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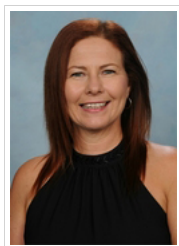
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3rd February 2017

Principals Report



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first official newsletter for the year! We will be publishing a newsletter each fortnight to assist with keeping the St Anthony's School community informed on upcoming events and news on what is happening in the life of the school.

This week we have been settling into the routines associated with school life. Our students have been busy revising school rules, uniforms, hydration, healthy food choices and sun safety, daily classroom practices and timetables, organisation of their equipment, as well as routine testing and data collection to assist the class teachers in planning their teaching and catering to the needs of the students in their class. I especially noticed this week the year 3 and 4 students chanting a short cut for learning their 3x tables as they came out to lunch and genuinely were enjoying that learning can be fun.

Whole School Opening Mass

As a community we gathered on Wednesday in our church to celebrate the beginning of the year and to induct our School Leaders into their roles for 2017. It was wonderful to see so many members of the wider community join us for this special occasion. We appreciate you helping us to celebrate. Congratulations again to those students who have been selected and we wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Parent Information Afternoon

It is always difficult to cater for all families to attend school events. This year we have decided to trial having our Parent Information Sessions in the afternoon straight after school on **Wednesday 8th February**. We welcome and encourage as many parents as possible to attend these sessions. It is an opportunity for you to find out about what is happening in

your child's classroom as well as ask any relevant questions. Session times are as follows

P,1,2: 3:00-3:30

3,4: 3:30-4:00

5,6: 4:00-4:30

Teachers will also be sending home their Term 1 Newsletter for you to keep up to date with what they have planned this term in their individual rooms.

Assembly

As a whole staff we value the importance of good reading habits. Previously each class teacher has acknowledged individual achievements on assembly for the number of books read and this will still continue in the classrooms but each child develops at their own pace and especially for our newer Prep students this may be a long way off. Good reading habits established early become lifelong habits. We have set the students a challenge this term to collectively achieve 1000 nights of reading. For our younger students this will include you reading to them. We will keep track each week at assembly and record our progress.

If your child receives a special award in an activity outside school such as sports, music, drama etc please email the school (secretary.dimbulah@cns.catholic.edu.au) or write down the details and pass them on to the office by Monday morning so that it can be shared at assembly. Sometimes children forget the details and we would like to acknowledge their achievements appropriately.

P & F Annual General Meeting

A reminder that we need parents to attend the AGM this coming **Monday 6th February at 3:15pm in the Library**. We are asking for parents to nominate for a position on the committee so we can start to organise events for the school community in 2017. We will always support you in any of the roles if you are willing to give it a go and there are parents willing to assist in showing you what has been done in the past. You are all very welcome to come along.

Working Bee

We would appreciate some assistance on **Saturday 18th February from 8:00-11:00am** for a working bee at the school, followed by a sausage sizzle. Some of the jobs include cleaning gutters, loosening the sand in the sandpit, trimming trees and bushes around the grounds and general maintenance. We will compile a detailed list in the next few days and send it out to families. If you are able to assist with bringing in equipment please let us know. Year 5/6 students will be providing a carwash on the day for a small fee to raise funds for their end of year celebrations.

Parent Calendar

At St Anthony's we value highly the partnership that exists between parents and the school. We value two-way communication and appreciate the presence of parents at assemblies and other school events. To assist parents, we publish a Parent Calendar each term. The Parent Calendar contains dates for Masses, Assemblies and other events. As well as the Parent Calendar we will continue to advertise dates for special events in the Newsletter. At times it may be necessary to make changes but we will give you plenty of notice if this occurs.

Volunteers in the Classroom/Excursions

If you wish to volunteer at the school please see the office staff to fill in the necessary paperwork. The following has been taken from **A Guideline to School Volunteers for the Catholic Education Staff Portal**;

"Blue Cards are required for all volunteers who are not parents of children attending the school".

If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer or have a family member who is not a parent who is planning to volunteer at St Anthony's, we would ask that they complete a Volunteer Blue Card Application. There is no charge to complete this form and we are more than happy to assist in processing this for any interested persons. Volunteer Blue Card Application Forms can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/pdf/forms/DJAG001-BC-Blue-card-application.pdf>

Alternatively, drop into the office and pick a form.

Buses

Many of our students catch buses to and from school. If you know your child is not to catch the bus home on a certain day **please inform the office staff early in the day**. It becomes confusing for the person on duty when they have a child telling them they are not going on the bus and we haven't had any notification. Unless we receive notification from you we will follow the procedure of putting your child on the bus in the afternoon as is the normal daily routine.

Music Lessons

We are fortunate to have a music specialist, Lynda Irvine, providing the school with instrumental lessons. If you wish for your child to participate all the details are attached to this newsletter.

Water Leak

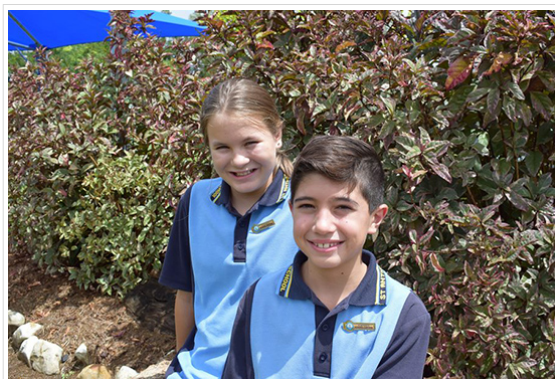
Thank you to the parents and community notifying us of the water leak on the footpath in Short Street. Mareeba Council have contacted us and it is an issue with storm water during heavy rain. It will dissipate over the coming weeks but will occur again in very heavy rain. They are organising to spray the area as well in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend,
Yours in Catholic Education



Kath Porter
Principal

School Leaders for 2017



Congratulations to Nate Mitchell and Alice Harrigan

Upcoming Events

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 All day
13 Feb	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
13 Feb	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
14 Feb	Swimming 11:15 AM - 2:30 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
18 Feb	Parent Working Bee 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
20 Feb	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
24 Feb	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
27 Feb	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
28 Feb	Shrove Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
1 Mar	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
2 Mar	Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event
2 Mar	Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event
3 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 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

St Christopher's – Kuranda – Sunday 6.00pm



Dear Parents/Carers,

To begin with I would like to say a massive thank you to all our family, parishioners and community for attending our Opening School Mass. It was lovely to see so many of you there to celebrate our new school year and to induct our new school leaders for 2017. I know that the following students

will do a fantastic job at representing our school community with utmost pride and commitment to the values our school community upholds. Congratulations:

School Captains – Nate Mitchell and Alice Harrigan

Mulligan Captains – Amber Jerome and Mackenzie Stephens

Wolfram Captains – Cody Atkinson and Rhyann Portelli

JJJ President – Anton Palmeri

JJJ Secretary – Mia Cavanagh

JJJ Treasurer – Ryan Alley

Library Monitor – Matthew Bin



JJJ Update

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” — John 10:10

This year we have introduced a JJJ group (Jesus, Joseph and John The Baptist) to our school community. The aim of the JJJ group is to provide for the common good of all. They will achieve this by endeavouring to help those in need, making for a just and caring school environment for all those who attend the school and by creating opportunities for student developed learning lessons.

This term the JJJ group would like to start their journey with the following events:

- **Saturday 18th February** – Hold a car wash on the school basketball courts to raise funds for the end of year graduation. Car washing will kick off at 9am and conclude at 12pm. Cost will be \$10 for a car and \$15 for a 4WD. If anyone is able to assist the students in any way for this fundraiser, please let me know. This event will coincide with our school's working bee, so please come along – help our students raise funds, get your car washed in the process and lend a hand in making our school look even more wonderful.
- **During week 6 (27th February to 3rd March)** – During this week, the lead up to our Lenten season, each classroom will be provided with baskets, where the students can bring in their used/unwanted books/toys. All items donated will be given to a charity in need.
- **Monday 27th March** – Fundraise for Project Compassion, by having a Crazy hair and come dressed in your favourite colour day (gold coin donation). This event will coincide with our reading party.

Shrove Tuesday

Last week a note went home asking for parent assistance for our "traditional" pancake feast day for Shrove Tuesday. If anyone is able to help out with this, can you please let me know as soon as possible so organisation details can be finalised.

Date: Tuesday 28th February

Time: 9:00am – approximately 11:30am

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

Look Closer

"Light of Love. "Love" loves the light, because it has nothing to hide or fear. When we love, we are like the lamp on the stand. God's goodness and mercy in us is seen by all."

Cited in Living Well Media, My Teacher Diary, 2017.



"Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage"

Mary MacKillop 1893



Have a wonderful weekend,

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



Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class

The 5/6 class for an awesome start to the 2017 year – I can't wait to see your amazing achievements.

Year 3/4 Class

Hazel Hobden for speaking up to the Teachers when a task was too difficult.

Year Prep 1/2 Class

Robert Hobden for using the listening rule – Voice quiet.
Kytte Hoffman for using the listening rule – Ears listening.
Harrison Kennedy for using the listening rule – Eyes watching.

To Logan Clarke for using the listening rule – Body still.

Sporting News



Swimming

Lessons will continue each Friday with a carnival on the last Friday of this Term. Details for this day will follow at a later date. It was great to see almost everyone attend lessons last week and I encourage parents to continue their support in this matter as we will be assessing students throughout

the program.

We will all be cheering for Cayde Miller when he participates in the 50m Freestyle at the State Swimming Championships in Brisbane on 19 February. The Dimbulah Swimming Club does a great job of training local kids and a number of our students train hard and represent the Dolphins at regional carnivals.

Photos

As a part of our Health Program this term we are preparing a collage of photos showing how the students at St Anthony's spend their time in active pursuits out of school hours. If you are able to send in a photo/photos of your children being active at home (riding horses/motorbikes, fishing, trampolining, swimming, climbing trees, playing soccer) it would be greatly appreciated. If students cannot bring in pictures we will take a photo of them being active at school so that they will be included on the collage.

Magazines

If you have any old magazines that you no longer require could you please drop them at the office so they can be used by students for classroom activities.

Working Bee

The school has organised a working bee for Saturday 18 February 8:00am – 11:00am followed by a sausage sizzle. There will be a list of jobs displayed at school and if you are able to help on that day it would be much appreciated.

Cross Country

We will need to conduct our school cross country in the first week on Term 2 as the District Cross Country will be at Dimbulah State School in Week 2 of Term 2. I know this is early planning but we do have some keen students who may wish to plan their training for later this term and over the Easter break.

District Sports Trials

Throughout the year I will be notifying the 10 – 12 year boys and girls of District Trials for the various sports and providing necessary information to those students who wish to attend. Trials are usually held after school, often in Mareeba and students need to arrange their own transport. I will put a list of these dates on the school noticeboard outside the Yr5/6 Classroom. Swimming is the only sport that requires direct nominations (no trials) based on Club/Carnival times for selection in the Peninsula Team that competes in Brisbane in March.

Sports Shirts (Wolfram/Mulligan)

Students who wish to purchase a sports shirt (\$25) should see our office staff as soon as possible as we wish to place an order. We have some shirts in stock, but may need to order certain sizes. Students may wear these shirts to school on Fridays.

Change of Date

Please be advised that there will not be any swimming on Friday 17th of February. This has been changed to Tuesday 14th February instead.



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



Qualified Professional

Music Teacher

Returning to St Anthony's for the 4th year

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