



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

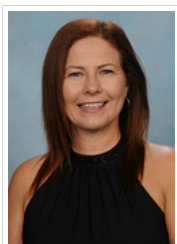
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5 March 2018

Principals Report



Last week we welcomed our newest family into our school community. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Jaco and Leandrie Duminy and their two sons Janu and Vaughn who have joined our Prep, 1, 2 class with Ms Grantley. We hope their arrival in Australia has been everything they had imagined it would be and that Janu and

Vaughn have settled in to school life happily.

I have spent quite a bit of time in Cairns recently attending many Principal Meetings. Although it is disruptive at times the information is always valuable to ensure we as a school are kept up to date and informed of Catholic Education system requirements.

Catholic Education Services have undergone a major restructuring to accommodate schools in a more local context and also examine the changing climate our schools now face. By examining enrolment trends we can reflected on how our schools and the clientele we service have changed over the years to reflect a diverse community and how we as a school service and educate students in a changing context while maintaining our Catholic Traditions.

It is important that as Principals we have input during these gatherings into how recent changes can affect both large and small schools as the context can be quite different. With increasing demands from both State and Federal governments it is important that schools stay in touch with the increasing complexity and accountability of legislative decisions and be reflective on how best to fulfil our obligations of improving the Well Being and Learning of all students.

A very big thank you to Ms De lacovo for keeping the school running smoothly in my absence followed by the commitments of organising the Leadership Camp. Our students had a great time attending and participating in the activities at Camp Patterson. Leadership Camp provides the opportunity for the

seniors in our school to bond and develop as a leadership group within our school. Once again thank you Rachelle for all the things you do for St Anthony's School.

Take care and enjoy the wet weather while it lasts!!

God Bless,

Kath Porter
Principal

Upcoming Events

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
8 Mar	Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup All day Recurring event
9 Mar	Swimming All day Recurring event
15 Mar	P12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit All day

	Recurring event
16 Mar	Swimming All day Recurring event
19 Mar	School Liturgy 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM
22 Mar	Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup All day Recurring event
23 Mar	Swimming All day Recurring event
27 Mar	STA Cross Country Event 9:00 AM - 10:40 AM
28 Mar	NFS Program Yr 5/6 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
29 Mar	P12 Class Dimbulah Library Visit All day Recurring event
	Passion Play/Easter Egg Hunt All day
	Swimming Carnival All day
30 Mar	Good Friday All day



Dear Parents/Carers,

Since our last newsletter, we have been involved in several activities in which the children have witnessed, celebrated and enjoyed.

Shrove Tuesday

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.

Our Traditional "Pancake Feast" on Shrove Tuesday was another huge success and hit. A massive thank you to the following wonderful parents/grandparents/staff in our school community who were able to come in and make sure our children were able to have another enjoyable "Feast" on pancakes...Lisa Tosoni, Angela Ambrosio, Ruby Hobden, Josie Cummings, Chrissie DiSalvo and Mrs Mahmut. Your support was greatly appreciated and I am sure the students would agree in me saying that the pancakes tasted AMAZING I would also like to make a special thank you to the Tosoni family who very generously donated all the ingredients for this day for our children.



Ash Wednesday

We gathered as a school community to celebrate the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass. Our school community and parishioners were marked with ashes in the form of a cross on their forehead as a reminder that we are turning away from things we are not proud of and following in Jesus' ways.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, Lent is a special time for us to get ready for Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Sunday when we remember Jesus rising from the dead.

From time to time we refocus on our relationship with Jesus Christ. Lent is one of those times. Sometimes we might 'give something up' for Lent. But it can also be a time to 'add something on'. Over the centuries three activities have been practiced as ways to refocus on our faith lives: prayer, giving to the poor and fasting.

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





Project Compassion

Each year, Lent offers us the opportunity to share what we have with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Project Compassion, which runs through the Lenten period, helps end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity to those in need. Each class has received a Project Compassion box, where they are able to give their loose coins to assist the organisation in providing the basic necessities in life – clean water, food, clothing and education. It is inspiring to see how the boxes are filling up, which demonstrates how generous the students in our school are and how considerate they are of the needs of others. Keep up the amazing work.

Year 5/6 Leadership Camp

Last week the students in year 5/6 headed off to Camp Paterson, where they got to experience three days of activities that built on leadership/team building skills. The children had an awesome time competing and working together on fun, muddy and challenging activities including, archery, draw bridge, plugga, spider walk, planks, orienteering, canoeing, water wipe out, raft building, obstacle course and survivor shelter. Here is what the children had to say about their experience:

Livinia – “I liked spending time with the girls and having a sleep over with the girls.”

Hazel – “The food was the best ever.”

Shayla – “I loved Betty; she was the funniest part about it. The water wipe out was so fun and I really liked the food.”

Cayde – “I really enjoyed the food and the water wipe out. I learnt how to work as a team and Scott made the activities exciting.”

Azali – “I loved the archery activity, it was so cool. Scott was so patient and Lyn’s food was awesome. The water wipe out was so much fun and I got wiped out a lot. Betty was also cool.”

Riley – “I had a really good time and the food was great. I also loved all of the activities, especially water wipe out.”

Ricki – “I had a wonderful time at Camp Paterson. I learnt how important it is to work as a team and learnt so many things about everyone. Betty freaked my out!!! Lyn cooks wonderful foods and Scott made the activities super fun. I had a great time.”

Clint – “The water wipe out was the best. Scott made the activities so much fun and Lyn is the best cook in the world.”

Cooper – “The water wipe out is the best thing to go on. I had the best time ever.”

Hannah – “Lyn is the best cook ever, apart from mum of course. Thank you.”

Rafferty – “Waking up with the boys and the food was great.”

Clancie – “I had the best time at Camp Paterson. The water wipe out was amazing!!! Lyn is the best cook in the whole wide world and Scott made the activities really fun.”

Eric – “I had a great time at Camp Paterson. The water wipe

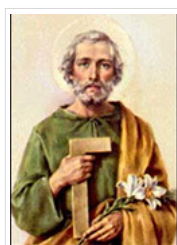
out was awesome! Lyn was the best cook ever and the camp site is a great set up.”



Saint Patrick

On Saturday 17th March, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick was a man who had a special love for the people of Ireland. He told his people stories about Jesus and Mary and he went throughout Ireland baptising the people.

“Saint Patrick, you made people happy when you told wonderful stories about God. Help us to tell others how much God loves us. Amen.”



Saint Joseph

On Monday 19th March we celebrate the feast of St Joseph. Saint Joseph was a man who protected and cared for Mary and Jesus during his life with them. He always tried to be aware of God’s presence surrounding him.

“Loving God, you gave Joseph to Jesus to be his father in this World. Bless all fathers and help all families to find you in their life together. Amen.”

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

“Let us be joyful and thank God”

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



Sporting News

CROSS COUNTRY



We have started training a couple of mornings before school each week with our ‘Fun Run’ Program for our School Cross Country which will be held in the final week of this term on Tuesday 27 March. All students will run/walk over varying distances on that day out of the school

grounds and towards the soccer fields:

5/6 years - 500m; 7/8 years – 1km; 9/10 years – 1.5km; 11/12 years – 2 km

Students will be well prepared for this event and will be walked over their course before the day.

This is the first of 4 of our Inter-house Carnivals throughout the year and as in past years we are hoping for a good turn-out

of parent supporters who might also be able to assist with supervision along the course on the day.

From this event a St Anthony's Team of 10 – 12 year students will be selected to compete at the District Cross Country Event held at Dimbulah State School on Thursday 19 April (Term 2 Week 1). In past years our students have done well at this level and gone on to Peninsula Trials in Cairns. It is very encouraging to see students self-motivated and training to see how well they can do.

SWIMMING

Thank you to all students and parents for the fantastic attendance at school swimming lessons. This is an assessed element of our PE program and testing will commence next week and continue over 3 weeks.

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival between Mulligan and Wolfram will be held on the final day of Term 1 – Thursday 29 March. On this day the Year 3-6 students will be at the pool for an hour competing in formal races before they are joined by the Prep - Yr2 students to participate in novelty events which are always a lot of fun.

Further details for the Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals will follow in the next bulletin.

DISTRICT SPORTS

Rugby League – Cayde Miller was recently selected in the Mareeba District 11/12 Years Boys Rugby League Team and will travel to Innisfail later this month to compete against other District Teams with the aim of being selected in the Peninsula Team. Good luck Cayde!

Cayde and Chase Sheppard (Dimbulah State School) recently joined a St Thomas's Rugby League Team which won a Rugby League Gala Day competition against Tableland Schools held in Atherton and will now travel to Cairns to play against Cairns and District Schools.

Cayde who plays in the centres, scored a number of tries at that carnival including 2 in the semi-final and 1 in the final and has a reputation as a strong defender and runner with the ball. Mr Raso, (Coach of the St Thomas's Team) described Cayde and Chase as "those 2 freakish athletes from Dimbulah who made a significant contribution to their team." Congratulations Cayde!



DIMBULAH DOLPHINS SWIMMING CLUB

The Dolphins recently held their Age Championship Carnival and it is fantastic to see the number of St Anthony's Students who are part of the club and who participated in this event.

U 11 Girls - Clancie (1st)

U 11 Boys - Clint (3rd)

U 10 Girls - Ricki (2nd), Azali (4th)

U 10 Boys - Cayde (1st), Cooper (2nd)

U 8 Boys - Dustin and Brayth (tied 1st)

U 6 Girls – Kelly (1st)

Special Awards -

- Clancie (Hot curry on the foot award)
- Azali (Most water in the goggles without being in the pool award)

AFL

Four of our students have been participating in sessions on a Tuesday afternoon at the State School with AFL Development Officer Joel who is promoting the sport and teaching students some of the skills and rules to the game in a fun way. Raff brought some of the gear that he was presented to show to the rest of the school including a backpack, water bottle, cap and football and he, Eric, Clint and Dustin will be able to demonstrate some of the AFL skills they have developed to their peers. Well done boys!



LOTE

Buon giorno!



I have been happily surprised at how well the Year 3/4/5/6 students have been understanding and applying their grammar during Italian lessons. Most students have easily picked up the difference between masculine and feminine nouns in Italian and they are able to choose the correct definite and indefinite articles (i.e. il, la, un, una) This is usually very difficult for English speakers to grasp so to all of my students - Bravo!!

We have also introduced a very popular activity for all of the students. To improve their speaking ability, the children have been role playing in our 'Salone da Parrucchiere' - our hairdressing salon. Have you ever noticed the dialogue between a hairdresser and a customer? The hairdresser will, of course, greet the customer and usually ask them lots of questions about themselves. This is a fantastic scenario to use because the children are learning about greetings and asking basic questions. Of course, it is also lots of FUN as you can see by the photos! I have also listed some of the vocabulary we have

been using so that you can practise speaking Italian at home, and don't worry, we do NOT use real scissors!



Buon giorno - Good morning
Ciao - hello/Goodbye
Come stai? - How are you?
Quanti anni hai? - How old are you?
Where do you live? - Dove abiti?
Goodbye – Arrivederci
Cosa vuoi? - What would you like?
Quanto costa? - How much does it cost?

Grazie tanto ed arrivederci!
Signora Mahmut

Dimbulah Ducklings Playgroup



Hi everybody, So our Dimbulah Ducklings playgroup is back, and off to a great start we've got some familiar faces and some new comers so a big welcome to all. We have been having lots of fun in our new area the learning support room opposite the playground. So come in and join us for a play, craft and chat.



Community News



Scouting is the biggest and most successful youth organisation in Australia. Approximately 15,000 boys, girls and adults in Queensland from various cultural or religious backgrounds and with varying abilities, participate in all aspects of Scouting.

Mareeba Scout Group has vacancies for Youth Members, boys and girls, aged 5.5-18 across all sections.

We are also currently recruiting assistant leaders aged 18 and over for all sections. No experience is required and all training is provided.

Scouting is a fun, active lifestyle for the whole family.

Scouting is For Everyone

Scouts learn:

- Self-Confidence
- To Accept Challenges
- Environmental Issues
- Initiative & Problem Solving
- To Achieve Badges & Awards
- Leadership
- To Keep It Fun
- Planning & To Be Prepared
- Independence
- To Be Risk Takers
- The Importance of Community Involvement
- Teamwork



Interested families are welcome to attend a free trial night.

For more information please contact: mareebag@fnqscouts.org.au or phone 0448 680 445

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Well Women's Clinics (These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mareeba Hospital – Thursdays 8th & 29th March 2018 Ph: 4092 9311
Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (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 Nurse.

ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ENROL NOW FOR 2019

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Scholarship applications for academic, sporting and cultural for Year 7 in 2019, are now available. Application forms are available from the college website or from the college office.

Closing date: Thursday 29 March 2018

Families intending to enrol students for 2019 must collect an enrolment package from the college or download a copy from our website. The following steps outline the process:

1. Complete the application for enrolment documentation.
2. Attach the necessary documentation as per the checklist in the enrolment package.
3. Return the application with \$100.00 enrolment fee in person or by mail and all applications must be received by 29 March 2018.
4. Once the enrolment application has been received, you will be contacted for an interview. Your enrolment interview may occur in terms one or two.
5. Confirmation of your child's enrolment will occur in term two, when you will be sent a confirmation of enrolment package to complete. This package must be returned to the college for processing.



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SAVE THE DATE
14th & 15th September

*90th Anniversary
Celebrations!*



Past students, parents and staff who wish to receive an invitation and event details, please contact Vera Borgna on vborgna@cns.catholic.edu.au or 4068 1527.



*Seeking memorabilia to be
displayed during celebrations
(will be returned
after the event)*

Current St Clare's student, Stella Berge (left), with past students Marcia Courtice (centre) and Noela Nissen (right) (also a teacher and past principal of St Clare's)