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## Principals Report



Dear Parents,

With an incredibly wet start to the school year it has been frustrating for staff, students and parents to get into a routine. We have managed to do the best we can and this week promises to have a few days of sunshine. Our hearts go out to the many people who have been affected by floods in

the recent weeks. Many of them have lost everything. We pray that they can recover from this catastrophic event.

We welcome Mrs Rachel Gundersen to our Prep,1,2 class. Rachel starts with us full time on Thursday. Thank you Mrs Duminy who has stepped in to assist me with settling the class in the first few weeks of school. With an increase in our enrolments over the school holiday break we have needed to quickly rethink our spaces and spread out a bit, utilizing the other classroom. Prep 1,2 is now our biggest class and as such we have moved the 5/6 students back into the end room. A classroom is a space and it doesn't change the philosophy behind our commitment to differentiating learning for all our students. Small class sizes enable us to personalize learning and teach our students at the pace they are ready for. Students will still move throughout our classroom spaces as the need arises.

This Thursday night we invite you to come along for our Information night. This is an opportunity to hear a summary of what learning will look like in the classroom. If you are interested in assisting in the classroom throughout the year please see Cathy in the office as there is a little bit of paperwork required initially before this can occur. We take student protection very seriously and have a duty of care to ensure all processes are followed when anyone enters the school grounds. Please assist us with this request if you intend to visit the classrooms.

A reminder that swimming starts this Friday. Please put a note on the fridge to remind your children, no doubt they will forget!!

We will finish the term with a swimming carnival and then a Cross Country. If anyone can assist with these events please let us know as we are in the planning stages and require extra help to run these events.

Last week we started our Friday afternoon Genius Hour. This term we are keeping it simple to see how it goes and to let the students get a feel for the idea. We will rotate every 3 weeks so everyone gets a taste of everything. This term we have cooking, learning guitar basics and scrapbooking. If you have the time and would like to join us in Term 2 come and see us and we can plan the next round of activities. In the near future, we will be inviting families to arrive a little earlier on a Friday to join us in the classrooms and then stay to socialize for a short time after school. It would be nice if you could join us. Ending the week with a catch up helps to keep in touch with school life and see what your children are doing.



Have a great week and enjoy some sunshine.

God Bless,

Kath Signature

**Kath Porter**  
**Principal**

## Upcoming Events

14 Feb	Parent Information Night 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
15 Feb	Swimming All day

	Recurring event
16 Feb	School Working Bee All day
18 Feb	Natural Fertility Services Visit All day
22 Feb	Swimming All day Recurring event
1 Mar	Swimming All day Recurring event
5 Mar	Pancake Feast All day
6 Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
8 Mar	Swimming All day Recurring event



## Genius Hour:

This year sees our students participate in a rotation of activities in various interest areas on a Friday afternoon. Last Friday, we kicked off our new program, where our students took part in learning the guitar with Mr Tomkinson, Scrapbooking with Mrs Porter and Cooking with Ms De Iacovo and Mrs Gundersen. In cooking the children made Spinach and Feta jacket stuffed potatoes and have included the recipe below if you would like to try it out:

## Spinach & Feta Jacket stuffed potatoes

### Prep Time

25 mins

### Cook Time

5 mins

### Total Time

30 mins

Course: Side Dish

Servings: 4

### Ingredients

- 4 medium potatoes
- Drizzle of Olive oil
- 150 g spinach
- Salt & black pepper
- 165 ml coconut milk
- 35 g Feta

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 220°C.
2. Wash, spike and cook potatoes whole in microwave for about 6 minutes until soft, turning after 3 minutes.
3. Wash & roughly chop the spinach. Add to a pan with a drizzle of olive oil and fry for about 2 minutes until limp, season with salt & pepper. Pour in the coconut milk and stir in over the heat.
4. Cut the potatoes in half long ways and using a teaspoon, spoon out the potato, leaving a 2mm rim around the edges so the potatoes hold their shape.
5. Add the spooned out potato to the spinach mixture, breaking the potato up and stirring it in with a metal spoon.
6. Place the potato jackets on a baking tray and fill them with the spinach mixture - about 1 heaped tbsps

## APRE Report



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see all the students settled back into school life and how super eager they are to be back to their learning and producing outstanding work. We warmly welcome our new family members to our beautiful school community: The Kath, Kampman, Ford and Lalabalavu families.

So far this term, we have celebrated our opening school Mass, where our student leaders were presented with their badges and committed themselves to proudly representing our wonderful school – St Anthony's. We know that you are going to do an exceptional job in your positions, so congratulations:

**Azali Mitchell** – School Captain

**Riley O'Shea** – School Captain

**Shayla Jerome** – Mulligan Sports Captain

**Jack Yelavich** – Mulligan Sports Captain

**Cayde Miller** – Wolfram Sports Captain

**Ricki Sivyver** – Student Council President

**Hazel Hobden** – JJJ President

**Livinia DiSalvo** – Library Monitor

in each and then pile them up a bit more if you have extra spinach.

7. Top with grated feta cheese and grill on the top shelf for about 5 minutes until the cheese is golden.



## Sporting News



Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Peninsula School Sport District Structures 2018/19

In 2018, the Peninsula School Sport Board undertook a review into the structures and operations of District School Sport within the FNQ region. The findings from this review have provided the opportunity for Peninsula School Sport to work together with District Sporting Committees to improve outcomes for students and staff. Future key improvements to District School Sport in FNQ include:

- \*Re-aligning and amalgamation of new 10 to 19 years sporting Districts.
- \*Streamlining student pathways into District Sporting teams.
- \*Developing processes and strategies for schools to utilise in the transition of students from primary into high school to enhance participation in sporting programs.
- \*Ensuring mandatory Department of Education Guidelines and risk management procedures are implemented and followed.
- \*Enhancing involvement, decision making and communication from leading FNQ school leaders, staff and Pensport.
- \*Re-invigorating school sport competitions and programs – schools have the opportunity to review, reflect and enhance their own sporting programs within District Clusters to maximise student participation.

Information about District School Sport can be sourced via the Peninsula School Sport website or via your school's Sports Co-ordinators/PE Teachers.

Peninsula School Sport would also like to thank all staff from across FNQ whom have put in many extra hours, often in their own time, to ensure students have the opportunity to engage in various school sporting opportunities during this process. Exciting times ahead as we continue to improve moving forward sport in FNQ for the future.

Yours in Sport,  
Jo Butland  
Acting RSSO

Clint Mogg  
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## Date Claimers:

- 12th February – St Anthony's Parish Mass at 9am (Everyone is welcome)
- 12th February - Parish Council Meeting at 7pm (Everyone is welcome)
- 17th February – St Anthony's Parish Mass at 8am (Everyone is welcome)
- 18th February – Natural Fertility Services (Students of St Anthony's)
- 2nd March – TREWTH Conference (Staff of St Anthony's)
- 2nd March – Parish Mass at 5pm (Everyone is welcome)



Have a wonderful week and in the 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**

## Playgroup

Welcome back to our Duckling Playgroup. Today we hosted our first playgroup for 2019 and it was lots of fun. This year we have a new dress up corner and a new kitchen to enjoy. Welcome to those new families joining us at Ducklings. We have a fun packed term planned with learning all about ourselves and others, letters, number, colours and we will be finishing off the term with some Easter fun. Looking forward to seeing you all again on the 21st February.



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**Well Women's Clinics**  
 (These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

**Mareeba Hospital – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019** Ph: 4092 9311  
 Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

*'Bling & Blue Jeans'*  
**Dinner Dance**

Fundraiser for  
 Dimbulah C & K Community Kindergarten

**Dimbulah Town Hall**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019  
 6pm

Music by  
 "Shandell"

\$30per person Children (5 – 12) \$15 4 & under FREE  
 Pre-paid bookings essential: Dimbulah Community Centre 40935444  
 Coast to Coast the Golden Roast Catering