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Principals Report



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to everyone as we begin our new school year. It has been a pleasure to meet new and existing students and parents. Each morning I have been impressed with the eager enthusiasm of our students to be back at school with friends.

It is delightful to see the older students welcoming the younger students into their games and taking care of them during the lunch breaks.

Being part of a small community is an enriching experience and I would like to ask those parents who are 'old hands' to reach out to our newer parents. A simple 'Hello, how are you?' makes a person feel part of this special community.

Being part of a Catholic school means we are a faith community where the learning and teaching are a commitment to developing the intellectual and spiritual formation of all in our care. We welcome the parents and wider community to join with us in our first celebration with our Opening School Mass on Wednesday 1st February at 9:00am in the church. We will officially induct our 2017 Student Leaders at the Mass.

I would like to meet individually with everyone in the coming weeks so that I can get to know you better. Please ring the office staff in the next few weeks to set up an appointment. I am looking forward to working together to support the best outcomes for your children and the school.

Next week we will officially start our newsletter cycle of each fortnight. Important dates and information will be provided to you in the next edition.

Welcome New Staff, Students and Families

We welcome a number of new additions to St Anthony's School and the community. We welcome Fiona McKeown as teacher of the Year 3/4 Class. Fiona has a wealth of knowledge and

experience that she draws on and is excited to be part of the Dimbulah community.

We welcome Cristina Mahmut as our Languages Other Than English (Italian) teacher and welcome back Terry Wilcox from his period of leave last year. Terry will be teaching HPE as well as assisting in all classes this year.

We welcome our new Prep students, Kate Favaro, Jack Cummings, Kytte Hoffman, Harrison Kennedy, Christopher Lewis and Preston O'Shea together with their families. We also extend our warmest welcome to our new student, Logan Clarke who is in year one. We have no doubt that all of our new students and families will enjoy their time at St Anthony's.

P&F AGM

The P&F AGM will be held on Monday 6th February at 3:15pm in the Library. Interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Yours in Catholic Education

Ms Kath Porter
Principal

New Staff and Students



Upcoming Events

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| 1 Feb | Opening School Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM |
| 2 Feb | Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event |
| 2 Feb | Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event |
| 3 Feb | Swimming 11:15 AM - 2:30 PM Recurring event |
| 6 Feb | Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event |
| 6 Feb | P & F AGM Meeting 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM |
| 10 Feb | Swimming 11:15 AM - 2:30 PM Recurring event |
| 13 Feb | Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event |
| 13 Feb | Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
| 16 Feb | Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event |
| 16 Feb | Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event |
| 17 Feb | Swimming 11:15 AM - 2:30 PM Recurring event |
| 18 Feb | Parent Working Bee |

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| | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
| 20 Feb | Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event |
| 24 Feb | Swimming 11:15 AM - 2:30 PM 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 all to another exciting and jammed packed school year and a special welcome to all our new families to the Saint Anthony's community. Term one often sees us quite busy in the liturgical calendar, so keep your eye out in "this space" for upcoming masses and special events. First up we have our opening school mass on Wednesday 1st February at 9am and would love to see you there. This is also the time our staff and school leaders pledge their commitment to our wonderful school and our school leaders will also be presented with their badges.

As we are a Josephite school, the children this year will be focussing and discussing in class, as part of the curriculum, their interpretations of quotes by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and how they would carry out the message in their everyday lives.

I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Kath Porter and Mrs Fiona McKeown to our community. A massive congratulations to Kath for being appointed as our new Principal and Fiona our year 3/4 classroom teacher. Our school community is very much looking forward to working with both and benefiting from their enthusiasm, knowledge and experience.

Sacramental Program – Reminder

The Information session for the Sacramental Program for 2017 will be held on Thursday 23rd March 3:30pm at St Anthony's School. For children in Year 4 or



higher, who wish to take part in the program and wants to receive any of the following Sacraments:

- Reconciliation
- Confirmation
- First Eucharist

Please contact me at School ASAP, as attendance to the information session is a compulsory step in completing the program.

If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Monica at the Parish Office in Mareeba on 4092 1077 or email stthomas@ledanet.com.au.

Throughout the course of the year, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

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Have a wonderful weekend,

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

Community News

Shrove Tuesday

Dear Parents and friends,

As some of you might be aware, St Anthony's hold a yearly tradition on Shrove Tuesday, where the students get to enjoy a "feast" on Pancakes.

As we have done in previous years, we ask our wonderful parents and friends if they are able to come in and assist us on this day with the preparing and cooking of pancakes for the students of the school.

If you are able to assist us on this special day in anyway, please let me know by contacting the office or seeing me in the year 5/6 class.

When – Tuesday 28th February 2017

When – 9am until approximately 11:30am

Where – School Kitchen

Thanking you

Rachelle De Iacovo
APRE/Classroom teacher

