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Principals Report



Dear Parents,

Schools are always a busy place and this fortnight has been no exception. We certainly have a talented group of students who have excelled in both sporting and artistic areas to gain many achievements. Well done to you all you make us proud!!!

Thank you to Julie Atkinson and Bill Hitchener for stepping in to assist the P12 class while Ms Grantley has been on leave. We welcome back Shannon and hope she has had a relaxing time with friends and family.

Mrs McKeown will be away next Monday and Tuesday (15th-16th May) at a Conference in Brisbane. We welcome Julie Atkinson to the 3/4 class. The conference will be an excellent opportunity for Fiona to find out the latest in e-Learning and STEM Technology. This will then provide us with up to date information to add to our Makerspace.

St Anthony's was honoured to host the Western District Library Assistant Networking Meeting for CES in our library on Tuesday. It is an opportunity to showcase our school and wonderful to hear the feedback and comments about what a lovely school we have and how beautiful our students are. We all know this but it is always nice to hear it from someone else.

Cross Country

We congratulate all those students who participated in the Inter-School District Cross Country on Friday 5th May at Dimbulah State School. Those selected will now continue to train and go forward into the next level at the Peninsula School Sport 10,11,12yrs Cross Country Regional Championships in Cairns on Friday 19th May. We thank Mr Wilcox for the extra time he gives to support our athletes. Our best wishes go with Cooper Kennedy, Eric Tosoni, Nate Mitchell, Amber Jerome and Clint Hatfield (reserve) who will compete as the Mareeba District Cross Country Team together with students from St

Thomas', Biboohra, Mareeba State, St Stephens, Mt Molloy, Chillagoe and Dimbulah State.

Soccer

Over the last few weeks, trials have been held outside of school in Mareeba for those students interested in the District team for soccer. We congratulate Nate Mitchell, Cooper Kennedy and Rafferty Risley in their selection at this stage for the team. Training will be each Wednesday afternoon in Mareeba.

Scholarship

St Stephens Catholic School offers prospective students the opportunity to interview for a scholarship at the school. Congratulations to Nate Mitchell for achieving a scholarship in 2018.

Lions Festival Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following students who received places in the Lions Festival Poster Competition.

Prep

Kate Favaro 2nd Place

Year 2

Emma Palmeri 3rd Place

Year 4

Hazel Hobden 3rd Place
 Azali Mitchell 3rd Place

Year 5

Clancie Sivyer 3rd Place

Year 6

Nate Mitchell 1st Place
 Alice Harrigan 2nd Place
 Matthew Bin 3rd Place

Prizes will be presented at the Festival.

P and F

Our amazing P and F have been super busy organising the Wheelbarrow race dinner and the Lions Festival. A huge thank you to everyone involved in either the initial organisation or helping out on the night of either event. I know that it is not easy to put together such big events so close together. We will be having a St Anthony's table for the Wheelbarrow race so don't forget to pre-book your tickets so that when you are not working you can join in the festivities with our group. Please let the office know when you pre-book that you want to sit on the St Anthony's table. For those parents working in the kitchen, Tammy Sivyer has volunteered to sit at the table and keep an eye on the smaller children.

Next P and F meeting is **Monday 15th May 2017 at 3.15.**

Parish

Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday night. Don't forget the St Anthony's of Padua Feast Day on Sunday the 18th June. We invite everyone to attend. Mass will be at 2:30pm followed by food, drinks and entertainment at the school.

The next Parish meeting will be Monday 17th July at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Quality Schools

You may have seen or heard recent media coverage about the Federal Government's Quality Schools website which purports to show what federal funding flows to our school.

The model used to generate the figures does not accurately show actual funding received by our school. The 2017 figures for our school have been generated using projections and assumptions which the Government has not fully disclosed to Catholic School Authorities. The projections must therefore be viewed with considerable caution. Furthermore, the Government's projections do not take into account the way Catholic schools operate as a system. The Government recognises the benefit of local knowledge and allows the Catholic sector to redirect funding to ensure that these locally identified areas of particular need for students and schools are most appropriately supported. This enables our Catholic systems to most effectively provide students in all our schools with the best possible opportunities for success.

Information about actual funding received by schools from all sources is available on the My School website.

MOTHERS DAY

To all our mother's, grandmother's and great-grandmother's. We wish you a very HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY and hope that you get spoilt with lots of attention and gifts.

Have a great weekend,



Kath Porter
Principal

Principal's Award

Nate Mitchell for always being willing to help out around the school and being a responsible leader. Thank you for all you do in the school Nate!



Upcoming Events

14 May	Mother's Day Mass hosted by Year 5/6 Class 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
15 May	Assembly 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
15 May	P&F Meeting 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM
17 May	Mass Year 3/4 Class 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
20 May	Wheelbarrow Race "Dimby Dinner Do" 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
22 May	Assembly 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
24 May	Anointing Mass Yr 5/6 Class 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
25 May	Ducklings Playgroup 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Recurring event
25 May	Dimbulah Library Visit P12 Class 1:50 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
27 May	Lions Festival-Sweets Stall 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

28 May	Sacramental Program - Presentation of the Creed 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
29 May	Assembly 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
29 May	Confirmation Preparation 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
30 May	Confirmation 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
31 May	Year 5/6 Excursion Mr Stink All day
2 Jun	Interhouse Sports Carnival All day
5 Jun	Assembly 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
8 Jun	Ducklings Playgroup 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Recurring event
8 Jun	Dimbulah Library Visit P12 Class 1:50 PM - 2:30 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,

This Sunday is Mother's Day—The Saint Anthony's School community would like to wish all our beautiful mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. We hope that you have a very special day filled with lots of love, happiness and pampering. On Sunday, our year 5/6 students will also be hosting the

Parish Mass in honour of this very special day. All are very welcome to attend and share in this day.

“Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.”

Author Unknown



Next week, Wednesday 17th May at 9:00am, the year 3/4 class will be hosting their class Mass. During class time they have been focusing on forgiveness and this will be the theme during the Eucharistic celebration. The forgiveness of God is unlimited. When we receive it we are encouraged to act in the same way to others. The following week, Wednesday 24th May at 9:00am, the year 5/6 class will be joining the parishioners in an Anointing Mass. Again, everyone is welcome to come along and share in these Masses with our students.

“Do it Anyway”

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

-this version is credited to Mother Teresa

Why we do that?

Make the sign of the Cross. This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected to the Trinity and your baptism. By making this sign you are saying: I am under the power of the risen Christ, our Redeemer." The common formula "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit" is traced back to the 2nd century AD.



Have a wonderful weekend and in the words of Mary of the Cross MacKillop...

"Let us rejoice and thank God for giving us such solid proofs of his love"

Mary MacKillop 1877

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



Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class

Eric Tosoni for using his time effectively and having a positive attitude.

Nate Mitchell for consistently using his initiative and for always willing to help out.

Year 3/4 Class

Ricki Sivyer for choosing to stay at school when offered the chance to leave early.

Azali Mitchell for choosing resilience and self-love when someone wasn't kind.

Year Prep 1/2 Class

Brayth Miller for quick use of math strategies "Looking for ten" and "Add ten."

Diospyrus Jasmin for efficient use of "Looking for tens" and "Add tens" maths strategies.

Logan Clarke for using Reading strategies when reading.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

Registrations are now open for all St Anthony's students to join in the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Reading plays an important part in students' lives during their school years and beyond.

It allows children to actively engage their imagination and opens up a world of educational opportunities.

Last year, an outstanding 165,000 students from 900 schools took part in the challenge reading a total of 2.24 million books.

The reading period for the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 15 May and closes Friday 25 August. Students can register up until July.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2017 challenge is engage more students than ever before.

Students wishing to take part in this year's challenge can register by talking to their class teacher or to our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Hopton.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative.

I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Sporting News

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 trials:

Mareeba District Touch Football (Boys and Girls) – Monday 22nd May

Mareeba District Rugby League (Girls) - Thursday 1st June

Any students interested in attending these trials see Mr Wilcox for the required information and paperwork.

Cross Country

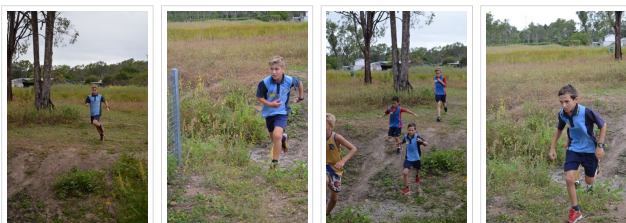
In Week 2 we saw great sportsmanship and school spirit as 42 of our 43 students participated in our inter-house cross country event. The only person who didn't compete was unavailable and I know would have given her all had she been able to attend.

From this event we took a squad of 8 students (10/11 years) to compete at the District Cross Country at Dimbulah State School last Friday and 4 of those students (**Cooper, Eric, Nate, Amber**) have qualified and 1 (**Clint**) has been selected as a shadow, to attend the Peninsula Cross Country in Cairns on 19 May. That means from a possible 20 positions we have 4 (possibly 5) students attending and we only have 16 students in those age groups! **We are punching well above our weight!!!!**

Congratulations to all of the students who represented St Anthony's:

Cooper – 1st (10 yr boys)	Amber – 5th (11 yr girls)
Eric – 5th (10 yr boys)	Clint – 6th (11 yr boys)
Cayde – 14th (10 yr boys)	Cody – 13th (11 yr boys)
Clancie – 10 (10 yr girls)	Nate – 4th (11 yr boys)

Thank you to parents for supporting all students and we hope we can arrange some team training for those who will be now competing in Cairns.



Soccer

Last week 6 boys (Nate, Eric, Raff, Cody, Cooper, Cayde) attended the Mareeba District U12 Soccer Trials in Mareeba. Around 40 students from Dimbulah and Mareeba attended these trials and our boys can be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Cooper, Nate and Raff who were selected in the Mareeba District Squad to train for the Peninsula Trials in Cairns. All of these students have 1 or even 2 more years to make this U12 Team and I know they will continue to put their hands up for another go in future years. We certainly have a strong soccer pool of students in our school and in Dimbulah as a result of the efforts put in by parents and coaches and the Dimbulah Football Club. Well done!

Athletics

We are busy preparing our students for our inter-house carnival in Week 7 (Friday 2 June). Some events will be conducted earlier in that week. All students will participate in a 200m event on Thursday 1 June at DSS. All students will participate in a 'middle distance' event on Tuesday 30th May at our school. (5/6 yrs – 300m, 7/8 yrs – 600m, 9/10/11/12 yrs – 800m). All students (and some parents??) will participate in sprints, high jump, long jump, shot put, tug-o-war and novelties on Friday 2 June.

We always have many parent helpers on Sports Day and again I would ask if you are available to assist on the day to please notify the office if you could help in the following areas: Canteen, Setting up/Cleaning up, Assist with field events or wherever needed.

This year DSS will be hosting the Walsh River Sports Day on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June.

Kayla Montagner will be running an Athletics Australia Program over the next 3 Fridays for all students through a 'Sporting Schools Australia Grant' that we were successful in obtaining.

P & F News



2017 Wheelbarrow Race DIMBY DINNER DO

**Saturday Night Presentation Dinner and Slideshow
20th May, 2017**

Come and join in the fun!

Food, Bar and Music in the Dimbulah Park from 6.30pm onwards

Everyone Welcome

**Book early to reserve a table for your team,
family & friends**

Menu: Steak and sausages, Pasta,
Curry and Rice plus salads

Bar: Beer, wine, spirits
soft drink & water

\$ 15 per adult
\$ 10 per child (primary school age)

Tea, coffee & cakes

Entertainment

Music: DJ - Nipper Brown

The day's highlights will be shown on the Big Screen.

Free jumping castle for the kids

TUG-O-WAR COMPETITION

No entry fee however prizemoney of

\$500 men

\$500 women

must be donated to a Charity of the winners choice.





**2017 Wheelbarrow Race
DIMBY DINNER DO
TICKET PRE-ORDER FORM**

Team Name: (Tables will be reserved in this name)

Name:

Phone: Email:

() Adult/s @ \$15 each

() Child/ren @ \$10 each (primary school age)

Any gluten free or other dietary requirements
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TOTAL AMOUNT: \$

I will pick up tickets from the school office

Please post tickets to:
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Please complete the above order form and transfer total funds to the following account or if paying by cheque/cash, please pay at the school office.

St Anthony's School Dimbulah
BSB: 084 352
A/C: 000017757

Use your name as reference then please email this order form to secretary.dimbulah@cns.catholic.edu.au

Community News

Mother's Day BBQ Lunch

Hosted by the

*Dimbulah & Mareeba Trevisani Nel Mondo
Assoc. Inc.*

Sunday 14th May 11.30am

at the Dimbulah Bowls Club

Must Book and RSVP by 7th May

phone Lucia on 40936145

GIRL GUIDES MAREEBA

We provide a unique girls only space. We promote diversity and equality and are committed to empowering girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting and responsible community members, whilst making new friends and having fun.



Mareeba Girl Guides meet Tuesdays (during the school term) at the Girl Guide Hut on Egan Street Mareeba from 5pm to 7pm.

**4 WEEK
FREE TRIAL**



District Manager:
Julie Henderson
Phone: 0427 858 712



Guide Leader:
Georgina Metzger
Phone: 4093 3464

www.facebook.com/mareebagirlguides



Catholic Education Parent Engagement Workshop – Cairns Saturday 27 May



The workshop

The parent engagement workshop features visiting Canadian Professor Debbie Pushor who is a keynote speaker at the national ARACY parent engagement conference in Melbourne in June.

Professor Pushor is internationally recognised for her work in parent engagement in student learning and the recent trend in moving parent involvement beyond fundraising and working bees to being an active partner with schools in their children's education. Her visit to Cairns has been made possible through the initiative of the state and diocesan P&Fs.

The workshop is designed to involve parents, teachers and school leaders in a constructive discussion about how families can work with schools to enhance student learning and wellbeing. We will explore best practice internationally as well as highlight and recognise the fantastic work our local schools are already doing in this space.



Debbie Pushor



When and where

The workshop will take place on **Saturday 27 May** – registration from 8.30am, workshop from 9am to 3pm. It will be held in **MacAuley Hall at St Monica's College**. Parking on the street please. Enter via Abbott Street down the city-side of the Cathedral or via Minnie Street through the laneway between the Bishop's House and the Catholic Services Building.



Who is it for?

We want to encourage discussion between parents, school leaders and teachers. We also recognise the pivotal role played by school P&Fs and school boards.



Cost?

The workshop is FREE but you must register. Catholic Education staff should register through **iLearn** (Course code **CNS01540**). Parents, carers and other participants should register through this registration form: [Click here](#). Registrations will close on **Wednesday 24 May** (or sooner if booked out).



Catering, childminding etc

Coffee, tea, morning tea, and a light lunch will be provided. Some childminding is available for those who request it through the registration form.

Acknowledgement: We thank St Monica's College for their generous assistance in providing a venue and other support as well as the State P&F Council through Carmel Nash for arranging Professor Pushor's visit.





Blue Light Disco

16th June 2017



At the Dimbulah Memorial Hall

All children must be collected from the front door

For more details please call the Library on 40935963 / 0418720640