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## Principals Report



As we bring this term to a close we can look back over the last 11 weeks and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the people who make up the St Anthony's community. We can thank so many people who give up their time and put in an enormous effort to make each event a success. Thank you to all the people

involved in the Wheelbarrow Race Dinner and the P and F for once again cooking and organising the feeding of a mass of people, Lisa Tosoni for organising the decorating of the float and Shannon Grantley for teaching the item for the performance at the Lions Festival and Terry Wilcox for organising the various sports days we have hosted. Without the involvement of these people these events won't happen.

In the last week of school Semester 1 Report Cards will be heading home. It is timely to therefore look at the findings of David Gonski and his recommendations for educational reform. I have attached a summary article on his findings. The report makes recommendations around assessment and reporting regimes, and will lean on education researcher John Hattie's calls for a "year's growth for a year's input" in learning. Hattie and Gonski have called for assessment measures in education to shift from a focus on "high achievement". Instead, children should receive a year's learning no matter what developmental level they are at. The idea has implications for Australia's model of school assessment because it places less emphasis on the idea that students should be achieving a certain year-level average based on the A-E scale but instead should be measured on the individual growth of their learning.

### Fact sheet

#### *Through Growth to Achievement: Report of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools*

The Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools, led by Mr David Gonski AC, reported to the Australian Government on 29 March 2018. The review, an important component of the Government's Quality Schools package, develops a strong evidence base for national reforms to improve student outcomes.

The final report *Through Growth to Achievement* make contains three identified priorities, 17 findings and 23 recommendations that will inform the development of a new national agreement on school reform being negotiated between the Australian Government and all states and territories in 2018.

The recommendations recognise that a well supported teaching workforce is critical to student learning growth and educational achievement. Student progress must be measured and tracked to enable teachers to tailor teaching practices to individual student needs.

#### Key findings of the Review

The Review report acknowledges the achievements of schools and school systems to date, and their ongoing commitment to continuous improvement. The report seeks to build on this effort and identifies three priorities:

- deliver at least one year's growth in learning for every student every year
- equip every student to be a creative, connected and engaged learner in a rapidly changing world
- cultivate and adaptive, innovation and continuously improving education system.

#### The report makes recommendations across five areas of reform:

1. Laying the foundations for learning
2. Equipping every student to grow and succeed in a changing world
3. Creating, supporting and valuing a profession of expert educators
4. Empowering and supporting school leaders
5. Raising and achieving aspirations through innovation and continuous improvement.

In developing its recommendations, the Review Panel examined the national and international evidence that leads to growth in student achievement and how it builds on the needs-based funding system the Government has implemented.

The Panel also received 279 submissions from teachers, schools, parents, education bodies, experts and community groups which were critical in shaping the thinking of the Panel.

The Panel also considered the recommendations from the recent *Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education* and the *Innovation and Science Australia 2030 Plan*.

The full report can be found at: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-achieve-educational-excellence-australian-schools>

At St Anthony's we are in the unique situation to be well placed to look at individual student growth and cater for each of our students in our small setting. This is just one of the many benefits of small classes and a higher ratio of adults to students. Our professional staff are always collecting and closely monitoring student data to inform their teaching in the classroom. This year we have set up individual Data Notebooks for each child and I encourage you to ask your class teacher and your child to have a look at your child's progress and see if they can identify their own personal growth and goal setting so far this year.

As we head into the holidays I would like to remind parents and students about the approved School Uniform Policy. I have noticed a growing trend lately to deviate from the policy especially in regards to school shoes and jumpers. A wise person once told me that a primary school is NOT the fashion catwalk and if it was, we would be forever changing it to keep up with the latest and greatest fashions. School uniforms were established to identify pride and school spirit and not to distinguish between the have and have not's. It is also a reflection on the real world where some occupations require that a uniform is worn with pride such as Police and Armed Forces. I am requesting that parents use the holiday period to shop for the appropriate black shoes and jumpers to ensure

at St Anthony's we continue to show our pride in the school by dressing neatly and uniformly. Notes will be sent home for breaches in the Uniform Policy and we ask that parents respect the school uniform and attend to the issue immediately.

Lastly I would like to farewell our ACU student, Kyle Walker and thank him for his time with us at St Anthony's this Term. Kyle has approached his rural experience with enthusiasm and commitment and we have valued his input over the last 6 weeks. We can now announce that Kyle will be joining us again at the end of the year for his final teaching Internship and we are blessed that he has requested to do so at our school. Farewell for now Kyle but see you in Term 4.

Enjoy the last few weeks of this term everyone and plan to spend some quality time with your children over the holidays.

## World's Greatest Shave

Mr T has decided that if we raise \$560 he will shave his head for the 20th Anniversary of World's Greatest Shave. If you wish to donate please click on the link and help him raise money for Leukaemia.

Celebrating 20 years and 1.9 million Aussies helping to beat blood cancer in 2018



### St Anthony's teacher, Mr. Tomkinson (Mr. T) joins 20th Anniversary Shave Team

Mr. T will join more than 20,000 Aussies in 2018 as the Leukaemia Foundation celebrates the 20th birthday of the iconic World's Greatest Shave campaign.

St Anthony's will join more than 1.9 million extraordinary Aussies of all ages who have helped beat blood cancer over the past two decades by getting sponsored to shave, colour, wax, cut pony tails, banish beards and trim top knots.

Leukaemia Foundation CEO Bill Petch is encouraging anyone who has been thinking about shaving for some time to make 2018 their year to sign up.

"Whether you have a personal connection to blood cancer or simply want to have fun and raise money for a good cause, we're asking Australians to join the World's Greatest Shave for our big 20th anniversary," said Mr Petch.

"With your help we're aiming to raise \$16 million so more people survive their blood cancer."

Money raised will give families facing blood cancer including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma the free emotional and practical support they need as well as help fund vital research.

For the first time, the World's Greatest Shave is 'going green' in 2018 thanks to a partnership with Sustainable Salons Australia. This means ponytails snipped from those taking part in the event will now be turned into wigs for cancer patients, shorter hair clippings will be transformed into compost and floating booms to absorb oil spills at sea and empty cans of coloured hairspray will be diverted away from landfill back into recycled resources.

Mr. T will shave his head for a cure; the date for the shave is set for Friday the 29th June, with a target of \$560. Mr.T will not only shave his head using clippers but also using a shaving cream and razor!!!

Please feel free to donate to Mr.T personally or visit the link below  
<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=719992>

Thank you for your support.

For more information and World's Greatest Shave images please contact: Gail Heritage from our Marketing and Communications team on 0410 755 514 or [gheritage@leukaemia.org.au](mailto:gheritage@leukaemia.org.au)

God Bless,

**Kath Porter**  
**Principal**

## Upcoming Events

12 Jun	Newsletter All day
13 Jun	St Anthony's Feast Day Mass 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
14 Jun	Readers Cup @ OLHOC 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
15 Jun	Parent Bulletin All day Recurring event
17 Jun	St Anthony's Feast Day Mass 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
21 Jun	Ducklings Playgroup All day Recurring event
	Prep-1-2 Town Library Visit 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Recurring event
22 Jun	Parent Bulletin All day Recurring event
26 Jun	800 Metres All day
27 Jun	Walsh River Sports Day All day
28 Jun	NAIDOC Day All day

## Student Awards



## 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



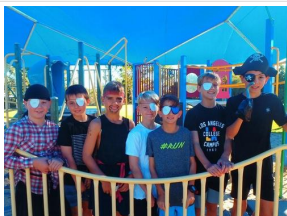
Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week we had last week, with the 200m, 800m and Athletics day. Every child participated with great enthusiasm and the sportsmanship displayed by each and every child was admirable. With only three weeks of school remaining this term (where has this term gone?) the children are still very

busy with completing assessment tasks and learning new content. I have viewed a lot of work produced by our students and must say I am super impressed with what I have seen.

### Pirates Day

On Friday 1st June, our students participated in Pirates Day. They dressed up in their best pirate outfit and to avoid "walking the plank" they donated a gold coin to the captain's "treasure chest". All money that was raised by our students went to help in the research and fight against childhood brain cancer. In total our beautiful and generous students raised a massive \$70.00 and know that the organization is extremely grateful for their contributions.



## St Anthony of Padua

On Wednesday 13th of June, we will be celebrating the Feast of our Patron Saint, Saint Anthony of Padua. There will be a whole school Mass in the Church at 11:30am and everyone is welcome to attend.

Saint Anthony is considered to be one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church and is patron saint of lost items. He was a strong and powerful Franciscan teacher and preacher. You will generally see Saint Anthony depicted in many pictures and statues holding the child Jesus, a lily, a book or all three in his arms. Many people also associate bread with Anthony. People would give a loaf of bread to those who needed it, as a sign of respect and thanksgiving to God for blessings received through their prayers to Anthony. The life Saint Anthony of Padua led was one that all Christians should endeavour to live by. Have courage to face life's ups and downs, love all and forgive all, be compassionate to the needs of others, deal with situations no matter how big or small and have total trust in God's love for us. There are numerous of prayers to Saint Anthony for you to use in times of need and I have chosen the following for you when you require his support:

### Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony

#### Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints

St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety.

Encouraged by this thought, I ask you to obtain for me the favours that I seek (*mention your request here*).

The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, who loved to be held in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

On Sunday, 17th June the Parish is holding their annual Pesca, with Mass commencing at 3pm and then followed at the school grounds for food and entertainment. The school community is warmly invited to attend and enjoy the celebrations.



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

"Trust in the goodness of God"

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





## Sporting News



### Mulligan v Wolfram Athletics Carnival – Friday 8 June

Last week Wolfram and Mulligan competed in a closely fought contest for the title of champion Athletic Team for 2018. The Carnival culminated in sprint races, field events, novelties and relays on a beautiful sunny Friday with great support from

parents as witnessed by their enthusiastic participation in the relays and tug-o-war.

Many thanks to Shelley Serafin and the parents who worked the canteen on the day as well as our recorders and scorers Lisa Tosoni and Maree Wilcox and to all parents who were able to attend, support and help out during the day. I know the time you all put into your children and our school makes a world of difference to their lives.

Thank you again to Helen Yelavich for the fantastic photography service she provides on sports day. These action shots will be on TV display in the office and if you would like a copy please bring in a USB stick to Cathy.

Congratulations to our sports captains and to all students for the sportsmanship they displayed on the day.

#### RESULTS:

WOLFRAM - 230 points - MULLIGAN - 193 points  
MARCHING TROPHY - WOLFRAM

#### AGE CHAMPIONS:

11/12 years - Cooper Kennedy - Hannah Myles  
9/10 years - Dustin Hatfield - Shayla Jerome  
7/8 years - Harrison Kennedy - Kelly Sivyer  
5/6 years - Kytte Hoffman - Gracie Cummings

#### SPIRIT OF THE CARNIVAL AWARDS:

Clay Pownall-Teece - Azali Mitchell - Brayth Miller

#### Records Broken

#### Congratulations to:

Shayla Jerome for setting new records in 200m and 800m events.

Kytte Curley-Hoffman for new records in the 200m, Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put.



## Walsh River Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 27 June

### (Sponsored by Mareeba – Dimbulah Community Bank)

This year is our turn to host the Walsh River Carnival and we will be looking for volunteers to assist with setting up, running events and working in the canteen. If you can help please let Mr Wilcox know, as the staff and students always like to see parents involved in these days.

Students who have been selected to represent St Anthony's in the field events from the 9 – 12 age groups have their names listed on the notice board. There will be training after school from 3:15pm – 4:30pm on the next 2 Thursday afternoons (14, 21 June) for those who can make it.

All students will compete in sprint races and relays on the day and I would encourage everyone to practise a run down the track during lunch breaks.

### Many thanks go to the Mareeba Dimbulah Community Bank for their continued support of community events including the Walsh River Athletics Carnival.

Dimbulah SS	9:15	Students Arrive	Official p/up gear
	9:30	800m 10yrs 11yrs	B & G 800m B & G 800m B & G 800m
	10:10	Presentations	
Wednesday 27 June Dimbulah SS	8:50	Students Arrive	Official p/up gear
	9:00	200m 10yrs 11yrs	B & G 200m B & G 200m B & G 200m
Wednesday 27 June St Anthony's	9:40	Heats 60m / 80m / 100m (Heats where necessary) 5, 6, 7yrs 8, 9yrs 10, 11, 12yrs	B & G 60m B & G 80m B & G 100m
	10:45	Finals 60m / 80m / 100m 5, 6, 7yrs 8, 9yrs 10, 11, 12yrs	B & G 60m B & G 80m B & G 100m
	11:15	Morning Tea	
	11:30 – 1:00	Field Events Junior Carnival	9, 10, 11, 12 yrs at St Anthony's 5 – 8 yrs at St Anthony's (Rotation through activities)
	11:30	Field Rotation 1 12yrs 11yrs 9&10yrs	2006 G & B 2007 G & B 2008/2009 G & B
			Long Jump High Jump Shot Put
			Pit 1 & 2 Pit 1 & 2 Pit 1 & 2
	12:00	Field Rotation 2 12yrs 11yrs 9&10yrs	2006 G & B 2007 G & B 2008/2009 G & B
			Shot Put Long Jump High Jump
			Pit 1 & 2 Pit 1 & 2 Pit 1 & 2
	12:30	Field Rotation 3 12yrs 11yrs 9&10yrs	2006 G & B 2007 G & B 2008/2009 G & B
			High Jump Shot Put Long Jump
			Pit 1 & 2 Pit 1 & 2 Pit 1 & 2
	1:00	Lunch (Field events may continue into Lunch Break)	
	1:30	Shuttle Relays: (not for points) Schools to nominate up to 4 mixed relay teams in each of the following combined age groups: 5/6 yrs 7/8 yrs 9/10 yrs 11/12yrs	
	2:15	Presentations (sponsored by Mareeba Dimbulah Community Bank)	

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WALSH RIVER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

## Mareeba District Touch Football

On Sunday 10 June Cayde Miller joined 10 other boys in the Mareeba District Touch Football Team to compete at the Peninsula Touch Football Championships in Tully against 7 other teams from the region. The boys did extremely well and were very competitive on what turned out to be a hot and tiring, but fun day. Mareeba scored 20 tries in their 7 games, of which Cayde scored 4. He certainly had the dirtiest shirt at the end of the day as he threw himself around saving tries and making touch downs. Cayde was a senior member of the team this year and played an important leadership role by setting a great

example and giving his all. He still has another year at this and is hoping to make the Peninsula Team in 2019.



## Basketball

We were sad to lose the services of Teeny Bensted who was doing an excellent job of coaching our students in the rules and skills of basketball. We wish Teeny all the best with her second child due in August and hope we see her and the new baby at some stage. We have invited Teeny to come back any time in the future to run another basketball program.

In the meanwhile I would like to publicly thank Julie Atkinson who completed a basketball training program at short notice to be able to help us out and complete the training program for Teeny over the next few weeks. The students are all familiar with Julie and she certainly has the knowledge and skills to continue the great work that Teeny started.

## Rugby League (Girls 10 – 12 years)

Congratulations to Clancie Sivyer who was selected in the Mareeba District Girls Rugby League Team this week. Clancie joins her cousin Macca Stephens in the team which will compete at the Peninsula Championships in Cairns in July. Keep up with the training Clancie and look out anyone who gets in her way on the field!

## From The Counsellor

### The paradox of pushing kids to succeed

Dear Parents,

As parents, one of the great pleasures in life is your children succeeding at school. However, if you are putting too much pressure on your children to do well academically, it can backfire severely and end up affecting them negatively in a number of different ways. Research indicates that what children think their parents want for them, can play a significant part in shaping a child's chances of future success and wellbeing. With good intentions, many parents, pressure and emphasise high grades and activities, over things like kindness and social skills. A recent research showed that this perceived pressure can lead to depression, anxiety, stress, lower self-esteem and lower grades in children.

So, what can you do to **encourage** rather than pressure your child. Here is a list of do's and don'ts.

### Do:

- Focus and reward progress (even though progress might seem small), rather than grades and test scores
- Notice and praise effort, which looks different from child to child
- Nurture their strengths. It's okay if your child finds a subject boring or difficult and can't seem to get a high or higher grade. Each child has a gift. Recognise and encourage strengths so they move towards reaching their potential
- Focus on internal qualities, such as kindness, respect and compassion
- Set realistic expectations. Unless your child truly loves every subject at school, it is not healthy or realistic to expect top marks in all subjects
- Nurture and encourage their natural interests
- Be aware of the way you may shame or give consequence to perceived failure

### Don't:

- Focus on winning or being the best.
- Ask them constantly to "try harder and harder"
- Be intrusive and micromanage grades and scores on tests
- Use fear to motivate
- Shame or punish them for their performance
- Spend too much time on homework with the hope that this will lead to better marks. Balance homework with other important activities, such as spending quality time with your children.
- Never criticise

***Yours in Counselling,  
Marjan***

## Music Lessons



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## Community News

### Get your Kids involved in Queensland's Great Escape



Children around the state are learning to be fire escape ready in Queensland's Great Escape. It's an epic adventure where your kids can be junior fire safety officers for the night. Held on Friday 22 June, this fun activity will teach your children about fire safety, while preparing your home for fire. Guided by their new friend 'Red', the night is some family fun and games that could mean the difference between life and death.

<https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/fireescape/fireescapeplan/>




You are cordially invited  
to a celebration to recognise the

*Diamond Jubilee*  
of  
Father Frank Gordon's  
Ordination to the Priesthood  
(30<sup>th</sup> June 1958)



**Join us**  
Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am  
at St Francis Xavier's Church, Manunda  
Followed by light refreshments at the Xavier Centre  
adjoining the Church



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Note for school newsletters:

#### Changes to our Privacy Policy Statement

Following advice from the National Catholic Education Commission we have made a minor change to our Privacy Policy Statement to clarify that the school may disclose personal information and store information with "providers of specialist advisory services and assistance to the school, including in the area of Human Resources, child protection and students with additional needs". This is in addition to the existing list of other agencies, departments and service providers the school already may disclose information to.

This is a relatively minor change but we provide this advice to our school communities in line with our duty of disclosure and accountability. The full text of our policy and policy statement with this new text highlighted in yellow can be accessed at [www.cns.catholic.edu.au/about/policies](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/about/policies).

These changes were endorsed by the Board of Governance on 11 June and take immediate effect.