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Principals Report



Dear Parents,

This last fortnight has seen many things happening in our school community. I have been spending time visiting each classroom this week. Reading strategies in the P12 class are a focus in the mornings with such wonderful parent support to assist Ms Grantley with the younger students. Mrs

McKeown has been focusing on how we can change our mindset and be aware as learners of how we can set goals in our learning. Mr Wilcox has been working on problem solving in maths and reading comprehension with our year 5/6 students. Well done everyone and thank you for all your hard work.

We wish our year 5/6 teachers and students all the best next week as they head off on their Leadership Camp to Mungalli Falls. As a parent, I have also had both my boys attend their camps at Mungalli and know that our students will have a fantastic experience and return with stories and photos to build lifelong memories. Have a great time everyone and remember to take something warm with this unpredictable weather.

P&F

Last Monday we held our P&F Meeting. We officially welcomed Harumi Ahloy-Coutts to the position of Secretary of the P&F, We now have a complete Executive Team who will be working hard to plan some fund raising events over the year. Watch this space as we have some exciting things planned throughout the year.

Thank you to the parents who donated cakes for the Cake Stall last week. The ladies raised a total of \$454.50 for the school.

We are still continuing to sell raffle tickets in the Tackle Box full of Easter Eggs. It will be drawn out at our Swimming Carnival at the pool on Friday 31st March. Tickets are selling fast so if you need some more please contact the school.

St Stephen's Catholic College

On Wednesday 19th April, Year 6 will be visiting St Stephen's for the day. A permission note will be coming home soon and needs to be returned before the last day of this term as the first week back is a short one.

If your son or daughter will be attending St Stephen's Catholic College in 2018 please see the attached link in this newsletter regarding changes to the enrolment processes this year. Enrolments must be received by the 31st March, 2017.

Curriculum News

We have had our Education Officer, Siarne Way, visiting from CES for 3 days last week to assist us with "tweaking" our curriculum planning. The great thing about our school is smaller classes but it can present some interesting challenges with teaching multi-age classes and how that works with the Australian Curriculum. We have been looking at how we can work smarter not harder in our planning documents while still maintaining the integrity and delivery of the Australian Curriculum to a high standard in the classroom. I can proudly say that our teachers are exceptional and our planning is not only great but also current and up to date. I know you are proud to have such professionals teaching your children and on your behalf I thank them for all their hard work last week in working with Siarne. She will be back throughout the year to continue on our journey.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

As part of our mandatory reporting schedule we conduct parent-teacher interviews to discuss the progress of your children. We will be starting to offer appointments very early in Term 2 with your class teacher. Please make the time to meet and discuss your child's progress and also how you can be of assistance at home to ensure the best outcomes in their learning journey.

Have a great weekend and see you all hopefully at the Swimming Carnival.



Kath Porter
Principal

Principal's Award



To Ricki Sivyer for being aware of the needs of others and being a kind and considerate member of our school community.



To Harrison Kennedy for being a great help with organisation in the mornings without being asked and being on task with your learning in the classroom.

Upcoming Events

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
23 Mar	Sacramental Program information Session for Yr 4 and above 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
24 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
27 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
27 Mar	P&F Meeting 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
29 Mar	Anointing Mass Yr 5/6 Class 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
30 Mar	Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event
30 Mar	Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event
31 Mar	Swimming Carnival TBC All day
1 Apr	Easter Vacation Commences All day
13 Apr	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
14 Apr	Good Friday All day
14 Apr	Stations of the Cross

	9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
14 Apr	Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
15 Apr	Easter Vigil Mass 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

"Loving God, you gave Joseph to Jesus to be his father in this World. Bless all fathers and help all families to find you in their life together. Amen."

Just Leadership Day

Last Friday, Nate and Alice attended The Just Leadership Day. It is a program run by Caritas Australia giving our leaders an opportunity to gather for a morning of social justice awareness raising, advocacy and action. It offered our students the chance to network with other like-minded students who strive to be counter-cultural in our consumerist society. It gave Nate and Alice time to look at how they could Transform our Catholic Social Teachings into action, by planning how to engage our communities in building a better, more just world. The two had an amazing time and came back to school with great ideas to implement in our school community.

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



JJJ Group Announcement

On Monday of the last week of school (27th March) the JJJ group is holding an event to raise funds for Project Compassion. The group has decided that students come to school dressed in their favourite colour or colours and create a crazy hair style for the day. For the event you will be fined a gold coin, with all proceeds going towards those who are less fortunate.

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.

Easter Mass Times – Saint Anthony's Parish Dimbulah

Holy Thursday 13th April at 7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (including the Washing of the Feet)

Good Friday 14th April at 9:00am: Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 14th April at 3:00pm: Celebration of the



Parish Weekend Mass Times

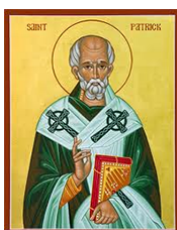
Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Sunday, we celebrated the second Sunday of Lent. Sunday's Gospel spoke to us about the "Transfiguration." When something is transfigured, it simply means that it is changed. Through living perfectly the will of his Father, Jesus' body took on the full glory of God. We too are called to

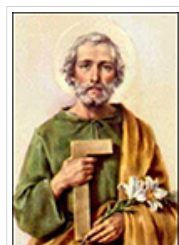
follow Jesus and live God's will for us. What area of your life do you need to change (transfigure) in order to follow Jesus more closely?

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick (17th March). Saint Patrick was a man who had a special love for the people of Ireland. He told his people stories about Jesus and Mary and he went throughout Ireland baptising the people.

"Saint Patrick, you made people happy when you told wonderful stories about God. Help us to tell others how much God loves us. Amen."



On Sunday (19th March) we celebrate the feast of St Joseph. Saint Joseph was a man who protected and cared for Mary and Jesus during his life with them. He always tried to be aware of God's presence surrounding him.



Lord's Passion (time of Jesus' death).

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 15th April at 7:00pm:
(Blessing of the Easter Fire; Lighting of the Easter Candle, Blessing of Easter Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises)

Easter Sunday 16th April at 8:00am: Mass

"We must take things quietly"

Mary MacKillop 1875

Have a wonderful weekend,

May God's Spirit be with you always
Rachelle De Iacovo



Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class

Clint Hatfield for writing a fantastic recount in English.
Clancie Sivyer for writing fantastic sentences in Spelling.
Anton Palmeri for his independent and mature approach towards his learning.
Rafferty Risley for providing thoughtful responses during class discussions.

Year 3/4 Class

Jack Yelavich for always being kind to those in need.

Year Prep 1/2 Class

Laura Cavanagh for careful thinking when identifying tens and ones in BIG numbers.
Mikayla Ahloy-Coutts for clever thinking when identifying tens and ones in teen numbers.
Brayth Miller for using self-talk to avoid distractions.



Prep 1/2 Class

On Thursday we celebrated Dr Seuss' birthday by making a Cat in the Hat!



Sporting News

Swimming/Swimming Carnival



We are currently in the process of assessing students on the competencies appropriate to the level they are working at in the Active - Swim and Survive Program. A letter will be sent out shortly with more information about our swimming carnival on the last day of this term – Friday 31 March. The Year 4 –

6 students will participate in more formal events from 9:15am – 10:45am. The Prep – Year 2 students will then join us at the pool for morning tea and novelty events suitable for all ages and abilities from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Maxine will be selling food on the day and we invite parents to join us for lunch and a swim or games to complete the day. Students will be able to be signed out by parents from the pool at 2:00pm and remaining students will be supervised back at school until 3:00pm.

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.

Upcoming Mareeba District Trials: (See me for details)

Hockey (boys and girls) – Thursday 23 March in Mareeba

Soccer (boys) – Wednesday 19 April in Mareeba

Cross Country (10 – 12 yrs) – Friday 5 May at Dimbulah State School

Cross Country

All of our students have been participating in a 'fun running' program in preparation for our school cross country on Thursday 27 April (Term 2 Week 2).

On this day all students participate in events over distances depending on their age. (5/6 yrs – 500m, 7/8 yrs – 1km, 9/10 yrs – 1.5km, 11/12 yrs – 2km)

Wolfram/Mulligan Sports Shirts

New sports shirts have arrived for anyone interested in purchasing a shirt for \$25. We do have limited sizes in stock.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!**

Scholarship applications for academic, sporting, and cultural for Year 7 in 2018 are now available.

Application forms are available on the college website or from the college office.

Closing date: 31 March 2017

Please note that from 2017, the enrolment processed has changed. Families intending to enrol students for 2018 must collect an enrolment package from the college or download a copy from our website. The following steps outline the process:

1. Complete the application for enrolment documentation.
2. Attach the necessary documentation as per the checklist in the enrolment package.
3. Return the application with \$100.00 enrolment fee in person or by mail and all applications must be received by 31 March 2017.
4. Once the enrolment application has been received, you will be contacted for an interview. Your enrolment interview may occur in terms one or two.
5. Confirmation of your child's enrolment will occur in term two, when you will be sent a confirmation of enrolment package to complete. This package must be returned to the college for processing.



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