairns on Thursday and a Principal's Meeting in Mareeba on Friday. I will pass on more information next newsletter on the direction we are heading with curriculum at the school.

Parent Information Afternoon

A huge thank you to all our teachers for giving our parents an overview of what this year holds for the students in their classes this year. Thank you to those parents who attended the sessions. If you require any further clarification please make the time to speak to your class teacher. They are more than happy to explain what is happening in their classrooms.

P & F Annual General Meeting

We had our P&F Association Annual General Meeting last week and were successful in filling the below positions. Congratulations to those parents nominated and we appreciate you accepting the positions. This year we have already started planning social events and ways to fundraise for the school. The extra funds raised will always go back into supporting and benefitting the students in the school. More details to come shortly with dates to set aside for the year. We are still hoping to fill the position of Secretary so if you are interested please let the school know and we will always support you in the role. We also thank those parents who have given up their time last year and in previous years to be on the committee and are now standing down. Tammy Sivyer, Chrissie DiSalvo and Shannon Grantley have given up their time and are thanked by the school for their time and commitment.

Our committee this year will be:

President: Vibeke Gargan

Vice President: Helen Yelavich

Treasurer: Shelley Serafin

Working Bee / Car Wash

If you have time this Saturday we would appreciate some assistance in getting the school grounds tidier after the school holidays and wet season. Lots of trees need trimming and we have a few odd jobs to assist with maintenance before they impact too much and make it a bigger job. We have emailed out a list of jobs and we have copies on the notice boards. Also bring your cars for the car wash provided by our year 5/6 class. We will finish the morning with a sausage sizzle.

Absences/Swimming

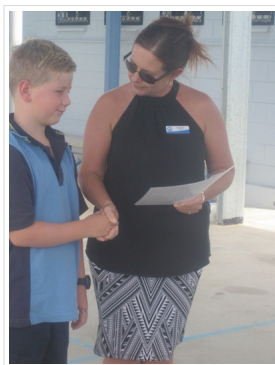
A reminder of those day to day things that make life a little easier for everyone in the office. Could I please remind parents to ring the office if your child is going to be absent from school. This saves Cathy and Rena a job in the morning. Also could you provide a note for swimming if your child is unwell as this saves the confusion for the classroom teacher wondering if they have forgotten to bring their togs and finally let us know if your child is not going on the buses in the afternoon.

Have a great weekend,
Yours in Catholic Education



Kath Porter
Principal

Principal's Award



Jack Yelavich for showing a noticed maturity toward his schoolwork in the classroom and supporting his fellow peers both in the classroom and during play. Congratulations for a positive start to the year, Jack!



Georgia Cummings for always showing enthusiasm towards her everyday tasks both in the classroom and in the playground. Your engaging nature is an asset to your class and appreciated by your friends

Upcoming Events

24 Feb	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM
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	Recurring event
27 Feb	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
28 Feb	Shrove Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
1 Mar	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
2 Mar	Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event
2 Mar	Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event
3 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
6 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
8 Mar	Prep 12 Class Visit Kindy All day
10 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
13 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
16 Mar	Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event
16 Mar	Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event
17 Mar	Swimming

	11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
20 Mar	Year 5/6 Camp at Mungalli Falls 20 Mar 2017 - 22 Mar 2017
20 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
24 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday we celebrated Valentine's Day – do you know the origin of why we celebrate this day?

One story suggests that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. The Emperor at the time, Claudius II,

decided that he would outlaw marriage for young men, as he believed single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families. Valentine, clearly did not like what was directed by the Emperor, and defied, by continuing to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

It is also suggested that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one story, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly the daughter of the man who sent him to jail—who would come to visit him. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

History. (2017). *"The History of Valentine's Day"*. [Online]
<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day> Date Accessed: 14 February 2017

Shrove Tuesday - Reminder

Last week a note went home asking for parent assistance for our "traditional" pancake feast day for Shrove Tuesday. If anyone is able to help out with this, can you please let me know as soon as possible so organisation details can be finalised.



Date: Tuesday 28th February

Time: 9:00am – approximately 11:30am

Sacramental Program—Reminder

The Information session for the Sacramental Program for 2017 will be held on Thursday 23rd March 3:30pm at St Anthony's School. For children in Year 4 or higher, who wish to take part in the program and wants to receive any of the following Sacraments:

- Reconciliation
- Confirmation
- First Eucharist



Please contact me at School ASAP, as attendance to the information session is a compulsory step in completing the program.

If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Monica at the Parish Office in Mareeba on 4092 1077 or email stthomas@ledanet.com.au

JJJ – Reminder

A reminder to all family and friends, that this Saturday 18th February, the JJJ committee is holding a car wash on the school's basketball court to raise funds for end of year graduation. The car wash kicks off at 9:00am until 12:00pm – please come along and support the children in their fundraising event.

Did you Know?

"The Ten Commandments are also known as the Decalogue – a Greek word that translates as "ten" (deca) "words" (logos). There are two accounts of the Ten Commandments in the scriptures, Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Although there are actually 14 or 15 directives in these passages, they are consolidated to ten key commandments."



Cited in Living Well Media, My Teacher Diary, 2017.

"God's love is too deep for words to express"

Mary MacKillop 1870

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

Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class

Cooper Kennedy for writing extremely interesting sentences for his homework task.

Mackenzie Stephens for organising events to assist the JJJ group with their fundraising.

Amber Jerome for presenting fantastic work in homework activities.

Alice Harrigan for working diligently in maths and giving everything a go.

Year 3/4 Class

Azali Mitchell for thinking of many interesting questions about Aboriginal History and sharing them with the class.

Shayla Jerome for always encouraging others.

Georgia Cummings for thinking of many interesting questions about Aboriginal history and sharing her questions with the class.

Year Prep 1/2 Class

Diospyrus Jasmin for being a learner – always focusing his attention.

Kelly Sivyer for being safe – when moving in the classroom.

Jack Cummings for being kind to others in class.

Dustin Hatfield for walking inside, using an inside voice and being safe.

Jack Pownall-Teece for getting along with others and being kind.

Preston O’Shea for using listening rules to be a learner.



Prep Year 1 and 2 Class learning about families at the Dimbulah Library with Miss Helen



Sporting News

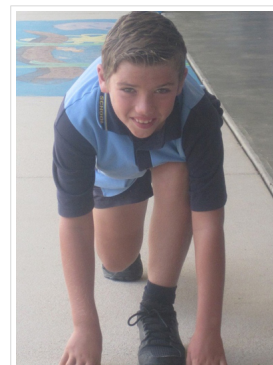
Swimming



Good luck to Cayde Miller competing in the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly at the State Championships in Brisbane this weekend.

Any 10, 11 or 12 year old swimmers who have met qualifying times and wish to nominate for Peninsula Swimming Team

selection should see me for information about direct nomination (no trials) which needs to be done by Tuesday 21 February.



Thank you parents for your support in ensuring students are attending school swimming lessons where possible. We have had an excellent attendance record over the past few years and as a result students are progressing well through our Active – Swim and Survive Program. It is really important that students see the importance and value in what we are trying to achieve in our swimming program and realise that we will be undertaking ongoing assessment throughout the term, which goes towards achieving a certificate and is used for reporting at the end of Semester 1.

I do understand that there has been a spate of illnesses throughout not only our school and I ask if students are not swimming for good reason that parents send a short note explaining such, as it is sometimes difficult catering for a large number of unexpected non-swimmers who need to stay at school with another class at short notice.

Photos

I have commenced making a collage with the students of photos they are bringing in, depicting “What St Anthony’s Students Do”, to keep active outside of school hours. Our rural school is quite unique in the hobbies and pursuits of our students and visitors are often amazed at what our kids can do. If you can’t provide a photo we can include a shot taken at school of your child being active in the playground.

Mareeba District School Sports Trials

Throughout the year our 10, 11 and 12 year old students will be informed of upcoming trials for a variety of school sports. These are often conducted in Mareeba with students from our district including 12 year old students attending the High Schools. If selected students then compete in a Mareeba District Team at Peninsula Trials from which a Peninsula Team is then selected to attend State Championships. In recent years we have had students selected in District Teams for Soccer, Athletics, Cross Country, AFL and Netball.

Prep/Yr1/Yr2

Last week students were asked to get their parents to help them complete a worksheet about their family and where possible send in photos of family members. We are using this info to help the Prep students complete a ‘Family Tree’ as part of our History and Social Science Unit. The Year 1 and Year 2 Students may also wish to partake in this activity although some may have done this in previous years.

Upcoming Mareeba District Trials: (See me for details)

Swimming – Direct nomination accepted by Tuesday 21 February

Netball (girls) – Wednesday 22 February in Mareeba

Basketball (boys and girls) – Wednesday 15 March in Mareeba

Soccer (boys and girls) – Wednesday 19 April in Mareeba

Wolfram/Mulligan Sports Shirts

We are sending off our order for sports shirts this weekend so all orders need to be finalised by Friday 17 February. There are still some smaller sizes in stock.



Community News

Mareeba Shire Council & Dimbulah Library
presents

Baby Rhyme Time

At Dimbulah Limited Hours Child Care Centre



Fridays 9:30am - 10:00am
(During school term)

Enjoy songs, rhymes and stories while bonding
with your baby and meeting other local
families.

This program is delivered by Mareeba Shire Library Service and is funded
under the First Five Forever grant by the State Library of Queensland.



Visitors are welcome to join us @ the Centre

Shrove Tuesday

Dear Parents and friends,

As some of you might be aware, St Anthony's hold a yearly tradition on Shrove Tuesday, where the students get to enjoy a "feast" on Pancakes.

As we have done in previous years, we ask our wonderful parents and friends if they are able to come in and assist us on this day with the preparing and cooking of pancakes for the students of the school.

If you are able to assist us on this special day in anyway, please let me know by contacting the office or seeing me in the year 5/6 class.

When – Tuesday 28th February 2017

When – 9am until approximately 11:30am

Where – School Kitchen

Thanking you

Rachelle De Iacovo
APRE/Classroom teacher



ROSS HARTY

will be in DIMBULAH on Monday the 20th of February
at the CWA Hall at 7pm.

Inspired to make a difference

Clinical Nutritionist, Researcher and Speaker, Ross Harty will be in DIMBULAH on Monday the 20th of February at the CWA Hall at 7pm.

Are you sick and tired of the flu season rampaging through your life?

Are you interested in some sensible more wholesome answers to you and your families health?

Ross is a Clinical Nutritional Consultant, and a researcher in Complimentary Therapies who has been practicing for over 28 years. He is able to provide accurate, non-biased opinions and advice on nutrition and health.

Over the years, Ross has helped many people of all ages and ailments ranging from ADD/ADHD, asthma, autism, bowel issues and IBS, cancer, cardiovascular disease, high cholesterol, diabetes, fatigue, gallbladder problems, hormone problems, infertility, weight issues, prostate issues, seizures, auto immune disease plus many more.

Ross prides himself on being able to provide his clients with the latest information and research, treating each person as an individual and endeavours to correct their particular issues.

Investment \$10pp with refreshments provided.

Please arrive early, as Ross will start at 7pm on the dot.

RSVP Gioia Dalla Lana on 0448857762

PERSONAL CONSULTATIONS are available on request.

Come along on Monday night to find out where consultations are held and how to make a booking.