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## Principals Report



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year comes to an end we look back at all that our school community has achieved over the year with events, fund raising, sporting and academic successes. There are many people to thank for such a successful year.

Firstly, thank you to all our dedicated staff. Teachers and School Officers at St Anthony's work tirelessly to ensure your children are well looked after and achieve their best results both in academic and sporting areas. Without this dedication it makes it difficult to provide such a high level of support. I have been blessed this year to have a great team to work with. It has been a unique year with plenty of surprises and changes as we have grown as a school and we have made it through. Please take the time to read our 2019 Annual School Report attached to this newsletter to summarise the year.

We value our parent body and thank every one of our parents for their support of our teachers and the commitment to fundraising for our school. Thank you to the P and F executives for steering the committee throughout 2019. I know that it is not easy to hold a position and continue to commit when your own lives continue to get busier. Somehow throughout the year you always manage to get it all done. We thank you all for your service.

Thank you to the outgoing year 6 students who have performed their roles this year as Leaders of the school. We wish them all the best for High School and hope they continue their association with our school. Keep in touch and let us know how you are going. Farewell to those families who are finishing their time at St Anthony's as their last child graduates on Friday. We will have an opportunity to thank those families on Thursday night at the Graduation Mass.

Each and every student at St Anthony's holds a special place in our hearts and it is with sadness that we farewell some of our families this year as their last child graduates. We wish the Di Salvo, Yelavich, Jerome and De Iacovo families all the best as their children move to High School and we wish Livinia, Jack, Shayla and Azali all the best for next year. We also farewell Dio Jasmin, as he will be moving to St Thomas' in 2020. Dio is a valued member of the school and we will miss him greatly.

Congratulations to our 2019 St Anthony's School Leaders. We will hold a special Mass early next year to induct Mia and Rafael and celebrate with them. There are many challenges ahead and we promise to give you all our support to ensure you have a successful year as the Year 6 cohort for 2020.

We thank Mrs Rachel Gundersen for her time and dedication this year as a staff member at St Anthony's. She is greatly missed but will be very busy shortly with the new addition to their family. We await her return to our school in the future when she has had time to be a mum.

We are also announcing that Mr Wilcox will be taking leave again in 2020. Ms Maria Ratumaibuca and Mrs Catherine Favaro will both be working full-time in the lower school in 2020. We will have a separate Prep class in the mornings for Literacy and Numeracy and they will then join the 1/2 class for the afternoon sessions. If we increase in our enrolments in 2020 we will always

accommodate for any change. Sometimes staffing a school is the most difficult job of all my jobs but as always, we will consult and always put the needs of all our students first so all have the opportunity to access quality teaching and are well supported in the classroom.

Lastly, I would like to wish all families the very best over the holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Stay safe and enjoy the time with your precious children.

Your partner in Education,

Kath Porter  
Principal

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last year, but thought it fitting to share again this year, as it highlights the need to embrace people with a range of gifts, talents and backgrounds in order to build tolerance, peace and therefore better citizens.

*Once upon a time, all the colours in the world started to quarrel; each claimed that she was the best, the more important, the most useful, the favourite.*

*Green said: "Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and hope. I was chosen for grass, trees, leaves – without me the animals would die. Look out over the countryside and you will see that I am in the majority."*

*Blue interrupted: "You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and this is drawn up by the clouds for the blue sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace you would all be nothing but busybodies."*

*Yellow chuckled: "You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."*

*Orange started next to blow her own trumpet: "I am the colour of health and strength. I may be scarce but I am precious for I serve the inner needs of human life. I carry all the most important vitamins. Think of carrots and pumpkins, oranges, mangoes and paw paws. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise and sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you."*

*Red could stand it no longer. He shouted out: "I am the ruler of you all, blood, life's blood. I am the colour of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire in the blood. Without me the earth would be empty as the moon. I am the colour of passion and of love; the red rose, poinsettia and poppy."*

*Purple rose up to his full height. He was very tall and spoke with great pomp: "I am the colour of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs and bishops have always chosen me for I am a sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me – they listen and obey."*

*Indigo spoke much more quietly than all the others, but just as determinedly: "Think of me. I am the colour of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me, you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep waters. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."*

## Students of The Week



## 2020 Prep Transition Days



## APRE



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another semester and await the arrival of report cards, it is important that we remember not to focus on just the academic achievement, but to acknowledge the social emotional domains and the effort children have made towards achieving all of their learning targets. The following story I shared with you

*And so the colours went on boasting, each convinced that that they were the best. Their quarrelling became louder and louder. Suddenly, there was a startling flash of brilliant white lightning; thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colours all crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.*

*Then rain spoke: "You foolish colours, fighting among yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Do you know that God made you all? Each for a special purpose, unique and different. God loves you all. God wants you all. Join hands with one another and come with me.*

*God will stretch you across the sky in a great bow of colour, as a reminder that God loves you all, that you can live together in peace. A promise that he is with you and a sign of hope for tomorrow.*

*And so whenever God has used a good rain to wash the world, God puts the rainbow in the sky, and when we see it, let us remember to appreciate one another.*

Based on an Indian legend.

Written by Anne Hope, 1978

### *End of Year Liturgy*

Just a reminder to all that the end of year Liturgy will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 6pm. This is a very special time for our school community where we celebrate and give thanks to our students, staff and families who will be starting a new venture in their life. Everyone is welcome, family and friends, to attend the liturgy.

### *School Leaders*

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Mia and Rafael, our year 5 students went through the election process of captains for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Mia and Rafael for presenting exceptional speeches and know that both students will represent and lead St Anthony's proudly. Congratulations to you both!

### *Last Day of Term*

A friendly reminder to all that our last day of term is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and the following is an approximate outline of the day's events:

8:30am – Gather in the undercover area for the Year 6 V Parents/Past students soccer match (Please let Ms D know if you are game enough to take them on).

9:30am – Bus to the pool for fun activities.

11:20am – Bus back to school for morning tea, assembly, viewing of year 6 movie and farewelling to year 6 students.

12:00pm – School concludes, and we kindly remind all parents that your child/ren will need to be picked up at this time. Please note school buses will not be operational at this time.

As you are aware, this week sees the conclusion of another amazing year and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in making Saint Anthony's what it is—a welcoming community for all. Over the holidays enjoy your time with your family and friends and please stay safe. Have a happy and holy Christmas and I wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

Have a wonderful week and in the 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

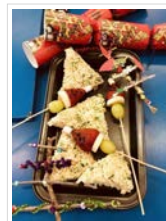
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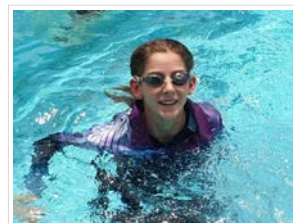
## Ducklings Playgroup

Today was our last Ducklings Playgroup for 2019. We kicked it off with lots of Christmas Cheer making pom poms, wooden Christmas trees and ending our morning by eating our delicious Christmas snacks we made.

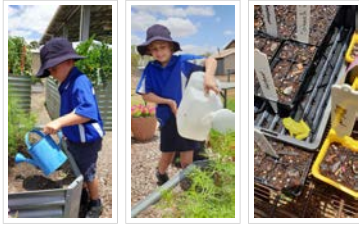
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and see you all back in 2020.



## Swimming Lessons



## NGRMG Garden Club Project



## CES News

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