



*To Seek. To Strive. To Find for Love of God*

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## Principals Report



Dear Parents,

I want to express my thanks to those who worked tirelessly in the lead up to the Wheelbarrow Race and also on the night. It was an opportunity for the P and F to raise money for the students and the school and it is very much appreciated. To be able to

put together a beautiful meal and feed nearly 500 people in just over an hour is a testament to everyone pulling together to get the job done. With another big event this weekend with the Lions Festival, could I ask that you find the time to help out the P and F for an hour or so and spread the work load to help out with the coffee and cake stall. Please remember that if your children are on the float to arrive at the school no later than 4:45pm on the Saturday afternoon.

This week Rachelle and I have spent three days in Sydney learning about the teachings of Mary Mackillop and Julian Tenison Woods. As a school that has been established by the Josephite Sisters it is important to recognise their influence on our school. The saying "never see a need without doing something about it" is certainly alive at our school but it is important that we always remember to pass this on to our students through our teachings in the religious life of our school and how we put it into practice in our daily lives.

Peninsula Cross Country was last Friday at Trinity Anglican School in Cairns. This day is always a great day for students as they have the chance to compete with other students in the wider area. Our students did us proud and we congratulate them on their achievements.

Next Friday is our School Sports Day and we invite everyone along to be a part of the day. We will have a canteen running if students wish to buy their lunch and if you can assist on the day that would be great.

Semester One Reports will be sent out in the last week of this term. Absences have a significant impact on a child's education and it is very hard to catch this up when students return. This is a critical time of the year when students are sitting formative and summative assessment. I take this opportunity to remind parents that it is important to make sure if your child is going to be absent to let the school know and with such a lot to get through your class teacher will be struggling to find the time to revise missed work.

Week National Reconciliation Week begins Friday 27 May to 3 June, a time where we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their cultures. In 2017, we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey – 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey.

We have advertised the position of Indigenous Liason Officer for our school. Previously this position was held by Mrs Dawn Archer. Applications are available on the Catholic Education website if you know of anyone interested in this position. A position description is attached to the application form. Applications close this week and interviews will be scheduled for the following week.

Finally, we have our pavers down and they look fantastic. If anyone would like a photo of their family paver, please let one of our office ladies know and they will email you a copy. If anyone is regretting not ordering a paver, let us know and if we have enough interest, we will place another order.



Take care and see you at the Lions Festival.

*K. Porter*

**Kath Porter**  
**Principal**

### Principal's Award

Alice Harrigan for always considering the feelings of other people and being a good role model for our younger students. Thank you Alice for all you do in the school!



### Upcoming Events

25 May	Ducklings Playgroup 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Recurring event
	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
	Confirmation Preparation 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
30 May	Interhouse 200m event @ DSS 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
	Confirmation 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
31 May	Year 5/6 Excursion Mr Stink

	All day
1 Jun	800m Event 9:00 AM - 8:15 PM
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
	Dimbulah Library Visit P12 Class 1:50 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
12 Jun	Assembly 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
14 Jun	Mass P12 Class 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
19 Jun	Assembly 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
20 Jun	Walsh River Sports 800m @ DSS 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
21 Jun	Walsh River Sports @ DSS All day
22 Jun	Ducklings Playgroup 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Recurring event
	Dimbulah Library Visit P12 Class 1:50 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
24 Jun	School Holidays Start All day

### 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 week, Kath and I headed to Sydney where we attended the Josephite Colloquium held at the Mary MacKillop house. Here we were given the opportunity to develop personally and spiritually and were able to articulate and emulate the spirit and charism of Mary MacKillop and

the Sisters of St Joseph. The aim of attending this most uplifting experience was for us to come back to our school community and share with you what makes us the special school we actually are. A Josephite school whom shares in and continues the amazing work of the first Australian Saint – Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop: helping those who are less fortunate, having courage to face difficult situations, leading a life of faith, showing and having respect for all those who surround us, trusting in what God has in store for us, being humble, displaying utmost integrity and having hope for what lies ahead, just to name a few.

I would also like to take this opportunity to discuss with you the meaning of our School's Josephite Emblem. The emblem was very special to Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tension Woods and reminds the Sisters of St Joseph of the importance of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist in their lives. The Cross is a symbol of the religious name Mary called herself – 'Mary of the Cross', when she became Sister of St Joseph. It also signifies that she was called on to bear the cross many times throughout her life. The A and M (drawn over the top of each other), stands for Ave Maria (Hail Mary) and is a symbol for Mary, mother of Jesus. The three J's are for Jesus - the one to whom Mary gave her life, Joseph – whom Mary prayer to often and most fervently and John the Baptist – who prepared the way for Jesus and as Mary MacKillop wanted to do as well.



Thank you to all those who were able to attend our year 3/4 hosted Mass and year 5/6 Anointing Mass. The children loved having you there and we hope you are able to join the prep/1/2 class when they host their Mass on Wednesday 14th June at 9:00am.

## Sacramental Program



On Sunday, 28th May, our eleven Sacramental Candidates will be presented with the "Creed" during our regular Parish Mass. Then on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, they will for the first time confirm their Baptismal promises, where they will receive

the Sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone is welcome to attend both occasions and support these children on the next stage of their faith journey. Congratulations to Azali Mitchell, Amber Jerome, Jack Yelavich, Cooper Kennedy, Eric Tosoni, Livinia DiSalvo, Chelsea DeLai, Jack McDermott, Layla Genovese, Leo Balzarolo and Olivia Tiberi.

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

*"Trust in the Goodness of God"*

**Mary MacKillop 1873**

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



## Student of the Week

### Year 5/6 Class

Rhyan Portelli for using his initiative giving his best effort and for assisting his peers when needed.

Cooper Kennedy for having a mature approach towards his learning and always assisting when needed.

Matthew Bin for contributing effectively to group tasks and for creating wonderful pieces of writing.

Clancie Sivyer for exceptional work on her Religion task and for clever brainstorming phrases in writing.

### Year 3/4 Class

Shayla Jerome for consistently being positive and having a go at all learning tasks.

Georgia Cummings for persisting at brainstorming ideas for a group essay.

Jack Yelavich for including very descriptive words in his Sizzling Starts.

### Year Prep 1/2 Class

Felix Gargan for using reading strategies to read very tricky books.

Harrison Kennedy for looking for face and body clues to find out people's feelings.

Madison Ahloy-Coutts for persisting with descriptive writing to finish a task. Well done!



## Soccer

Congratulations to our three boys; Rafferty, Nate and Cooper who represented the Mareeba District Soccer Team at the Peninsula Soccer Trials in Cairns on Sunday.



## Athletics Carnival:

<b>Tuesday 30 May</b>	200m – 9:00am at DSS (for all students)
<b>Thursday 1 June</b>	Middle Distance Event – 9:00am at St Anthony's (for all students)
<b>Friday 2 June</b>	sprints, relays, high/long jump, shot put, novelties (for all students)

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 Tuesday 30 May at DSS. All students will participate in a 'middle distance' event on Thursday 1 June 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 let Mr Wilcox know by Monday 30 May. This year DSS will be hosting the Walsh River Sports Day on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June.

Kayla Montagner is conducting an Athletics Australia Program over 3 Fridays for all St Anthony's Students with a 'Sporting Schools Australia Grant' that we were successful in obtaining. Kayla is an ex-student of our school, completed Year 12 at St Stephen's Catholic College in 2014 and is currently studying a Bachelor of Exercise Physiology (Clinical) at James Cook University in Cairns. Kayla is training for the 2017 Oceania Athletics Championships in June. In 2015 Kayla represented Australia at that event in the 200m. Her work and training ethics are a great role model for aspiring athletes and all students.

## 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 in

Mareeba. 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

- U12 Boys and Girls Touch Football** – Monday 22 May
- U12 Girls Rugby League** – Thursday 1 June

### Cross Country

Congratulations on the fantastic efforts of our 5 students who competed with the best runners in the region at the Peninsula Cross Country Championships in Cairns last Friday. Our school community is very proud of the way you took up this challenge in wet and slippery conditions and hope the experience encourages you to have a go again next year.

### Results:

- (U10 – 2kms) Cooper 13th, Eric 42nd
- (U11 – 3kms) Nate 27th, Clint 30th, Amber 20th

**Ciao tutti! Hello Everybody!**

Have you seen our Pizzeria? The Prep/1/2 class have made a mini pizzeria complete with forno (oven), and space for all our favourite pizza toppings like: pomodoro, prosciutto, salame, funghi, formaggio, pepperoncini, olive and ananas. (Ask your kids if you don't know what they are!)

The children from all of the classes have enjoyed pretending to be customers and pizza chefs, complete with grembiule (apron) and cappello (chef's hat).

**They may ask:**

- Cosa vuoi? - What would you like?
- Posso avere una pizza? - Can I have a pizza?
- Quanto costa? - How much does it cost?
- Quanto tempo in forno? - How long in the oven?
- Grazie - Thank you
- Prego - You're welcome

We hope to be able to make some real pizzas soon but in the meantime, if you are making pizzas at home, make sure you ask your children how to say the names of the toppings in Italian!

**Ciao, Ciao  
Signora Mahmut**



2017 Wheelbarrow Race  
**DIMBY DINNER DO**

## Certificate of Appreciation

*Saint Anthony's School along with  
the P and F Association would  
like to say a Huge Thankyou to*

### All Parents, Staff and Families

*For all your time and support at  
our Fundraiser.  
We are Truly Greatful to You.*

**Lions Club Roster 2017**

2.30-5.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00
<b>Set Up</b>	<b>Serving</b>	<b>Serving</b>	<b>Serving</b>	<b>Serving</b>	<b>Serving</b>	<b>Pack Up</b>
Helen	Helen	Josie	Helen	Helen	Helen	
Lyn -Tonya	Lauren	Lauren	Lauren (teach shannon)	Shannon	Vibeke	
Tammy	Ruby	Ruby	Shelley	Shelly	Leanne	
	Rhonda/ Kym	Rhonda/ Kym	Belinda Lewis	Belinda Lewis		
		Cilla	Rachelle	Rachelle		

**Spots that STILL Need to be filled... Please help**



## 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 ARAQV 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.



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Queensland Health

**Spread fun not flu!**

Even healthy kids can get seriously sick from the flu and they can spread it to others.

To learn more visit [www.qld.gov.au/flu](http://www.qld.gov.au/flu)

Protect your child and others this flu season:

- Keep sick children at home
- Teach children to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes
- Vaccinate—children over six months can be vaccinated.

## Influenza Vaccination and Prevention Measures

The Queensland Department of Health has issued a request to disseminate information to schools so that staff and parents/guardians are informed, prepared and proactive as we enter the influenza season. The Department of Health advises:

*With the influenza season just around the corner it is an opportune time to actively encourage influenza vaccination. This year the vaccine covers two strains of Influenza A and two strains of Influenza B. The inclusion of a second Influenza B strain provides additional protection for staff, students and the school community as it is Influenza B that particularly affects younger age groups.*

*As you are aware, the sustained and close learning environment and boarding accommodation (when applicable) in schools increases the likelihood of infections spreading. We know that once influenza has been introduced to a school it spreads easily and can result in a significant number of affected students and staff. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.*

Queensland Health is encouraging staff and students to be vaccinated for influenza as well as promoting other prevention and control measures, such as using tissues for coughs and sneezes and handwashing. Resources and information on seasonal flu including a poster for schools (attached) can be found on the Queensland Health website.