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Principals Report



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. This term is always traditionally busy with extra sporting events and community events such as the Lions Festival and Wheelbarrow Race. All families should have received a Term Calendar to assist with keeping organised for the term ahead. We will continue to send

home a weekly bulletin on Friday to alert you to events the following week.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills in Years 3,5,7 and 9. All students are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests unless they apply for an exemption. This information in our context at St Anthony's is often difficult to analyse as we have small numbers but the individual information it provides can sometimes be valuable to inform us of future changes in how we deliver the curriculum to our students and individual programs for students. We never just use NAPLAN for our decision making but together with school based assessment use it to enable us to get a better picture of a child.

Dates for NAPLAN are 15-17 May. An information sheet is attached to the newsletter for anyone wishing to know more.

AEDC

Our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Data on our Prep students will be collected by the school and sent to the Department of Education and Training for input. A letter for Prep families only will be coming home shortly giving you more information and dates when this will occur.

Bus Fare Assistance rebate

If you are eligible for Bus Fare Assistance (or SWD travel) please remember to apply for the rebate this month. You have from the 1st May to 31st May to claim for bus fares you have paid for Terms 1 and 2.

Go to the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme and apply online.

<https://www.schooltransport.com.au/how-to-apply/>

Wheelbarrow Race

P and F committee members will be making contact with everyone in the following weeks to ask for your commitment over the weekend of the Wheelbarrow Race. This is our major fundraising event and as always, **many hands make light work.**

If you can please commit so we can make it as successful as last year we would be very appreciative.

Lions Festival

This year St Anthony's School will once again participate in the Lions Festival Parade. We have invited our Dimbulah Ducklings to also join us on our float. This year the theme is celebrating Health and Fitness. Students can dress in anything that promotes health and fitness. Eg sport, soccer, football, swimming, horse riding, athletics, tennis, netball, exercise, skipping etc . Playgroup children will need to have a parent accompany them on the float.

Joe Delai has kindly donated his truck and we will be assembling the float on Friday 25th May in the morning on the basketball courts. We are asking parents to please have the children at school on Saturday 26th May at 4:40pm for the Parade and returning back to school to disassemble the float.

Ms Shannon Grantley will be working with the students during lunch to polish their performance for the Festival and Lisa

Tosoni will be enlisting the help of students to paint and create decorations for the float. If you have time to assist please contact either Lisa or Shannon to find out dates and times.

Working Bee

Late last term we were successful in obtaining a Grant through Northern Gulf to resurrect our garden. The Garden Champions project will be coordinated by Cristina Mahmut. We are asking once the new garden beds arrive for parent assistance to fill the beds with soil and mulch around the outside. We will organise a working bee once we have a date.

Australian Catholic University Practicum Students

Next Tuesday we welcome to our school two students from the Australian Catholic University who will be completing their teaching experience with the 5/6 and P/1/2 classrooms. These students are sponsored by Cairns CES under a scholarship and have expressed an interest in rural placements.

We welcome Eveline Van Renterghem and Kyle Walker. Please make them feel welcome and part of the St Anthony's community. They will be accommodated in the Convent for the duration of their stay.

God Bless,



Kath Signature

Kath Porter
Principal



Upcoming Events

2 May	Year 6 St Stephen's Visit All day
4 May	Parent Bulletin All day
7 May	Public Holiday All day

	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY All day
10 May	Ducklings Playgroup All day Recurring event
11 May	Parent Bulletin All day
12 May	Working Bee 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
15 May	NAPLAN 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
18 May	Wheelbarrow Race Weekend 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
	Parent Bulletin All day Recurring event
	Regional Cross Country All day
21 May	Newsletter All day
	Year 3/4 Liturgy 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
23 May	Prep Vision Screening-Qld Health 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
24 May	Ducklings Playgroup All day Recurring event
	Prep-1-2 Town Library Visit 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
25 May	Parent Bulletin All day Recurring event
26 May	Lion's Festival All day

28 May	P and F Meeting 3:00-4:00pm 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1 Jun	Parent Bulletin All day 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
APRE Picture 1

St Christopher's – Kuranda – Sunday 6.00pm



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term two and I hope that you had a lovely and relaxing break with your family and friends. This term is yet another busy one for the school community and I know that the students along with their teachers are already in full swing.

ANZAC DAY

Last Tuesday, as a Nation we commemorated the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25 April 1915. Those who served on the Gallipoli campaign became legendary, and their mateship, courage and determination forged the beginnings of what is now referred to as the Anzac Spirit.

The **dawn service** held in each community across Australia recalls the time of the first landing on Gallipoli Cove, 4.29am. The symbol of wearing sprigs of **rosemary** began in early Greece, where it was believed to improve the memory. Rosemary is found growing wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Wearing **red poppies** too is symbolic of new life, regeneration and hope for the future as it was the first flower to emerge from the fields of northern France and Belgium after WW1. The **Anzac biscuit** was intended as a replacement for bread, for soldiers on the battlefield and was made to last a long time. The original Anzac biscuits were so hard that they were often called 'bullet-proof biscuits'.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our school's ANZAC liturgy on Tuesday. It was a special service, where our students remembered all those who made and are making the ultimate sacrifice so we are able to live in a country of peace. Also, a massive thank you to the students who were able to attend the Dawn Service on Wednesday, like always you did our school extremely proud, marching beautifully and listening with utmost reverence.



PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Amen.



Have a wonderful week and in words of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop...

"Find happiness in making others happy"



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

Sporting News



Thank You Lisa!

A special thanks to Lisa Tosoni for her continued invaluable support with scoring and assisting with the organization of all of our sporting events – it is very much appreciated!

St Anthony's Cross Country Champions - Mulligan

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the Inter-house Cross Country Event in the last week of Term 1. Even with our reduced numbers, our Sports Captains and Senior Students were able to motivate their teams to participate and blast out the war cries and we were all very impressed at the level of sportsmanship displayed within and between teams. Well done to all! Thank you also for the wonderful attendance and support of our parent body – I know the students very much appreciate it!

Champions:

11/12 Years – Cooper Kennedy and Hazel Hobden

9/10 Years – Dustin Hatfield and Shayla Jerome

7/8 Years – Harrison Kennedy and Kate Favaro

5/6 Years – Kytte Hoffman and Gracie Cummings

Spirit of the Carnival Awards

Clint Hatfield and Ella Myles



District Cross Country

WOW! How impressive!

Seven of our students competed in the District Cross Country at Dimbulah State School in Week 1 of Term 2 and of these 5 have been selected in the Mareeba District Team to compete at the Peninsula Trials in Cairns next month. What an amazing achievement!

10 Year Girls

Shayla Jerome 1st, Ella Myles 3rd, Ricki Sivyer 4th

11 Year Girls

Hazel Hobden – a personal best

11 Year Boys

Cooper Kennedy 1st, Eric Tosoni 10th

12 Year Boys

Clint Hatfield 2nd

A special mention goes to our school captain Eric Tosoni who pushed himself to the limit to make up ground and finish in the top 10 and receive a ribbon, as well as for the leadership he displayed in his speech to thank the host school and visiting competitors for a great day of competition.

Clint Hatfield also gave 100% in almost beating a very classy runner in the 12 year boy's race – Well done!



Swimming Carnival Champions - Wolfram

It was a great culmination to our swimming program and a wonderful way in which to conclude Term 1 with our Inter-house Swimming Carnival on the last day of term. Thank you again to Brigitte Campbell, our swimming instructor, for the work she always puts into helping our students develop their swimming confidence and skills and also to the parents who were able to attend, assist and support the students in the water.

Champions

Year 5/6 Clint Hatfield and Clancie Sivyer

Year 3/4 Brayth Miller and Georgia Cummings

Spirit of the Carnival Awards

Hannah Myles and Dio Jasmin



Basketball Program (Sporting Schools Australia Grant)

All students have shown great enthusiasm for the commencement of our Basketball Program with the first

sessions being conducted by Teeny Bensted in Week 2. Teeny is excited with the level of skill and keenness of our students and will conduct sessions each Tuesday with all of our classes over the next 5 weeks. We are very fortunate to have the availability of Teeny who is a qualified and competent coach and who knows how to get the best out of the students. I look forward to seeing the progress of the kids and may look at organizing a games day/evening with parents later in the term.

Soccer

Earlier this term Ricki Sivyer and Cooper Kennedy competed in the AVS Football Academy Team at the Far North Qld Youth Cup. Both students made valuable contributions to the team with Cooper winning the 'Golden Boot Award' for his 21 goals in the tournament and Ricki also scored what was considered a spectacular match winning goal in an important round game. Well done Ricki and Cooper!



District Trials

- Soccer (Girls 10-12 years)** – Thursday 26 April
- Soccer (Boys 10-12 years)** – Wednesday 9 May
- Touch Football (Boys and Girls 10-12 years)** – Monday 14 May

Athletics

- St Anthony's Inter-House Carnival** – Friday 8 June (Week 8)
- Walsh River Carnival** – Wednesday 27 June (Week 11)

We will be looking for general helpers and tuckshop convenors on these days so if you can help please let the Office or Mr Wilcox know as soon as possible so that we can begin our planning well in advance.

MUSIC LESSONS



(Did you know?) St Anthony's has a fully qualified music teacher, teaching every Wednesday. All ages including adults are welcome and you don't need to be a student at St Anthony's. Lynda Irvine's fun lessons on all instruments and in all styles, including exams, are individually tailored for every students learning style. Her quality teaching practises combined with a comprehensive modern approach provides a learning experience that encourages students to become accomplished, independent musicians.

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FROM THE COUNSELLOR

Wellbeing

Dear Parents,

Every aspect of your child's life influences their state of wellbeing. Wellbeing includes good physical and mental health and is correlated to resilience. A strong sense of wellbeing also provides your child with confidence and optimism which maximise their learning potential. Below are some things we can do to promote wellbeing in our children.

Connect with your child. Spending time talking and doing activities with your child to foster a loving and nurturing relationship is the most important part of your child's development and environment. It can be as simple as talking about your day while driving home from school or scheduling 15 minutes with each child daily to do a fun, creative or relaxing activity.

Encourage physical activity, healthy diet and good sleep. These are crucial to wellbeing and physical health. Exercise stimulates the chemicals that improve mood and releases the stress that builds up throughout the day.

Help them relax. Make sure your child has an activity or hobby that is relaxing. The ability to relax is essential to mental health. This can include a mindfulness or meditation activity before sleep or coloring mandalas with your child.

**Yours in Counselling,
Marjan**

Community News



QUEENSLAND
Anti-Cyberbullying
Taskforce



Share your ideas to prevent cyberbullying

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CYBERBULLYING

Many parents and teachers are concerned about cyberbullying. It is a serious problem that can hurt young people, families and school communities. Cyberbullying is also a complex problem that is often invisible to parents and teachers.

In February the Premier appointed a group of Queenslanders who are passionate about stopping cyberbullying of young people. The Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce is chaired by well-known author and commentator, Madonna King, and includes members with knowledge and expertise in education, youth health and wellbeing, law, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, disability and families.

The Taskforce needs your help to develop a framework for Queensland to help reduce cyberbullying of young people. They want to hear from parents, carers, students, teachers and other experts in schools. In particular, the Taskforce wants to hear about your ideas to:

- prevent or reduce cyberbullying
- support people affected by cyberbullying of young people.

How to have your say

Email the Taskforce at antibullyingtaskforce@premiers.qld.gov.au

Upload your ideas as a submission on the Taskforce website
<https://qld.gov.au/cyberbullyingtaskforce>

Come to a public forum in 12 Queensland locations including Brisbane, Cairns, Rockhampton and Charleville. For information about forums visit <https://qld.gov.au/cyberbullyingtaskforce>

Everyone can be part of the stand against cyberbullying. Ms King and the Taskforce members look forward to hearing from you.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY



"If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family. Our daughter has a sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad."
Nicole, three-time host mum.

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Food safety
Rockmelon safety for food businesses

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Fresh fruit and vegetables are an important part of a healthy and nutritious diet. However, like many other foods, fresh fruit, including rockmelons, can be hazardous if not prepared or stored properly.

This fact sheet explains the safe food handling practices that food retailers need to follow when receiving, storing, and preparing rockmelon.



Display pre-cut rockmelon under refrigeration at 5°C or below

In recent years several serious foodborne illness outbreaks, involving bacterial pathogens such as Listeria and Salmonella, have been associated with rockmelon.

Bacteria are naturally found in soil and can transfer to the rockmelon skin, as they grow on the soil.

The skin of rockmelon has a net-like texture with grooves, making it difficult to clean. A small number of bacteria may multiply in rockmelons if present.

Everybody is at risk of foodborne illness; however Listeria and Salmonella may cause very serious illnesses in vulnerable groups such as pregnant women, babies, the elderly and people with reduced immunity. Among these groups, the illness can be severe and life threatening.

Your legal obligations

As a food retailer, you have an obligation under the Food Act 2006 and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to ensure the rockmelons you sell are safe and suitable for human consumption. You are responsible for ensuring all employees have the skills and knowledge required to handle food safely.

Safe food handling practices described below should be followed to ensure that employees who handle rockmelons minimise the food safety risks. Employees suffering from a disease or illness are at risk of contaminating food, should not be permitted to handle food.

In the instance of a foodborne illness outbreak, records of, packaging and supplier (e.g. grower's name and address, date harvested, lot identification), may help to isolate the source of contamination.



Keep records for traceability
You should keep a record of sale including, dates, quantities and place of sale. Record keeping helps with tracing the source of a foodborne illness outbreak.



Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at nap.edu.au/naplan/sample

How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au/online/assessment