



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

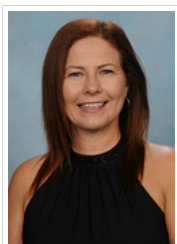
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## Principals Report

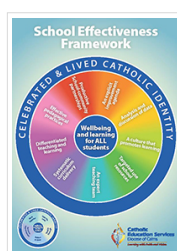


Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the school year. I am pleased to see that all our students have settled into the daily school routines comfortably. As a school staff at St Anthony's, we are continually striving to look at our current practices within the school and ensure we are meeting the needs of our students and the school community. Part of that process is to listen and then problem solve how we can best meet those needs while staying within the guidelines of Catholic Education Services. After discussions with key stakeholders and working through solutions we have endeavoured to bring about a few changes this year to hopefully make everyone's lives a little easier.

You will notice our newsletter is now published monthly and will be a collection of general information as well as celebrations and awards. We realise that accessing the newsletter can be time consuming for parents especially if you are simply wanting to know a time and place for an event. To make it simpler we are now publishing a Weekly Bulletin as a one page paper copy sent home on a Friday to put in a convenient place each week as a reminder of up and coming events for the following week. We trust this has been useful. At the beginning of each term we will continue to send home an overview of each term as a Calendar but please be aware that sometimes setting dates in advance means that there may be changes. We will communicate these changes through parent email as well as the Weekly Bulletin. This hopefully will eliminate any confusion with dates and times.

Each year we survey the staff using the dimensions of the School Effectiveness Framework and use this information to set goals for the new school year.



## School Effectiveness Framework

This is an important document within Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns. The purpose of the School Effectiveness Framework process is grounded in research that principals are second only to teachers, in their impact on student wellbeing and learning. The work of Fullan,

Hattie, Leithwood, Robinson amongst others, highlights strong effective leadership from all staff as fundamental in moving schools towards improvement and transformation. Schools make a lasting difference when they focus on specific and explicit, evidence based goals for improvement and make decisions about how and when these goals will be monitored and achieved. Schools improve the wellbeing and learning for all students by enhancing the way curriculum is delivered, focusing on effective pedagogical practices for all students, creating a culture that promotes learning and by increasing parent engagement in their child's learning at home and at school through productive school community partnerships. These are the basis of our 2018 goals at St Anthony's School as we continue to work towards constant and continual school improvement.

Our school goals this year are to focus on improving student literacy outcomes through changes in classroom practice based on analysis of student data. From teacher and student reports our students are enjoying the new way in which we approach our Literacy Block in the mornings with a big focus this year on reading, writing and spelling using new programs and approaches.

Our second goal is to increase awareness in students, staff and parents of our school Charism and continue to maintain and build on the traditions that make us St Anthony's School. Our patron is St Anthony and our school was founded by the Josephite Sisters. It is important that we understand the history of the school and continue to teach the traditions that make St Anthony's School unique in its setting in Dimbulah.

## School - Community Partnerships

Our staff value the continued support of parents who make the commitment to assist at our school events and our students appreciate knowing that they are part of a larger family who take care of each other. We would like to say thank you for the support at recent events such as Working Bee, Whole School Opening Mass, P and F AGM, Swimming and Reading. Modelling to our students positive community involvement will only strengthen their knowledge and understanding that a community can only function if the people who live in it "step up" and take an active role. One day it will be their turn to be the adults supporting their own children in a community and will hopefully remember the African proverb,

***"It Takes a Whole Village to raise a Child"***

God Bless,



**Kath Porter**  
**Principal**

## Upcoming Events

13 Feb	Swimming All day
	Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Feast 10:00 AM - 11:15 PM
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
	Oral Language Parent Workshop 2:15 PM - 2:55 PM
15 Feb	P12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit All day Recurring event
23 Feb	Swimming All day Recurring event
26 Feb	Yr 5/6 Leadership Camp 26 Feb 2018 - 28 Feb 2018
1 Mar	P12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit All day Recurring event
2 Mar	Swimming

	All day Recurring event
5 Mar	School Photos 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	School Liturgy 2:15 PM - 2:55 PM Recurring event
	P&F Meeting 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
9 Mar	Swimming All day 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

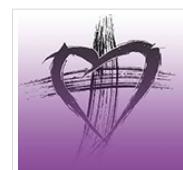


Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see all the students settled back into school life and how super eager they are to be back to their learning and producing outstanding work.

So far this term, we have celebrated our opening school Mass, where our student leaders were presented with their badges and committed themselves to proudly representing our wonderful school – St Anthony's. We have also participated in our first whole school liturgy, taking place of our regular Monday assemblies. The students thoroughly enjoyed presenting the liturgy in their special way and look forward to seeing their family and friends taking part in the occasion.

Tomorrow our children and parish are ready to embark on the season of Lent, the 40 day period of spiritual preparation for Easter. On Shrove Tuesday, our students will enjoy the traditional feast on pancakes, which is kindly put together by our wonderful parent volunteers (if you are able to help out on this day, please contact me).



Ash Wednesday will be commemorated with a whole school Mass in our Parish Church, commencing at 9am and all are very welcome to join in on this special occasion.

As we travel through Lent towards the Resurrection of our Lord, we as a school are going to work together for “a just future” by supporting Project Compassion. Our aim, like every year, is for our very generous and thoughtful students to make a small donation towards project compassion. Each class has received a project compassion box to make their contributions and later during the term, we will hold a free dress day in support of the foundation. “Education is an act of hope” Pope Francis.

Have a wonderful weekend and in words of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop...

*“Find happiness in making others happy”*

**May God’s Spirit be with you always**  
**Rachelle De Iacovo**



## Students of the Week



## Sporting News



### Swimming – Term 1

Swimming lessons for all students commenced in Week 2 and will continue throughout the term culminating in our Swimming Carnival on the last day of term, Thursday 29 March. Thank you to all parents for supporting our water safety program by ensuring students are attending lessons each week. With the help of swimming instructor Brigitte Campbell we are seeing good results and continued progress over the years with a number of students also joining the Dimbulah Dolphins Swimming Club. With the current media coverage indicating Queensland lags behind other states in conducting school water safety programs, we believe we are making our students more water aware as well as promoting healthy outdoor pursuits and supporting our local swimming club. Students will be assessed on their progress throughout the duration of the program.

A reminder that in Week 4 we will be swimming on Tuesday 13 February to accommodate the State School’s Swimming Carnival on Friday 16 February.

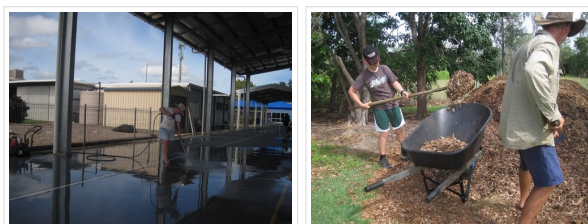


## Parent Helpers

I thank all those parents who are able to help in any way with our sporting programs throughout the year and once again ask for your support with the many activities that will again occur in 2018. I will include a list of important dates for major events this year so that you might see if or where you would like to support our school and students.

## Working Bee 2018

We had a smaller but efficient group of helpers able to attend our working bee on Saturday 20 January to present the school at its best for the start of the year. Thank you to those who were able to attend – it was fantastic to see the students who came, also doing jobs and showing the pride they take in their school. A lot of work was accomplished and there will always be tasks to be done around the school where parent help is always appreciated.



## AFL

The Cairns AFL are conducting a 7 week after school program at Dimbulah State School on Tuesdays commencing 6 February. For \$75 the students receive a promotional bag with a football and drink bottle as well as the expertise of development officers from Cairns AFL. Already Rafferty and Eric have signed up to participate in the program.

## District Sports

A number of our 10 – 12 year students have set goals this year to make District Sports Teams in various sports with the aim to progress to Peninsula and State Representation. Last year Macca and Cooper represented Peninsula in Rugby League and Athletics respectively and have encouraged their peers to put in the work and do likewise. This year the State Track and Field Championships will be at Barlow Park in Cairns on 19/20 October meaning those students who make the Peninsula



Team will not have to travel to Brisbane. This only happens every 5 or 6 years and is a great opportunity for athletes to take advantage of a home ground event at state level.

## MAREEBA DISTRICT TRIAL DATES:

**SWIMMING** – students need to meet strict qualifying times and have direct nominations submitted to the Peninsula Convenor (Jemma McClafferty) by Tuesday 20 Feb.

**BASKETBALL (Boys and Girls)** – Wednesday 21 Feb

**RUGBY LEAGUE (Boys)** - Thursday 22 February (Regional Trials Innisfail Sunday 18 March)

**RUGBY LEAGUE (Girls)** – Thursday 7 June

**CROSS COUNTRY** – Thursday 19 April

**NETBALL** – Tuesday 24 April

**SOCCER (Boys)** – Wednesday 9 May

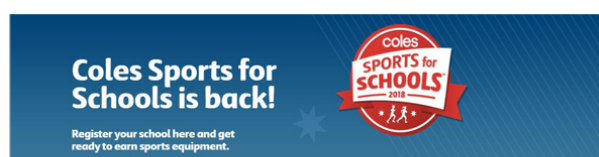
**SOCCER (Girls)** – Thursday 26 April

**TOUCH FOOTBALL (Boys and Girls)** – Monday 14 May

I will include dates for other sports occurring later in the year in a later bulletin. The information for all District, Regional and State Championships will be posted on the sports notice board or can be obtained from Mr Wilcox.

**BIKE WANTED** - The school is looking for a 24/26 inch girls bike that they no longer use. Please see Mr Wilcox.

## P&F News



Coles Sports for Schools program is back for 2018!

We can earn sports gear by collecting vouchers from Coles. The P and F Assoc. have registered our school and will place a collection bin in the office.



## P and F Committee

## LOTE



## Benvenuti tutti!

Welcome back to another year of learning Italian and learning about Italy. This year our students will continue to learn the language basics introduced in 2017 BUT will also practise **speaking** Italian through conversations and role plays. Please encourage your children to speak Italian whenever possible (or whenever you remember to), maybe to

an Italian friend or relative. Children can also practise online at [duolingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com).

The year 3/4/5 and 6 students will spend ten minutes or so each lesson getting into the nitty gritty of the language, learning some grammar. So far, we have learnt that there are masculine and feminine nouns - most masculine nouns end in 'o' and most feminine nouns end in 'a'. We have also learnt that 'the' is different depending on whether the noun is feminine or masculine.

masculine	feminine
il cavallo - the horse	la mela - the apple
il porcello - the pig	la pecora - the sheep
il ragazzo - the boy	la ragazza - the girl

Don't worry, we still have plenty of time for fun throughout the year with visitors and cooking sessions on the horizon. In fact, if any of you have suggestions for activities/ recipes or visitors, please contact me at the school or via email: [cmahmut@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cmahmut@cns.catholic.edu.au).

**Grazie tanto ed arrivederci!**  
**Signora Mahmut**

## Community News



# Mareeba Gladiators



- When - 5pm Wednesday 14th Feb
- Where - Dimbulah State School Oval
- What - Fun Footy Skills and Drills
- Bring - Shoes, training clothes and water bottle

Cost - **FREE!**

Mareeba Gladiators compete in the Cairns District Junior Rugby League and already have a large number of players from Dimbulah. If you have any interest or just want to have some fun come down and join in. Players from 5-17, both boys and girls can play and rules are modified for player protection.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!





## RHEE TAE KWON DO TRAINING IN 2018



TRAINING EVERY  
MONDAY AND  
WEDNESDAY

6.00PM – 7.00PM

DIMBULAH  
MEMORIAL HALL

ESTABLISHED 41  
YEARS IN DIMBULAH

NEW MEMBERS  
ALWAYS WELCOME!

BLACK BELT  
INSTRUCTORS  
PHIL & GAYE  
0428935357

Share the Dream of the Queen's Baton as it travels throughout Australia.  
Share your Queen's Baton stories @ #QBR2018  
For more info go to [OC2018.COM/QBR](http://OC2018.COM/QBR)

Gold Coast 2018  
**Queen's Baton Relay**  
XXI Commonwealth Games

The Gold Coast 2018 Queen's Baton will be visiting our community on:

**MAREEBA**  
**WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018**

LONGINES  
Q Super

**Come & Try Girl Guides**

Games  
Challenges  
Craft Activities  
Sausage Sizzle

Sponsored by  
Queensland Government

**Saturday 24 February**  
Mareeba Guide Hut, Egan Street  
10am - 2pm **FREE**  
Contact [tropicalnorth@guidesqld.org](mailto:tropicalnorth@guidesqld.org)

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND

**Ange Miller**

3 day workshop April 2018 Cairns

### Ange Miller 3 Day Mixed Media Workshop

Sydney based artist



**When** Friday, 06 April 2018 - Sunday, 08 April 2018

**Where** 3 Rinks close, Stratford, Cairns, QLD - Stratford Bowls Club

**Cost** 3-Day Workshop with Ange Miller \$440

**Register** <https://reg.eventgate.com.au/Event/10978/Ange-Miller-3-Day-Mixed-Media-Workshop>