



*To Seek. To Strive. To Find for Love of God*

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## Principals Report



### Dear Parents,

We are halfway through the first term and as I visited each classroom this week it was evident that our students are well on their way with their learning, have settled into good daily routines and are busy interacting with their friends. I was interested in watching the process in the year 5/6 class

with the designing of their bridges to construct later this term from straws.

I have also spent a few days this week in Cairns learning about the new School Effectiveness Framework introduced to schools late last year to assist schools in the process for accountability and compliance when conducting our Internal School Review processes.

The development of the School Effectiveness Framework provides each school in our Diocese with a self-reflection tool to guide staff discussion and to focus at a school level on school improvement in the pursuit of our moral imperative to develop the wellbeing and learning for all students within our lived and celebrated Catholic identity.

Catholic Education Services in a 3 year partnership with Australian Catholic University have based the School Effectiveness Framework on current research to guide schools as we continue to look at ways to raise the bar in learning and close the gaps for all students. Continuing to respect our students current needs by analysing the data from our testing and setting high expectations in their learning will improve the outcomes for all students. There are 10 dimensions in the framework and I will unpack each one a little each newsletter so you as parents and caregivers also have an understanding of where our decision making as a school is based.

## LENT

This week we start our season of Lent. Father Dippy spoke at our Ash Wednesday Mass about how big is the love we have for our family and during this time of Lent how important it is to explore the depth of our love for Jesus. Not simply by giving up something like chocolate but endeavoring to set ourselves the challenge of deepening our Faith in some way. Father Dippy spoke of how he set himself a challenge of learning prayers such as the "Our Father", "Hail Mary" etc in English during Lent as a way of deepening his Faith.

## P&F MEETING

Join us on Monday 6th March at 3:15pm in the LOTE room. The P&F have organised an Easter Raffle and would appreciate assistance with selling tickets.



Have a great weekend!

**Kath Porter**  
**Principal**

## Principal's Award



Diospyrus Jasmin for being a kind and caring member of the school by assisting the Prep students join in with games in the mornings. Thank you Dio!



Mackenzie Stephens for going above and beyond to assist with the preparation of the carwash and asking for donations towards the event. Thank you Macca!

## Upcoming Events

3 Mar	District Cross Country @ DSS 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
3 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
6 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
6 Mar	P&F Meeting 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
8 Mar	Prep 12 Class Visit Kindy All day
9 Mar	P & F Cake Stall in front of Foodworks Dimbulah 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
10 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
13 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
16 Mar	Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

	Recurring event
16 Mar	Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event
17 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
20 Mar	Year 5/6 Camp at Mungalli Falls 20 Mar 2017 - 22 Mar 2017
20 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
24 Mar	Swimming 11:15 AM - 4:28 PM Recurring event
27 Mar	Assembly - Combined 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
29 Mar	Yr 5/6 Class Anointing Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
30 Mar	Ducklings Playgroup in Prep 1/2 Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Recurring event
30 Mar	Prep 12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit 2:00 PM - 2:35 PM Recurring event
31 Mar	Swimming Carnival TBC All day
1 Apr	Easter Vacation Commences All day

## 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,

I would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful parents who came in on Tuesday to cook and serve pancakes to our students. We greatly appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to assist us in preparing for our traditional "Pancake Feast". The students thoroughly enjoyed eating them and I believe "YUMMY!!!" was said many of times and the going back for seconds, thirds and fourths is also an extremely good sign of how good they were.



## What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is the day of preparation for Lent. The following day - is Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent.

The word "Shrove" is the past tense of "Shrive." Shrive means to hear confession of, assign penance to, and absolve.

Lent is a time of abstinence - traditionally of meat, fat, eggs and dairy products. The English custom of making pancakes is one way to use up fat, eggs and dairy products. Hence, this is how Shrove Tuesday came to be sometimes called "Pancake Day." Traditionally the pancakes were served with lemon juice and sugar.

## Ash Wednesday

Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who attended our Ash Wednesday Mass, it was a beautiful celebration where we marked the beginning of the Lenten season.

Lent is a 40 day season of spiritual preparation for Easter. The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "Lenten" which means spring. (Lent occurs in spring in the northern hemisphere).

The period of 40 days is the traditional length of time for the test of faith. For example, Christ spent the 40 days in the wilderness, Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai. These 40 days begins on Ash Wednesday, 6 1/2 weeks before Easter Sunday. 6 1/2 weeks is 40 days excluding Sundays, which are not counted as fast days in the Church.

Palms being changed into ashes is a sign for the meaning of Lent. It is a time to look at the habits, attitudes and behaviours of our lives that may need to be changed. At the same time, we take steps to enhance the positive things we are doing. This season is a time of giving, fasting and prayer.



## 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](mailto:stthomas@ledanet.com.au)

## Date Claimer

This Friday, 3rd March, all present and former parishioners from Mutchilba, friends of St Joseph and the wider community, are all warmly invited to attend his Patronal Feast to be celebrated in St Joseph Church Mutchilba commencing at 6:30pm. Following the celebration there will be a barbecue meal held at the Mutchilba Community Centre, hosted by the Indierose Foundation.



Find happiness in making others happy”

**Mary MacKillop 1889**

Have a wonderful weekend,

**May God's Spirit be with you always**

**Rachelle De Iacovo**



## Student of the Week

### Year 5/6 Class

Cody Atkinson for providing thoughtful responses during class discussions.

Eric Tosoni for his diligent approach towards all class tasks.

Nate Mitchell for working diligently on all class tasks and for fantastic research skills in History.

Rhyan Portelli for thoughtful responses in Religion. Excellent work on your comparison task.

### Year 3/4 Class

Riley O'Shea for persisting with accurate hand-writing.

Mia Gargan for focussing her attention deeply and completing expressive Art work.

### Year Prep 1/2 Class

Alexandra Serafin for joining in a great “Art Conversation”.

Emma Palmeri for joining in a great “Art Conversation”.

Christopher Lewis for using the listening rule – ears listening.

Kate Favaro for working in a group to finish the Lego model of our school.

Madison Ahloy-Coutts for confidence when solving number patterns.

Felix Gargan for smart thinking when making numbers with MAB blocks.



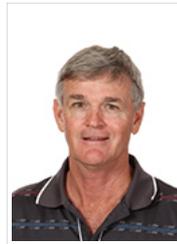
## Prep 1/2 Class



Our visit to Dimbulah Library with Ms Helen. We read about families and talked about being “crazy” about books. We made some “crazy” hair pictures!



## Sporting News



Congratulations to Cayde Miller for his efforts at State Swimming Championships last week. Cayde performed a PB in his 50m freestyle and was also competitive in his butterfly swim. What a great experience and an incentive for all club members to aspire to.

Thank you students and parents for ensuring you bring a note to school explaining why you might not be attending a lesson. The success of our program is due to parent support and high attendance but, as I stated in the last newsletter, I do understand there will be occasions when students cannot swim for legitimate reasons.

I have asked some students in the upper school to bring long sleeved shirts and long trousers to swimming lessons for the next 3 weeks if possible. Part of the Swim and Survive program requires students to perform endurance activities fully clothed in the water for varying durations depending on the level they are working at. These clothes need to be light and loose fitting so that they can swim in them but also remove the long clothes while treading water.

## Working Bee

What a great turn out for the working bee and car wash last week! Thank you to those who were able to make it and complete lots of those jobs that needed doing. The school is looking very smart but I know there will always be more tasks to undertake for anyone who finds they have some spare time.

## Photos

I have commenced making a collage with the students of photos they are bringing in depicting what St Anthony's Students do to keep active outside of school hours. Our rural school is quite unique in the hobbies and pursuits of our students and visitors are often amazed at what our kids can do. If you can't provide a photo we can include a shot taken at school of your child being active in the playground.

## Mareeba District School Sports Trials

Throughout the year our 10, 11 and 12 year old students will be informed of upcoming trials for a variety of school sports. These are often conducted in Mareeba with students from our district including 12 year old students attending the High Schools. If selected students then compete in a Mareeba District Team at Peninsula Trials from which a Peninsula Team is then selected to attend State Championships. In recent years we have had students selected in District Teams for Soccer, Athletics, Cross Country, AFL and Netball.

### Upcoming Mareeba District Trials: (See me for details)

**Basketball (boys and girls)** – Wednesday 8 March in Mareeba

**Soccer (boys and girls)** – Wednesday 26 April in Mareeba

**Cross Country** – Friday 5 May (Dimbulah State School)

## Wolfram/Mulligan Sports Shirts

A new order has been sent and those who have requested a sports shirt will be notified as soon as they arrive.

## Paralympian - Nicholas Hum

Last year a number of Year 3 – 6 students wrote letters to Australian Athletes competing in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio. Eric and Rafferty showed the school the photos, signed Australian shirts and the special letter they received from long jumper Nicholas Hum who shared his story and encouraged all students to believe anything is possible if you set goals.



## St Anthony's Fun Run & Fitness Program

We have commenced our traditional before school (8:30am – 8:45am) fun and fitness program several mornings each week in preparation for our Inter-house Cross Country which will be held on the second Thursday of Term 2 on the 27th April. All students participate in this event over varying distances (500m – 2km) depending on their age. From this day a St Anthony's Team (10 – 12 years) will be selected to compete at the District Cross Country at the Dimbulah State School on Friday 5 May.

## Lote



### Ciao tutti! Hello Everybody!

Benvenuti - Welcome - to our first term of Italian lessons.

Ogni Giovedì - Every Thursday - the children enter the world of Italy! Even though we have only just begun to learn the basics of the Italian language and had a very little taste of Italian culture, I have been really impressed with how keen all the students are to learn to speak Italian and to learn about Italy.

This term we are learning basic greetings, the Italian alphabet and numbers. Please encourage your child to speak with you in Italian because learning a language takes a lot of practice! Here are some basic words and phrases you can practise with your child.

#### Basic Greetings

Buon giorno - Good morning  
Ciao - Hello/Goodbye  
Come stai? - How are you?

Buona sera - Good evening  
Arrivederci - See you later  
Sto bene - I am well  
Sto male - I am sick  
Così, così - so, so

Grazie - Thank you  
Quanti anni hai? - How old are you?  
Dove abiti? - Where do you live?

Ho \_\_\_\_\_ anni. - I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Abito a Dimbulah. - I live in Dimbulah.

#### Numbers in Italian 1-10

1	uno	6	sei
2	due	7	sette
3	tre`	8	otto
4	quattro	9	nove
5	cinque	10	dieci



Grazie - thank you for joining me on the journey to help your child to learn Italian!

Buona fortuna – Good Luck!



Mareeba Shire Council & Dimbulah Library  
presents

## Baby Rhyme Time

At Dimbulah Limited Hours Child Care Centre



Fridays 9:30am - 10:00am  
(During school term)

Enjoy songs, rhymes and stories while bonding  
with your baby and meeting other local  
families.

This program is delivered by Mareeba Shire Library Service and is funded  
under the First Five Forever grant by the State Library of Queensland.



Visitors are welcome to join us @ the Centre

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

St Joseph's Mass Celebration

At the St Joseph's Church

Mutchilba

6:30pm Start

All Welcome

There will be a meal &  
refreshments available

At the Mutchilba Community  
Centre

