

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

30th October, 2014

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"Soctober"



Bookfair a Success!!



Thank you to all students and parents who made purchases during our Bookfair week. We sold over \$1400 worth. This allows our school to purchase approximately \$400 worth of books to add to our Library. Thank



COMING EVENTS.....

Oct 31	Under 8's Day @ St Anthony's
Nov 4	Melbourne Cup Day
Nov 5	Prep Transition Day
Nov 5	P & F Meeting 7pm
Nov 7	Prep 1 & Yr 2/3 Swimming
Nov 7	Mutchilba Community Night Fundraiser
Nov 12	Prep1 Class Mass
Nov 14	Prep 1 & Yr 2/3 Swimming
Nov 15	Flavours of Spring Christmas Fair
Nov 19	Prep Transition Day
Dec 03	Yr 6/7 St Stephens's Transition Day
Dec 04	Graduation Night
Dec 05	Last Day of School

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

- ◆ Dustin - for trying hard to learn his words
- ◆ Cayde - for confidence and success in reading comprehension
- ◆ Georgia - being resilient and taking turns
- ◆ Caitlyn - for confidence, having-a-go and success in reading.

Year Two/Three Class

- ◆ Eric - for completing all his work ahead of time
- ◆ Bronson - for staying on task consistently this week
- ◆ Charli - for working consistently to catch up with class work
- ◆ Clint - for excellent results in maths

Year Four/Five Class

- ◆ Year 4/5 -for showing enthusiasm and maturity during our excursion
- ◆ Joseph - for writing an independent biography our of class time
- ◆ Kaitlyn - for being attentive and persisting with contracted multiplication

Year Six/Seven Class

- ◆ Jason - for working efficiently on his History task and for always helping out whenever the need arises
- ◆ Sebastiano - for working efficiently on his History task and for giving his best effort and attention to the presentation of his work
- ◆ Victoria - for having a 'red hot go' at any task presented to her
- ◆ Kate - for participating actively in class discussions





**From the
Principal
Scott
Whitters**

Dear Families and Friends,

2015 Classes

We are almost at the half way mark for term 4 and school is getting extremely busy. We have completed are staffing and classroom allocation for 2015. Due to the loss of both our year 6 and 7 students at the end of 2014, we have had to scale down our classes from 4 to 3 for 2015. The structure will look like this:

P/1/2 - Shannon Grantley

3/4 - Kerry Greenwood (3 days) Cristina Mahmut (2 days)

5/6 - Rachelle De Iacovo (4 days) Terry Wilcox (1 day)

Our total enrolments for 2015 are looking to be around 54 students. All class sizes are below 20 at this stage. Our Prep/1/2 class will benefit from having some specialist literacy coaching four mornings per week. Our main aim for 2015 will be on Literacy and Numeracy improvement across all year levels. I feel our structure for 2015 will allow for the best possible educational and social/emotional benefits for our students.

Congratulations to Karen Rolfe who has accepted a position at Mount Saint Bernard for 2015. I would like to thank Karen for her contribution to St Anthony's this year. Her skills and talents will be sadly missed. We wish Karen all the best with the next chapter of her life.

Graduation

This years Graduation is set for Thursday the 4th of December. We will begin the night with a Liturgy in the St Anthony's Church. At the conclusion of the Liturgy there will be important announcements and farewells. We will then proceed to the Undercover Area at school where the graduating students will dance the Pride of Erin with a parent or family member. Dinner will commence around 7:15pm. All families are asked to bring a plate of food to share for Dinner this year. We ask that all families from Prep to year 5 bring a savoury dish and all families from year 6 and 7 bring a sweet dish to share.

Bully No More

We recently had a visit from an outstanding theatre company who presented the second instalment of a performance related to Bullying. It was an extremely comical performance with brilliant underlying themes for our students. Our students have learnt many new strategies for dealing with bullies and have a better understanding of the differences between bullying, teasing and harassment.

Booklists 2015

For 2015, the school has decided to order the majority of books and stationary needs for all classes. The cost this will then be passed on to parents via school fees. The reason for this change in procedure is to ensure that all students in a particular year level have exactly the same books and stationary. It also ensures that all items required for daily study are at school and not missing in action.

Mutchilba Dinner and Christmas Fair

Just a reminder to support our P&F Dinner at the Mutchilba Community Hall on Friday the 7th of November. We are now in the final stages of preparation for our Flavours of Spring Christmas Fair. The P&F Meeting for November has been brought forward to allow for any matters related to the Fair to be discussed and finalised. The date for this meeting is Wednesday the 5th of November.

God Bless,

Scott Whitters



Guidance and Counselling News.

Just Teasing! Differences between bullying and teasing.

The following article has been extracted from the www.scholastic.com website and gives an interesting insight into teasing versus bullying.

Children poke fun at one another. It's just what they do. Our instinct may be to immediately stop the behaviour and try to protect children from it, but, in fact, some teasing is critical to children's social development. When kids make fun of their friends without aggression or any intention of hurting their feelings, it's called positive or productive teasing. This kind of behaviour helps kids build relationships and use humour to address taboo topics or handle sticky situations.

60 to 70 % of the teasing young kids do is positive. If we don't let kids tease at all, we stop the majority of teasing that helps kids form bonds and navigate social situations. "Teasing is a way to handle the conflicts of our social lives in less aggressive ways." Kids of all ages use positive teasing to forge friendships and gain understanding. A toddler hides a toy in hopes of getting a friend's attention. First graders chant "Bobby and Sarah sitting in a tree . . ." as they begin to explore boy-girl dynamics. And when 11-year-olds make fun of the music their dad likes, they're distancing themselves from their parents' tastes so that they can discover their own.

Teasing vs. Bullying

Teasing is misunderstood because it is often confused with bullying, which has a strictly negative impact. The way to distinguish between the two is by the intent. The goal of teasing is to create closer relationships and make connections. The goal of bullying is to harm. Teasing turns into bullying when kids use it to gain greater social status. Of course, even the most positive teasing turns sour if it goes too far. To determine whether the teasing is positive or not, it's essential to look at context. For example, if kids joke about a child's shoes, that's different from focusing on something much harder to control, such as being overweight. "Teasing a kid behind a gym out of sight is dangerous, whereas teasing in front of a group of friends is less threatening." The line between teasing and bullying blurs again when the child being teased doesn't know how to respond. "Everyone has a different set of personal boundaries," says Rosalind Wiseman, author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes*, "and that's confusing for kids." But, she says, if a child overreacts or withdraws in response to teasing, she may lose out on important social experiences.

To help your child understand teasing and even benefit from it:

Teach teasing: teach context clues that surround playful teasing (i.e., body language, laughter, or sarcasm) so he/she can see the difference between serious and joking conversation and use those tools to joke back.

Define the terms: When both people are equal in size, intelligence, and age and are having fun, it's teasing. But when the two aren't equal—one's more popular, bigger, or powerful—and the exchange is out of balance, it's bullying. **Listen without disagreement:** If your child tells you her classmates called her ugly, don't just jump in to reassure her that she's beautiful. "As soon as you do that, you've let her be victimized." Instead, listen to what she says, and then help her come up with a plan to address it the next time it happens.

Do some investigating: If you want more information, don't ask your child directly if he's being teased. Instead ask a question that can be answered in the second or third person. How do kids joke around these days? Or, what is teasing like for kids today? If you have concerns about your son/daughter being bullied, please don't hesitate to contact the Principal, Mr Scott Whitters on 4093 5319 or myself, bschofield@cns.catholic.edu.au , to discuss this issue. Wishing you a safe and happy week.

Bryan Schofield – Guidance Counsellor.

Reflection on 21st Teaching by Trudy Pretorius

Recently I read a blog post by Tom Whitby, author of 'The relevant educator' called 'Stop 20th Century Thinking' that really got me thinking. Whitby was describing how we need to carefully consider the implications of being educators of 21st century children with a 20th century mindset. An example given was of a high school English teacher making students create a hand-written draft of an essay and then word process it. In the 21st century the reality is that adults use spell and grammar check effectively in digital programs. Is this not a better skill to be teaching? (I say this whilst acknowledging the importance of handwriting skills.)

The point Whitby was making was that writing the draft is a 20th century request that would benefit from 21st century tools. We, as educators, need to keep in mind what our students will need in 5, 10 and 15 years from now. (For a really interesting insight into 21st century curriculum and assessment watch Heidi Hayes Jacobs' (a curriculum expert from the U.S.) Ted Talk '[What year are you preparing your students for?](http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/TEDxNYED-Heidi-Hayes-Jacobs-030:search%3Ahayes%20jacob)')

We have an education system that was designed in the industrial era, where compulsory schooling started in order to service a machine-dominated society. We now live in an information abundant world where the jobs we are preparing students for haven't even been created yet. We need to teach children how to learn, not simply impart and assess memorisation of subject content. Our children need to know how to find information, to use it effectively and ethically and to work with others from a variety of walks of life, with digital tools that bridge international waters.

At St Anthony's our teachers strive to incorporate technology and information skills from Prep right through to Year 7 in many meaningful learning opportunities. From digital cameras to capture and share images on excursions to iPads for online skills practice to Chromebooks for information sourcing and production, St Anthony's students are not disadvantaged by distance from major cities. The global connectivity that our digital society provides is embraced by all at St Anthony's. Our students are being well prepared for participation in the 21st century.

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[Alec Couros](#) 'Power use'



Photo credit

Scott McLeod 'Technology is a given' from www.flickr.com/photos/retrocactus/7179067109



Sporting News.....

Swimming – There will be no swimming on Friday 31 October due to Under 8's Day and lessons will recommence for Prep - Year 3 Students in Week 5 on Friday 7 November. Thank you for your support in ensuring we have full attendance at lessons and consequently, the students are showing good progress. Later in the term we may extend the lesson times by taking both classes at once and we will finish the program with a fun day on Friday 28 November.



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.

Table Tennis - Many students are now making full use of the table tennis tables during the lunch breaks which is great to see. The skill level has improved greatly and we would like to again acknowledge Rony Serafin for donating these tables to our school.



Seb's Soccer Section

Round 2 Results

Adelaide United 1-1 Melbourne Victory
Wellington Phoenix 2-1 Central Coast Mariners
Sydney FC 3-2 Western Sydney Wanderers
Melbourne City 1-1 Newcastle Jets
Perth Glory 3-2 Brisbane Roar

Round 3 Results

Sydney FC 2-0 Brisbane Roar
Melbourne Victory 5-2 Melbourne City
Wellington Phoenix 4-1 Newcastle Jets
Adelaide United 2-0 Perth Glory





From our APRE



“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



Socktober

Check out our crazy socks



This month our students have been raising funds for Catholic Missions. They have been generously donating to their class mission boxes all month and have topped it off with an awesome “Crazy Sock” day.

The students have **“socked it to poverty”** by raising over a staggering

\$100.00



On Wednesday the children in year 6/7 were lucky to have Father Michael visit their class to talk to them about his experience in China and South Korea. The children heard first hand how polluted some parts of Asia are, how children are educated, how people from various social classes live and how they celebrate their traditions (New Year and Christmas). Father Michael taught the children how to say “hello” in Chinese and “mum” in Korean and also taught them how to write these words in their language (maybe you could ask them if they remember?). Great fact they learnt—it takes a child three years to start learning the alphabet and there are over 2000 symbols in their alphabet. Father Michael also explained how the Great Wall of China was built to stop people from invading their side of the border and how the wall is being rebuilt and added to. “It was very interesting to hear what Father Michael had to say and we appreciate him sharing his experience with us” year 6/7 students.

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

“So great is the strength we possess in our unity”

1874

Did you know?

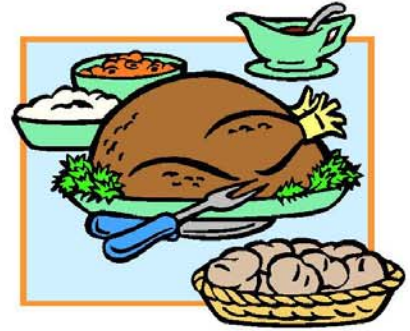
Blessing ourselves with Holy Water. Holy Water is simply normal water that has been blessed by a priest. Right from the beginning of Christianity, and also in Judaism, water was used in baptismal rituals as a symbol of life and cleansing. As Catholics, when we use Holy Water to make the Sign of the Cross as we enter and leave a Church, we remind ourselves of our baptism.

Fire Safety with Year One Prep Class



Prep and Year One completed their second day of Fire Education with a visit from firemen Cesar and Rony. We learnt about all the interesting jobs fire people do, we climbed through the fire truck and we had a go at putting out a pretend fire with the hose! It was very heavy! Thank-you to Cesar, Rony and Frank for their time, we really enjoyed it!





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



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: _____

St Anthony's School Spring Fair Competiton



CHRISTMAS FAIR

15th November 2014



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



14 November 2014

9.00am – 12.00pm

Tablelands Community Link Centre
11 Grove Street Atherton

Autism Drop-in

Drop-in and share your ideas about the services needed for people with autism in your area

Autism Queensland provides education, therapy and support services for people of all ages and stages who have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland in 2016 opens up exciting new possibilities for Autism Queensland to expand its services in Far North Queensland.

This Drop-in time is a chance to share your ideas and suggestions about how we could further serve the people of this region.

Come along and be part of this exciting consultation process!

No need for appointments – if you have a bit of time, just drop-in and talk to Dr Susan O'Donnell, Liaison and Development Officer, Autism Queensland.



Know someone with Autism?

Wanting to talk to someone?

Trying to find out about services?

Got an idea to share?

What feedback would you like to give to AQ?

Autism Queensland
www.autismqld.com.au

Dr Susan O'Donnell
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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

St Francis Xavier's Community

Monster Christmas CenT sale

Saturday

Doors Open 1pm
Start 2pm
Admission \$3

Junior Eisteddfod Hall
67 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill

Great Prizes ~ Raffles ~ Lucky Door Prize

Bookings available — Contact: Parish office 40531383



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.

31st October, 2014



Towards the State Election 2015 - Key Issue 1

Annual per student funding that keeps pace with the rising costs of education

Catholic schools in Queensland, on average, receive only about 81% of the government funding per student received by state schools.

According to the latest figures available, Catholic schools, on average, receive \$9,238 per student in government funding while state schools receive \$11,440 per student (MySchool website 2012).

Any additional government funding for Catholic schools helps relieve pressure on school fees and assists more families to choose a Catholic school. This also relieves pressure on state schools and also saves government money.

Catholic education is seeking to work with the next Queensland Government to achieve consistent budget outcomes that will:

- assist Catholic schools to keep pace with rising operating costs
- ensure that the gap in resourcing between Catholic schools and state schools does not widen.

[Click here to read more information about the annual recurrent funding of Catholic schools](#)

or visit www.qcec.catholic.edu.au or www.pandf.org.au and follow the state election links to find out more detail.

Central Veterinary Surgery

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Have you heard of PARVO or PARVOVIRUS???

Central Veterinary Surgery in Mareeba has been experiencing increased numbers of parvovirus cases recently. Vaccination is by far the best way of preventing the disease and we are encouraging everyone to make sure your dog is up-to-date with vaccinations.

What is Parvo or Parvovirus?

-Parvovirus is a virus that causes severe gastrointestinal and cardiovascular disease. Young puppies and dogs that have not been vaccinated are particularly susceptible to the effects of the virus.

-The DEATH RATE in young non-vaccinated puppies is GREATER THAN 80%!

How is it spread?

-Parvovirus is a HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS virus and is spread by oral or nasal contact with contaminated faeces, contaminated environment or objects.

-Parvovirus is extremely resistant to the environment and can survive for at least 5 months in the environment.

What are the symptoms?

These include lethargy, depression and loss or lack of appetite, followed by sudden onset of:

- High fever
- Vomiting

-Bloody diarrhoea

If your dog is unvaccinated and showing any signs of bloody diarrhoea and/or vomiting then parvovirus could be a potential cause of disease.

What is the treatment?

As with any virus there is no specific treatment to kill the virus once it infects the dog. The treatment is aimed at supportive care including intravenous fluids, antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and intensive care. Even with aggressive treatment many dogs will still die.

Can it be prevented?

Yes. VACCINATION is the best form of prevention for parvovirus. ALL PUPPIES MUST BE VACCINATED against this disease. Further prevention includes not taking your unvaccinated puppy off the property, not allowing unvaccinated dogs onto your property and washing your hands, feet and clothes after handling dogs outside of your property.

What to do if you think your dog has parvo:

- SEPARATE your dog from any other dogs in the house.
- Keep it in a confined area and disinfect any areas where it has been
- Quarantine your property from other dogs.
- Contact your veterinarian immediately.

If you suspect your dog has any of the signs of parvovirus or you want to inquire about vaccination schedules in puppies then contact us immediately at the Central Veterinary Surgery on (07) 40 922 311.

St Anthony's Parish School Dimbulah

Flavours of Spring

CHRISTMAS FAIR

15th November

2014

4.30 pm

Fair Rides
10 Tickets for
\$35.00

BE ENTERTAINED
Roddy Collins
Claire Davies
Local Dance Groups
StThomas/St.Stephens
Combined band
St.Anthony's Students
DJ Nipper Brown

ALL FOR SALE
Cakes and sweets
StephanieAlexander
Kitchen Products
Plants
Oils
Soap
Craft



RED HOT WOW
AMUSEMENTS
Gladiator Duel
Bucking Bull
Photo Booth
7m Jumbo Slide
Jumping Castle
Face Painting

CAN'T GO PAST
Cent Sale
Lucky numbers
Novelties
Preloved Books
Knock-em Down
Poker Table
Raffle



AUCTION
Seafood hamper,
Christmas ham
Sheppard signed
music album

SPRING FLAVOUR Burgers, Chips, Softdrinks, Beer, Wine, Spirits, Coffee and Tea, Cakes and
FOOD AND DRINK slices, icecreams.

WIN WIN WIN!!!



Send in your special
spring photo for the
chance to win \$\$\$
UNDER 12
COMPETITION &
OPEN COMPETITION



BAKING
COMPETITION

Bring home St Anthony's 2014
Spring Fair Baking competition
Trophy

Childrens Comp 6-12
Tastiest & best deco-
rated Spring Muffins
Open to all ages
Fluffiest & Yummiest
sponge cake
Best Pavlova

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