

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

17th October, 2014



University of NSW International Competition participants:
Spike Risley, Marco Cappella, Danae Tosoni, Nate Mitchell
and Kayleigh Cappella
Congratulations!

Principal: Mr Scott Whitters
principal.dimbulah@cns.catholic.edu.au

Assistant Principal Religious Education:
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P/1, 2/3 Classes Swimming



High Achievers at Mareeba Swimming Carnival



Horse Sports Competitors



Hope Kennedy's
Dance
Achievements



Mr
Whitters
Show and Tell

COMING EVENTS.....

Oct 20	Pupil Free Day (No Students to attend school)
Oct 21	QFRS Fire Ed Prep 1
Oct 21-24	Book Fair— Garden Theme Tues 21 to Fri 24 Oct 8.15 to 8.45am & 3.00 to 3.30pm
Oct 22	“Soctober”(Wear crazy socks to school) Gold Coin Donation Mass with Year 6 Class
Oct 24	Swimming for Prep - 3
Oct 27	Wonders of Living 4-7
Oct 31	Under 8's Day @ St Anthony's
Nov 5	Prep Transition Day
Nov 7	Mutchilba Community Night Fundraiser
Nov 15	Flavours of Spring Christmas Fair
Nov 19	Prep Transition Day



School Prayer

God made us a family.
 We need one another,
 We love one another,
 We forgive one another.
 We work together,
 We play together,
 We worship together.
 Together, we use God's word.
 Together, we grow in Christ.
 God bless our school.
 St Anthony of Padua, pray for us.
 Amen



Student of the Week

Prep & Year One Class

- ◆ Mia - careful counting to 30
- ◆ Riley - being responsible, mature and thoughtful

Year Two/Three Class

- ◆ Alice — continuing to work hard when facing challenges
- ◆ Raff— achieving excellent results in Mathematics

Year Four/Five Class

- ◆ Danae - for taking a special interest in Science
- ◆ Max - for writing an emotive free verse poem

Year Six/Seven Class

- ◆ Daniella - for producing a creative portrayal of the crucifixion and for fantastic contributions to discussions
- ◆ Lauren - for working diligently on class activities and for never seeing a need without doing something about it





**From the
Principal
Scott
Whitters**

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to the fourth term, I trust you all had a wonderful break and have had a chance for some quality family time. Term Four is jam packed with activities and events. It would be great for our community to support all school initiatives this term, especially by helping out where possible at the Christmas Fair.

Our annual Book Fair commences next Tuesday the 21st of October and will run until Friday 24th October. The theme this year is “Book Fair Garden - Catch the Reading Bug”. A wide variety of reading texts will be on offer and all age groups will be catered for.

The school holds Book Fairs not only to raise valuable funds, which are generally spent on new library resources, but to also foster a love for books and reading. The books will be available for purchase from 8:15am - 8:45 each morning and from 3:00pm - 3:30pm each afternoon during the week.

As you are aware, we have been promoting the importance of reading all year. Given that our world relies heavily on written language for communication, it is no surprise that the recent review of the Australian Curriculum focusses on expending more time and energy on literacy skills for students aged P –2, especially in the area of Reading. I can not emphasise enough the importance of reading aloud. Reading aloud is widely recognised as the single most important activity leading to literacy acquisition. Reading aloud builds word-sound awareness in children, a potent predictor of reading success. All children should be given daily opportunities to read aloud and be read to by adults. The following statement is one in which we as educators believe to be extremely accurate as we see it first hand.

“Children who fall seriously behind in the growth of critical early reading skills have fewer opportunities to practice reading. Evidence suggests that these lost practice opportunities make it extremely difficult for children who remain poor readers during the first three years of primary school to ever acquire average levels of reading fluency.” *Torgeson, J. Avoiding the Devastating Downward Spiral, American Educator. (2004)*

Positive associations with books and reading are developed when children and parents are given opportunities to read aloud. Strong foundations in reading at an early age assist children to experience success in so many other areas of the curriculum because they have built sound comprehension skills whilst reading aloud. A crucial component in the reading aloud process is the opportunity to practice listening - a crucial skill for building comprehension strategies.

Throughout the year we have reviewed our homework policy and have re-weighted the equation to be heavily biased towards reading at home, in particular reading aloud. Always question your children about what they are reading and allow them time re-read pieces of text if they do not have a sound understanding of what they reading.

Reading does not have to comprise only of books borrowed from the school library. It is important that children learn to read a range of media as this helps them to be conversant in mixed social circles. As long as the material is age appropriate and that children are reading for meaning, they should be encouraged to read: fiction, non-fiction, biographies, poetry, myths, folk tales, newspapers, magazines, online books, manuals, journals, diaries and instruction booklets.

I will leave you for now with this quote from Charlie Jones:

“You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read”

God Bless,

Scott Whitters



Sporting News.....

Auskick – Year 6/7 Students will participate in the final session with the State School Students this Friday afternoon. Although it is quickly becoming hot, the students have benefited greatly not only in developing game skills but through the opportunities to socialize with their peers. They all deserve credit for the way they have represented the school each week by being helpful, respectful and showing good sportsmanship.

Swimming – Thank you to parents for ensuring we had almost 100% attendance at our first swimming lesson. It is a short term with us missing a lesson on Friday 31 October due to Under 8's Day Activities at St Anthony's and it is therefore very important that students participate every week so that they can be assessed on all of the skills covered.



Lawn Bowls on the Move – Near the end of the term on Thursday 27 November, Tim Blake from Lawn Bowls Qld will set up activities for Prep to Year 7 on our basketball courts to promote the game. Last year we were fortunate to have members of the Srhoj Family teach the older students the skills and etiquette of Lawn Bowls and maybe soon we will be able to support the Dimbulah Club with some new members.

Athletics – Toby Brown and Kate Schincariol competed at the Qld State Championships in Townsville on the holidays. Toby placed 3rd in Discus and is currently North Queensland State Champion for Shot put. Kate placed 4th in the 400m and 800m, 5th in the hurdles, 6th in the 100m and has broken 3 club records this year.

UNDER 8's Day

This year St Anthony's will host Under 8's Day for around 120 students from Dimbulah, Mutchilba and Chillagoe State Schools along with children from the Kindergarten on Friday 31 October. Students will arrive around 9:00am with a rotation of fun activities running from 9:30am – 12:30pm including painting, treasure hunts, timber constructions, bubble making, obstacle courses, music and dance, mask and biscuit decorating, edible jewellery, playdough shapes and the Rural Fire Service Display.

HELP NEEDED

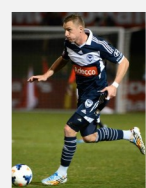
1. If you can help out on or before the day in any way please let Mr Wilcox know.
2. Donations of fruit for sharing on the day would be thankfully accepted
3. Plastic bottle caps or similar that can be nailed to wood are being collected at school to be used at the timber construction station. We are also gathering a set of hammers and safety glasses if you can help out.
4. Students will be searching for 'gemstones' in the sandpit and we are also collecting suitable treasures such as polished stones, glass stones, marbles etc.



Seb's Soccer Section

Round 1 Results

- Melbourne Victory 4 -1 Western Sydney Wanderers
- Central Coast Mariners 1-0 Newcastle Jets
- Sydney FC 1-1 Melbourne City
- Perth Glory 2-1 Wellington Phoenix
- Adelaide United 2-1 Brisbane Roar



FNQ Country Music Festival

Last weekend Mareeba hosted yet another successful music festival where 2 of our own students were provided the opportunity to sing on stage. Cody Atkinson was placed 3rd in the Pee Wee Country Vocal Section where he sang 'Proud Mary' and Max Webb received an encouragement award in the Junior Section for his efforts in singing 'Bob the Kelpie', 'Bad Moon Rising' and 'The Snake Song'. Congratulations to both Cody and Max for having the courage and confidence to perform.





“Be Still, and know that I am God”

Psalm 46:10

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



Green and Gold Day

Last term our students raised a generous \$67 to support the work of the Mary MacKillop Foundation. The organisation continues the legacy of Australia’s first saint...

“Never see a need, without doing something about it”



Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break. This term might be a short one, but we are going to be very busy bees. Our students are back into the swing of classroom routine and are getting ready and looking forward to all the wonderful events that will occur from now until the end of year...Book Fair, Under 8’s Day, Christmas Fair, World of Maths Day, Farewell Liturgy.


This month we celebrate the month of The Rosary where we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation.. Students have been learning the Rosary during Religion lessons and some classes have even made their own special set of Rosary beads.

We are also this month fundraising for Catholic Missions, with this year’s them being “Sock it to Poverty.” Students have been generously contributing to the mission boxes in classrooms and are looking forward to raising even more funds for Crazy Sock day next Wednesday.

May God’s Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo

Recognition—Did you know? section of information is directly quoted from “Living Well Media” company.



In the words of Saint Mary MacKillop

“All in the end will be well”

1883

Did you know?

Angels are an important part of Catholicism, but are often misunderstood. They are not chubby toddlers with wings. Angels are beings that are pure spirit created by God. They have no bodies, no gender and are made up of an intellect and will. Angels are God’s messengers and are a bridge between the physical and spiritual realms.

Year 4/5 Class trip to Mt Hypipamee Crater

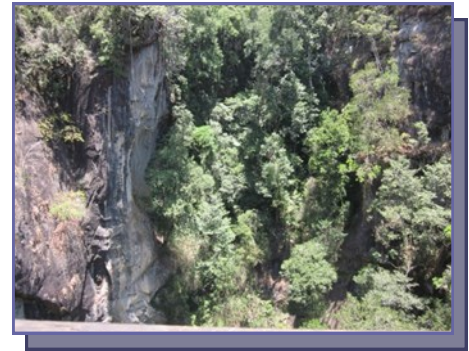
On Monday, 13th October, Year 4/5 went to Mt Hypipamee Crater to learn about the rainforest. Students took photos of the different parts of the rainforest flora and fauna.



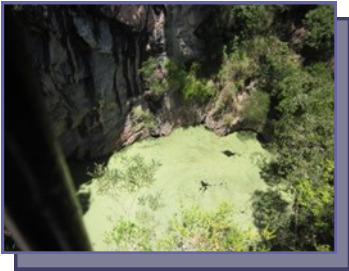
Thick foliage and buttress roots were noted.



Lizards and scrub turkeys were seen.



There was a deep drop...



.....into a murky pond.

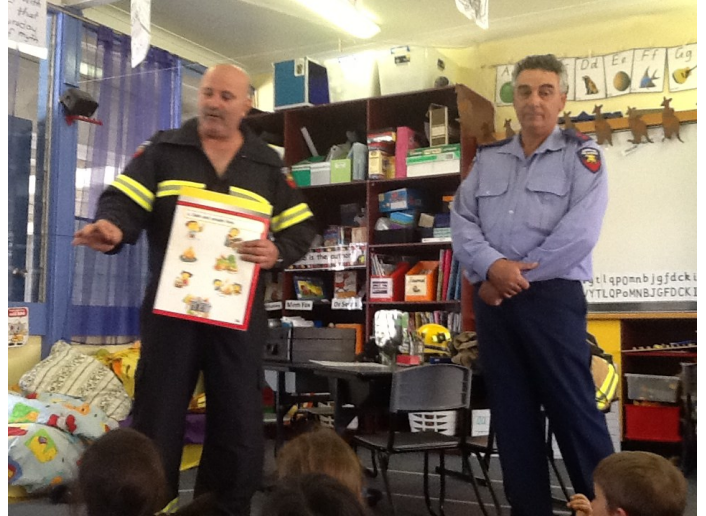


But this was as close as we got to seeing a cassowary.

Thank you to the P&F for funding our bus costs, a big thank you goes to Mrs Greenwood and the mums and dads who came with us on the trip. Without you the day would not have been half as much fun as it was. We can't wait for our next trip with you. Many thanks also goes to Mr Berto Favaro for driving us on our trip.



Fire Safety with Year One Prep Class



In week 2, Year One and Prep were visited by firemen Caesar and Frank. We learnt about safe and unsafe fires.

Their message is simple - If you see a fire:

Call 000

Ask for fire brigade

Give your name, address and stay on the phone.

If your clothes catch on fire:

Stop, drop and roll.

If you smell or see smoke:

Get down low and go, go, go

Your local fire person is your friend! They will help you in an unsafe fire.

Making Rosary beads during October~Month of the Rosary



Resilience



Building Resilience

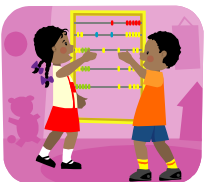
From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a 'you can do it' attitude for your child when he/she meets some of life's curve balls.
1. Look for teachable moments. Many kids' learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
1. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
1. **Build kids coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn't go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don't go their way.

It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in your yourself, and your child's ability to cope.





Flavours of Spring Christmas Fair Bake Stall

Once again Christmas Fair is approaching very quickly and we are looking for families to bake goodies for the Bake Stall. We appreciate all the baking many families have done throughout year for our school and hope that you will be able to contribute one more time.

Thank you to all the parents who baked last year. It was very much appreciated and thanks to your efforts the stall was very successful.

Cakes, cupcakes, fruit cakes, biscuits, coconut ice, sugar coated peanuts, white Christmas, rum/apricot balls, truffles, ginger bread, fudge, rocky road, toffee and brownies are just a few suggestions.



If you are able to bake something can you please write your name and what you intend baking on the bottom and return it to the office so that we have an idea on what to expect.



As per last year there will be containers available at the school for you to package your goodies in and there will be a display of containers in the office. If you are able to do this please let me know. If you are not able to package your goodies can you please bring them in to the school kitchen on Friday or Saturday morning 14/15th November so that we can package them for you.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange to pick up containers please contact Anna Srhoj on 40936 003.

Name: _____

Baking: _____

21 Oct - 24 Oct

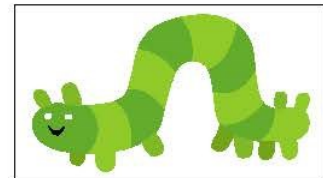
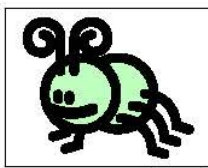
Dear Families,



We would love you to come to our

Book Fair

“Catch the Reading bug”



Our Book Fair is a Family Event and we would love to see you there.

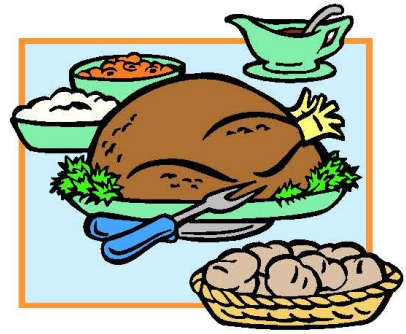
Join in the fun and help your child to improve their literacy or to purchase gifts. Our Book Fair will be open for viewing and sales, so you can visit as a family.

Every sale at the Book Fair benefits your child. So join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school.

Come and view the fantastic range from 13th to 17th October before the Fair from 8.15 – 8.45am and 3.00 – 3.30pm however Purchases can only be made from Tuesday, 21st October!

 SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs.





St Anthony's P&F Association
Together with,
St Anthony's School Dimbulah
Will be Hosting

“Mutchilba Community Dinner”

Friday 7th November, 2014

Menu: Roast Dinner, Vegies, Salad

Tea and Coffee

\$10 Adults and children \$5 (under 12yrs)

Dinner served at 6.30pm

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Family Name:

Numbers Attending Adults..... Children

St Anthony's School Spring Fair Competiton



CHRISTMAS FAIR ★★

15th November 2014

PHOTO COMPETITION
Send in your special spring photo for the chance to win \$\$\$
UNDER 12 COMPETITION & OPEN COMPETITION
1st Prize \$30.00
2nd Prize \$20.00
3rd Prize \$10.00

BAKING COMPETITION
Bring home St Anthony's 2014 Spring Fair Baking competition Trophy
Childrens Comp 6-12
Tastiest & best decorated Spring Muffins
Open to all ages
Fluffiest & Yummiest sponge cake.
Best Pavlova.
All cakes will be donated to the Coffee-Tea stall for sale after the Competition

Photos + entry form (attach to back of photo) are to be send to St. Anthony's by the **12th of November 2014**.
All cakes + entry forms are to be brought in to St Anthony's School by **5.30pm** on the night of the Christmas Spring Fair **15th November 2014**
Winners will be announced during the Fair.

Competition entry form

Category : eg. Spring Photo Comp. under 12 or Baking Comp. Pavlova

Name : eg John Dear

Phone :

St Anthony's Catholic School
ATT: Spring Fair Photo Competition
PO BOX 128
Dimbulah 4872 QLD
Tel. (07) 40 935 319
Fax (07) 40 935 413

St Anthony's Parish School P&F Association



DIMBULAH SWIMMING POOL
is
OPEN

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
2.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday & Sunday
12.00pm to 5.00pm

CLOSED on Mondays

Entry Fee –
Children \$1.50
Adults \$2.50

The Pool now has a ramp/and chair installed for easier access into the Bigger Pool.

For further enquiries please contact
Maxine on 40935242 or 0428 871 111



Dimbulah Kindergarten
Open Day



You are invited to come and see our Kindergarten

WHEN: Thursday 13TH November, 2014

TIME: 9-11AM

WHAT TO BRING: Your Child, Birth Certificate, Health Care Card

*Come and spend the morning
with our friendly staff and see what is available for your child in 2015.*

Priority is given if your child is born between the
1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

For further information contact Leanne Harrigan on
40935450

AQUAEROBICS



Tuesdays 6 pm at Dimbulah Pool

Lesley 40935431

Cost: \$7.50 plus \$2.50 pool entrance

come prepared for fun!!!

all ages and fitness levels

no water experience or swimming needed

the safest form of fun there is!!

You will find pool/boat shoes beneficial, but not essential.

you simply need your enthusiasm and a towel

17th October, 2014



Towards the State Election 2015

The next state election is likely to be held in March 2015.

Catholic schools depend on strong support from the Queensland Government and it is vital that political representatives are made aware of the needs of Catholic schools as they formulate policies over the coming months.

The Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) and the Federation of Parents and Friends Associations (P&F) have developed a suite of materials providing information about some of the key issues for Catholic schools.

These issues will be highlighted in school newsletters over the coming weeks and more information can be found on the [QCEC](#) and [P&F](#) websites.

Parents are encouraged to become familiar with the issues and raise them, along with any others of particular importance to Catholic schools locally, with political representatives at any opportunity.

As part of this advocacy process, the QCEC and the P&F will also seek formal responses to the issues raised from the major parties, and these will be provided for publication in school newsletters in the weeks leading up to the election.



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2014



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$25/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by **31 October 2014**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.