

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st August 2014



Music now at St Anthony's

Kaiden enjoying his guitar lesson with Lynda Irvine, St Anthony's Music Teacher



Kate Schincariol
District Aged
Champion



Shannon Grantley from St Anthony's P & F Assn was presented with a cheque from Gaye Taylor and Phil Quayle from Rhee Tae Kwon Do.



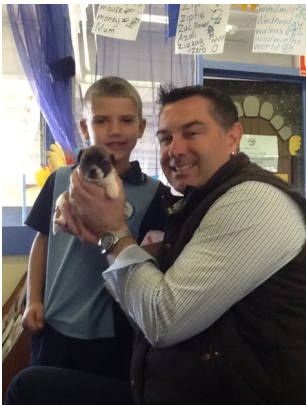
Cody and Nate discovering what they can do on the new Chrome Books



Students enjoying Nasi Goreng which they made during SAKGP this week.



We love animals



Cayde Miller brought in 5 Jack Russell puppies for show and tell. The puppies were four weeks old and so cute! Mr Whitters wanted to take one home!

Madeline from Central Veterinary Surgery came along with her dog Tilly and spoke to students



Congratulations to Rhyanna Miller who won the 2014 Dimbulah Bendigo Bank Master Chef

COMING EVENTS.....

August 4	St Stephen's Day Out Yr 6-7 Class
August 6	St Mary MacKillop Mass 9am
	NAIDOC celebration with guest speakers Ron and Dawn Archer
August 7	Back Yard League (BYL) Clinics Classes 4-7
August 12	ICAS Maths Competition
August 14	Back Yard League (BYL) Clinics Classes 4-7
August 19	Bravehearts visit
August 20	P&F Meeting 7pm
August 21	FNQ Heat Training Clinic
August 22	Wolfram Vs Mulligan Ball Games
	P & F Social Night @ Dimbulah Soccer Club 6pm
Sept 15	Under 8's Day
Nov 15	Flavour's of Spring Christmas Fair

Term Dates 2014

Term 3 - Starts 14th Jul 14	Term 3 - finishes 19th Sep 14
Term 4 - Starts 7th Oct 14	Term 4 - finishes 5th Dec 14

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you.

We would like to thank Nipper Brown for providing us with much needed mulch for our garden beds.

To all parents who assisted with supervising students and officiating at events at Mareeba District Athletics Carnival.

Help Required:

We are seeking help from a "Handy parent" who could co-ordinate the construction of a simple timber chook pen for the school this term. All materials will be provided.

Contact Terry or Scott if you can help.



Student of the Week

Prep & Year One Class

- * Jack—maintaining focus and avoiding distractions.
- * Rowan—persistence in class tasks.
- * Livinia—joining in guided reading groups.
- * Georgia—blending sounds to make words.

Year Two/Three Class

- * Ryan—taking responsibility for your own learning.
- * Charli—Sharing ideas during class discussion.
- * Eric—consistent improvement of his handwriting.
- * Amber—being organised to start lessons quickly.

Year Four/Five Class

- * Marco—persisting with his writing task.
- * Beau— working diligently on his writing task.
- * Cara—settling in well into Year 4/5.
- * Neve—showing initiative and taking risks with her learning.
- * Amber—working diligently on all learning tasks.
- * Lauren—extra effort after hours on history.

Year Six/Seven Class

- * Callum—working conscientiously on all class tasks.
- * Samuel Dryden –Settling in well to the school environment.
- * Spike—actively participating in class discussions, providing fantastic comments.
- * Lauren—creating a spectacular underwater scene for her Religion task.



**From the
Principal
Scott
Whitters**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy Catholic Education Week to you all.

It was great to have parents join us on Wednesday for our Catholic Education Week Mass. We were joined by Fr Peter Tangey who is visiting our Parish for the next three weeks. The message behind Catholic Education Week this year is "Come, Live life in all its fullness". This message is based on the Gospel of John (10:10) which calls us to the challenge of living life more fully. For us at St Anthony's, it reinforces that we aim to provide an educational experience through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full potential - spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer.

PetPEP

On Monday our students took part in a PetPEP visit. Madeleine from the Mareeba Central Veterinarian Clinic spoke to the students about caring for pets and how to keep them healthy. Madeleine highlighted the dangers of Paralysis Ticks and other parasites that may cause major health issues for our pets. She brought in her dog Tilly that she rescued from the Pound who had a lovely nature and enjoyed the attention from our students. Alf and Sonia from Mareeba Shire Council also visited and spoke to the children about responsible pet ownership. They spoke extensively about how to stay safe around dogs and what to do if confronted by a stray dog. Alf talked about micro-chipping pets and what to do if your pet is lost. He talked about registering our pets and how many pets were allowed to live at each home or property. These two sessions were most valuable for our students as we have a high percentage of families who have pets. Children love having pets at home, however, do not always know enough about how to care for them correctly. Hopefully our students are better equipped now to care for their pets health and be responsible pet owners. I sincerely thank Madeleine, Alf and Sonia.

District Athletics

Congratulations to our students who competed in the District Athletics last Wednesday and Thursday. Our students exhibited wonderful sportspersonship and performed to the best of their ability. We are very proud of the way our students conducted themselves and represented our school. Well done to Kate Schincariol who took out Age Champion in the 12 year girls division.

Music Tuition

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Lynda Irvine has commenced private music tuition at St Anthony's. Lynda is working with our students each Tuesday until the end of the year. The students involved in this program are really enjoying this opportunity and look forward to their weekly lessons. I believe Lynda may have one place left on a Tuesday, please contact us if your child is interested in studying music.

Chrome Books

It is great to see our students accessing a variety of technology to enhance their learning at St Anthony's. All classes have begun using the Chrome Books on loan to us from CES and initial responses have been positive. The Chrome Books offer students quick and easy access to information and allow them to share their learning in a variety of ways.

Donation

We were fortunate on Monday to receive a visit from Phil and Gaye who were representing Dimbulah Rhee Tae Kwon Do. Phil and Gaye presented St Anthony's with a cheque for \$1000. Gaye explained that the money was raised during the Great Wheelbarrow Race and divided between all the schools in the region. We are most fortunate and grateful to have received this money and thank the Dimbulah Rhee Tae Kwon Do club for their generosity.

Parent/Teacher Relationships

I would like to thank those parents who have made the time to meet with their child's teacher to discuss current progress. We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parental enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school. Recognising the skills, dedication and professionalism of our teachers is also vital. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best. The successes of these experiences depend highly on the continual positive relationship between the child and the teacher, as well as the parent and teacher. Parents are the first educators of their children and must continue to work in partnership with our school to achieve the best outcomes. Please continue to maintain positive relationships with your child's teacher and remember conversations must be constructive and courteous.

God Bless,

Scott Whitters



Sporting News.....

Mareeba District Athletics Carnival

All students who represented the Walsh River District at last week's Mareeba District Carnival can be very proud of the way they conducted themselves and performed on the 2 days. A number of staff and parents from other schools commented on the behaviour and spirit displayed by our students and also by the way they showed their appreciation to those who had organised and officiated at the carnival. Well done!

From the results below, 5 St Anthony's Students were selected to represent the Mareeba District at the Peninsula Championships in Cairns on the 17 & 18 August. Kate Schincariol also won the 12 Year Girls Age Champion Trophy. What a fantastic achievement!

Kate Schincariol: 12 Yr Girls Age Champion, 1st—800m, 1st—200m, 2nd—100m

Toby Brown: 1st—Shot Put

Lauren Schincariol: 3rd—800m

Beau Hatfield: 1st—800m, 3rd—100m, 3rd—200m, 4th—High Jump, 4th—Long Jump

Kaitlyn Scapin: 2nd—Shot Put

Congratulations to all St Anthony's Athletes for their excellent efforts: Jonah Serafin, Tyrell Portelli, Jakob Hocking, Callum Zugno, Spike Risley, Joseph Montagner, Daniella Montagner, Jett Reilly, Hope Kennedy, Lauren Herlihy, Danae Tosoni, Kayleigh Cappella, Rhyanna Miller.

Back Yard League (BYL)

For the next 3 weeks, the Year 4-7 Students will participate in Back Yard League (BYL) clinics with development officer Alby Anderson. This is a very popular program (non contact) for boys and girls being run in many schools and we welcome the opportunity to be involved.

FNQ Heat Training Day

Dimbulah State School have invited our 10, 11 12 year old students to attend a training day with two FNQ Heat specialist coaches from 9:30am—2:30pm on Thursday 21 August at the Dimbulah Soccer Grounds. The day will consist of training and drills in the morning with games in the afternoon. This day is for students who are genuinely interested in attending a very active day and football boots and shin pads will be required.

Wolfram Vs Mulligan Ball Games Carnival

Ball games will be held on Friday 22nd August, time to be advised





From our APRE

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week with a variety of classroom and whole school activities. We participated in small prayer services and the parish mass, we had a guest speaker, Mrs Grace Armenti, come in and talk to us about her experiences of school when she attended St Anthony's and we planted Lilly Pillies to symbolise and express the value of life. To remind us all of the potential within each of us to flourish and grow and the possibility we can bring into every situation. To also remind each of us to nourish and care for the Earth, to conserve and respect Nature, and to cherish this wonderful Universe, our home upon which we strive to live life to the full.

Catholic Education Week in Queensland is a special opportunity for all Catholic education ministries to celebrate their distinctive mission and share the great things they are doing with their school, parish and wider communities. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Next week we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop with a whole school liturgy on Wednesday at 9am in the Church, all are very welcome to attend. Mary MacKillop's story is a heart-warming one that is especially precious for children and us, Saint Anthony of Padua as we are a Josephite school.

Mary was an ordinary Victorian farm girl who was born in 1842 and was the eldest child in her family and had 3 sisters and 4 brothers. As her father was excellent in religious education, most of Mary's education was at home. After her first job as a clerk and working as a governess looking after her cousins and teaching them and other farm children, she became a school teacher. It was in South Australia that she met a priest named Father Julian Tenison Woods, who shared her passion, wanting to help poor children attend school and together in 1866, they started the "Stable School." Here the children had lessons in reading, writing, math and singing. The girls also enjoyed learning to sew whilst the boys enjoyed woodwork. Mary and her sisters also taught the children about God and taught them to trust in Jesus. Mary became a nun – "Sister Mary of the Cross" in 1867, after Father Woods and herself started the religious order of the sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). Mary devoted her life to the service of God and did great things for Australian and New Zealand families (set up schools, houses for elderly women, young girls and women without jobs, gave comfort to the sick and dying and even visited people in jail to give them whatever help they could).

The Mary MacKillop Feast Day is celebrated on the 8th of August. This is also the date of her death in 1909.

At times in her life Mary MacKillop met people who made it hard for her to perform her good works, but she never gave up and today the Sisters of St Joseph are still doing the work that Mary MacKillop started all those years ago.

Mary MacKillop was declared Australia's first Saint on the 17th of October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
 You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
 To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
 With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
 We ask that you grant our request.....
 We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
 Ever generous God hear our prayer.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ
 Amen.

In the words of Saint Mary MacKillop - **"God will protect and work with us"** 1885

May God's Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo



TREE PLANTING CEREMONY



Thank you to Mrs Grace Armenti who shared her connections with St Anthony's School as a past student and active member of the wider St Anthony's Community



Come **LIVE** in all its **LIFE FULLNESS** CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2014
27 July - 2 August

Prep to Year 3



Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver of students in prep to year 3,

On Tuesday 19th August your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program "The Ditto Show". Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to "abuse-proof" our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5's). Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

'Ditto', the Bravehearts' mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include "Private Parts" and "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust". These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don't just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms). The main aim of the program is to enhance children's emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of "Yes" & "No" Feelings, The Body's Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

The cost of the performance is free.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 5552 3000. For information on attending our Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact your school for availability & times.

PARENTS WELCOME!

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team



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A class for both courses will run:

**Friday 22 August 2014 at Dimbulah Community
Centre 1 pm – 3 pm**

If you have any questions or would like to enrol, contact me ASAP!

**Contact Bryony on: 0420806388
fnqvolunteertutorsinc@gmail.com**

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