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Principals Report



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust you have all had a great holiday. From the smiles on the faces of the students and teachers everyone enjoyed their break. This term is once again a busy time so I encourage you all to be diligent and check the Schoolzine parent calendar for any

updates and changes during the term.

ANZAC DAY

On Monday we held a short ceremony to remember our fallen soldiers. Ms De lacovo and the 5/6 class did an excellent job of hosting the ceremony and we also thank Nipper Brown for coming along and providing the students with a little bit of history on the origins of the Dawn Service.

It was lovely to see our school represented by so many students on such a chilly morning for the Anzac Day Dawn Service. We appreciate the effort parents made to get everyone out of bed and attend the service and be part of the community event.

ATHLETICS

We begin the term with our Inter House Cross country and lead into the District event in a few weeks. With the emphasis on participation at the school level it is encouraging to see everyone participating and having a good time whether they run, walk or ride the course. Congratulations once again to the sport leaders for organising their house teams on the day and Mr Wilcox for once again organising the event.

NAPLAN

As you would be aware each year it is a government requirement that students in Years 3 and 5 sit the NAPLAN testing. It is not something that we teach to and it is only used

as a guide to ensure our students are at a recognised standard in the areas of English and Mathematics. Please be aware that our students can become a little anxious and put enormous pressure on themselves incidentally. Remember to reassure them and understand that they may be feeling this way. Please discuss any concerns you have with your child's teacher well in advance.

P&F

We are so lucky to have an active and well supported P & F. They are working hard to organise events this term such as the Wheelbarrow Race Dinner, Lions Festival Float and Sweets Stall. We are in need of volunteers and would be very appreciative if you could offer to assist with these events. Please see Vikebe Gargan for more information.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to speak to their child's class teacher this week or have made arrangements to catch up soon. It is so important to be a part of your child's school life and stay informed of their progress.

BUSES

Don't forget that the buses are now dropping off and picking up outside the school library for the next few weeks as the road is being improved. We will be putting out witches hats to remind parents not to park in the area to make it easier for the buses.

This term Ms Grantley will be taking some well-deserved leave to go on a short holiday. We wish her a safe and relaxing holiday.

Have a great weekend,

K.a. Porter

Kath Porter Principal

Principal's Award



Principles Award goes to Amber Jerome for always being involved and putting in 100% effort in everything you do in the school. Your assistance is always welcome and appreciated.

Upcoming Events

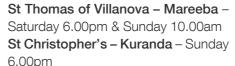
26 Apr	Parent Teacher Interviews 26 Apr 2017 - 28 Apr 2017
1 May	Labour Day Holiday All day
5 May	District Cross Country @ DSS 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
9 May	NAPLAN 9:00 PM - 12:00 PM
11 May	Dimbulah Library Visit P12 Class 1:50 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
14 May	Year 5/6 Class Mass 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
15 May	P&F Meeting 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM
17 May	Mass Year 3/4 Class 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
20 May	Wheelbarrow Race "Dimby Dinner Do" 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
24 May	Anointing Mass Yr 5/6 Class 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
25 May	Ducklings Playgroup 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Recurring event
25 May	Dimbulah Library Visit P12 Class

	1:50 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
27 May	Lions Festival-Sweets Stall 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
28 May	Sacramental Program - Presentation of the Creed 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

APRE Report

Parish Weekend Mass Times

St Anthony's - Dimbulah - Sunday 8.00am







Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term two and I hope that you had a lovely and relaxing break with your family and friends. This term is yet another busy one for the school community and I know that the students along with their teachers are raring to go.

Sacramental Program

Last Sunday, here at our Parish we had the Sacramental Welcome Rite and Presentation of the Cross, where we welcomed and congratulated our 10 candidates, Azali Mitchell, Amber Jerome, Cooper Kennedy, Eric Tosoni, Livinia Di Salvo, Jack Yelavich, Jack MacDermott, Olivia Tiberi, Leo Balzarolo, Chelsea DeLai and Layla Genovese, who this year will prepare and participate in receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. As a school community, we would like to offer our prayers for them and their families in these important weeks as they continue on their journey through the preparation sessions, welcome rites and sacraments. On Monday these students for the first time received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to you all.





ANZAC DAY

On Tuesday, as a Nation we commemorated the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25 April 1915. Those who served on the Gallipoli campaign became legendary, and their mateship, courage and determination forged the beginnings of what is now referred to as the Anzac Spirit.

The *dawn service* held in each community across Australia recalls the time of the first landing on Gallipoli Cove, 4.29am. The symbol of wearing sprigs of *rosemary* began in early Greece, where it was believed to improve the memory. Rosemary is found growing wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Wearing *red poppies* too is symbolic of new life, regeneration and hope for the future as it was the first flower to emerge from the fields of northern France and Belgium after WW1. The *Anzac biscuit* was intended as a replacement for bread, for soldiers on the battlefield and was made to last a long time. The original Anzac biscuits were so hard that they were often called 'bullet-proof biscuits'.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our school's ANZAC liturgy on Monday. It was a special service, where our students remembered all those who made and are making the ultimate sacrifice so we are able



to live in a country of peace. Also, a massive thank you to the students who were able to attend the Dawn Service on Tuesday, like always you did our school extremely proud, marching beautifully and listening with utmost reverence.







PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Amen.

St Stephen's Visit

Wednesday of last week, our year 6 students were invited to the college to experience what high school was like and to have an orientation of the school. The children had a wonderful time, learning about the routines and expectations of high school, where they participated in several lessons and got to know other students from other schools. They took part in lessons which included, Visual Arts where they had to create a tessellation pattern using a fish stencil they created, they had a great time solving a murder mystery using number facts in Maths, in Science they experimented with various chemicals to see what reactions would occur when mixed together, Food Technology saw the students making delicious Mars bar slice, in Robotics they programmed a robot to manoeuvre and had some fun outdoors with Physical Education. The students came back to school with lots of stories to share about their awesome time spent at the college. Thank you to Mrs Pinese, the staff and students at St Stephens for making this a fun and exciting day for our students. The year 6 students are enthusiastic and can't wait to come again.





"Find happiness in making others happy"

Mary MacKillop 1889

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



Student of the Week

Year 5/6 Class

Cody Atkinson for using his initiative and working diligently in Maths.

Mackenzie Stephens for excellent responses in her reading log entries and for helping whenever needed.

Year Prep 1/2 Class

Jack Pownall-Teece for great reading and use of reading strategies.

Jack Cummings for improvement and effort in colouring-in.

Emma Palmeri for being a role model during morning reading.



Sporting News



Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all students (and parents) who participated in our school swimming carnival last term – I hope everyone had a lot of fun in the process of determining our swimming champions for 2017. Congratulations MULLIGAN!

Well done to all students for supporting your teams and especially to our champions:

Yr 5/6 Girls - Clancie Sivyer/Macca Stephens

Yr 5/6 Boys - Nate Mitchell

Yr 3/4 Girls - Ricki Sivyer

Yr 3/4 Boys - Cayde Miller

Spirit of the Carnival Awards - Amber, Raff, Hazel, Kate, Logan





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)

Soccer (boys) – Wednesday 19 April in Mareeba Cross Country (10 – 12 yrs) – Friday 5 May at Dimbulah State School

Cross Country

Yesterday saw the running of our inter-house cross country. Congratulations to the winning team - Mulligan and to the following winners:

5/6 year boys champion – Harrison Kennedy 5/6 year girls champion – Mikayla Ahloy-Coutts 7/8 year boys champion – Dustin Hatfield 7/8 year girls champion – Georgia Cummings 9/10 year boys champion – Cooper Kennedy 9/10 year girls champion – Shayla Jerome 11/12/13 year boys champion – Nate Mitchell 11/12 year girls champion – Amber Jerome





Spirit of the Carnival Awards winners - Brayth Miller, Livinia Di Salvo, Eric Tosoni and Cody Atkinson





Next Friday 5 May the following students will represent St Anthony's at the Mareeba District Cross Country Trials at the Dimbulah State School:

Cooper Kennedy, Eric Tosoni, Cayde Miller, Clancie Sivyer, Hazel Hobden, Nate Mitchell, Clint Hatfiled, Rhyan Portelli, Anton Palmeri, Amber Jerome and Alice Harrigan.

We encourage them to keep training hard and best of luck!

Wolfram/Mulligan Sports Shirts

New sports shirts have arrived for anyone interested in purchasing a shirt for \$25. We do have limited sizes in stock.

Athletics

In Term 2 our PE focus will be on athletics in preparation for our inter-house carnival in Week 7 (Friday 2 June) as well as the Walsh River Carnival, which will be hosted by Dimbulah State School in the last week of Term 2 (Wednesday 21 June)

We have been fortunate in obtaining a Sporting Schools Australia Grant for Athletics this term and will again have ex-student Kayla Montagner conducting a Little Athletics Program during school time in Weeks 3-6.

Year 3/4 Class

Makerspace is tinkering and creating in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

We are building another **lunch time activity** for our students, called Makerspace.

We will provide a range of digital technology (such as robotics), construction technology (such as Lego and carpentry), recyclable technologies (such as Plarn), material and design technologies (such as sewing, knitting & macrame) and electronics.



We began this activity in term one with Ozebots mini robots programmed through colouring patterns in a wandering line. The Ozebots used a light sensor to detect the colours as they travelled along the line drawn by children and responded with flashing lights, rotating etc as programmed by you child.

One new project we are starting is creating Plarn (plastic yarn) from plastic supermarket bags) and using the Plarn to create art or baskets or hanging chairs.



We need clean, used supermarket bags, old CDs and 6mm rope.

Can you help? If you are interested in helping us create projects please let me know.

Fiona McKeown M.Ed. fmckeown@cns.catholic.edu.au

P & F News

Next meeting to be held on Monday the 15th May at 3.05pm.







2017 Wheelbarrow Race **DIMBY DINNER DO**

Saturday Night Presentation Dinner and Slideshow 20th May, 2017 Come and join in the fun! Food, Bar and Music in the Dimbulah Park from 6.30pm onwards **Everyone Welcome**

Book early to reserve a table for your team, family & friends

Menu: Steak and sausages, Pasta, Curry and Rice plus salads

soft drink & water

\$ 15 per adult

\$ 10 per child (primary school age)

Tea, coffee & cakes

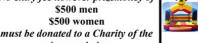
Entertainment

Music: DJ - Nipper Brown The day's highlights will be shown on the Big Screen

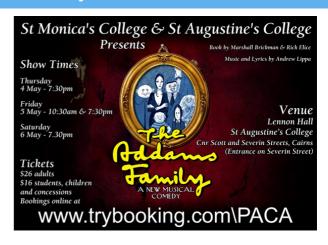
Free jumping castle for the kids TUG-O-WAR COMPETITION No entry fee however prizemoney of \$500 men \$500 women

winners choice.





Community News







Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mareeba Hospital - Thursday 4th May 2017 Ph: 4092 9311 Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health