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IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 1

APRIL
Thurs 5th Holy Thursday
(Students last day of Term)

Mon 23rd Pupil Free Day all
Catholic Schools
Lismore Diocese

Tues 24th Pupil Free Day
Staff Spirituality Day

Wed 25th ANZAC DAY

Thurs 26th Students Resume
Mon 30th Student School
    Leaders Conference

Mon 30th Parent Forum Meeting
7.00p.m. School Library

MAY
Wed 2nd Book Parade K –Yr 5
    Students
    Yr 6 students attend
    Catholic Schools mass:
    11.00a.m. Tweed Heads

Thurs 3rd Mothers Day Stall
Fri 4th OPEN DAY
Sun 6th Mothers Day
Tues 8th First Communion
    Parent Meeting

Wed 9th School Photos
Refer to School Calendar (school
    web page) for full Term Dates

IMPORTANT REMINDERS
Classes for TERM 1 conclude on THURSDAY 5th APRIL
Classes for TERM 2 commence on THURSDAY 26th APRIL
NB: Monday 23rd April – Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
   Tuesday 24th April – Staff Spirituality Day (Pupil Free Day)

Wednesday 25th April - Anzac Day

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS
Anzac Day is being held on Wednesday 25th April. Mt St Patrick Primary School has a very proud and long tradition of participating in the Anzac Day march. We are again asking students to volunteer their time and proudly represent our school this year. Students need to assemble from 10:00am (outside LJ Hooker Real Estate Agent). The march will commence at 10:30am and proceed to the Civic Centre for the official ceremony.

Students need to be collected from the cenotaph at approximately 11:10am.

Students are to wear their full school uniform (including hat & drink bottle). Your support for the school in this significant community event would be greatly appreciated.

Anzac Day notes were distributed last week – if your child/ren are attending the march please return the slip provided.

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SCHOOL OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 4th May
Classroom Visits / School Tours

PARENT FORUM MEETING
MONDAY 30TH APRIL
7.00p.m. School Library
ALL WELCOME
Virtue of the Week - Faithfulness

Faithfulness is being true to someone or something. It is holding to what you believe is important no matter what happens. Faithfulness is belief that stands up to the test of time. It is starting out on a path and staying on it no matter how many times you stop or get distracted.

Faithfulness is needed when you have beliefs and principles that can’t be proven to others. If you are faithful to your beliefs, such as belief in God, honesty, or friendship, others can see your values in the way you act.

Holy Week Ceremonies - Sacred Heart Parish

During the holidays we come to the end of the Lenten Season and move into Holy Week. The Liturgical colour for Holy week is red. The Easter Triduum- or, Great Three Days- begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, culminates in the Easter Vigil and concludes with the Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is both the last hours of the Easter Triduum and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season.

This Friday we will take time to remember the events of Jesus’ life and death by presenting the Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to join us in the Sacred Heart Church commencing at 11:45am where students from Middle School will present the Stations of the Cross.

Mini-Vinnies

We had our commissioning last Friday. There were 14 students who were present and five more who were involved in the gala hockey day who will receive their badge at our next meeting. Congratulations to these students( and those from Yr 6) for their generosity and also to their parents who are nurturing this virtue in their children. We will have a photo in the next newsletter. Watch this space!

Have a restful holiday with your families, everyone.

P.Zambelli, co-ordinator Mini-Vinnies.

Project Compassion

So far we have raised over $150. This money helps Caritas Australia to continue its work supporting long term partnerships for justice and transformation in more than 35 countries around the world. Each class has a Project Compassion collection box in their room so please encourage your child to forego a ‘treat’ or luxury and donate that money saved. Thank you for supporting this appeal.

Bibles

The Bible is an important book that is used within our Religion lessons and prayer times. If you are able to assist in repairing and re-covering our school bibles we will be meeting in the library from 2.00-3.00 next Wednesday to carry out this work.

Please let Michelle Mackney know if you are able to assist via the front office.

Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program

First Eucharist

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 8th May
Inscription Ceremony – (all weekend Masses)
Sacrament of First Eucharist – Sunday 10th June

Confirmation

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 31st July
Inscription Ceremony – TBA
Retreat Day – Tuesday 28th August
Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday 28th August

Altar Service Program

Altar Service is a special ministry within the Church and will require children to attend a training sessions. If your child is interested in this please contact Mrs Dixon.

Stations of the Cross

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Reconciliation

On Thursday the 29th of March, 30 excited students participated in their Reconciliation Retreat Day followed by their receiving of this Sacrament on Thursday night at the Sacred Heart Parish Church. Thank you to parents, teachers and helpers in supporting these students. Special thanks to Fr David and the visiting priests for providing this opportunity for our students.

Sacred Heart Parish Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
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Thursday 9.15am OLPS, Sth M’Bah
Friday 12.00n Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 8:00 am Sacred Heart
10:00am 1st Uki
2nd & 4th OLPS – Sth M’bah
3rd Burringbar

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SCHOOL NEWS

SKILL A THON

Congratulations to all students who participated in our ‘Skill-A-Thon’ on Monday. Enthusiastic students completed all of the fun tabloid activities. Thank you to Mrs Agnes Markham for organising the day and thank you to our teaching staff for their coordination of the activities. Importantly now students need to collect their money raised.

All Skill-A-Thon money needs to be returned to school by Thursday 3rd May (Term 2 Week 2).
All Skill-AThon forms also need to be returned to school.

Prizes will be drawn at the Assembly on Friday 4th May commencing at 2:15pm.

PRIZES

Major Prize ~ ACER NETBOOK:
The family who raise the most amount of money receive a ACER netbook

Individual Class Prizes ~ Sporting Goods:
the child who raises the most amount in each class will receive a sporting good

Class Prize ~ Pizza Party:
the class that raises the most overall will have a pizza party

School Prize ~ Apple iPod Touch 8gb:
For every $20 raised by a family, a raffle ticket will be received (i.e. $80 raised = 4 raffle tickets). First prize an apple iPod Touch.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: @Mt St Patrick Primary School
Monday 30th April – Friday 4th May

MONDAY 30th –
Student School Leadership Conference – School Captains & Vice Captains attending
Parent Forum Meeting – 7.00p.m. School Library

WEDNESDAY 2nd -
Book Parade – All Students - Kinder to Year 5
Yr. 6 students attend Catholic Schools Week Mass

THURSDAY 3rd –
Mother’s Day Stall

FRIDAY 4th –
SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Mt St Patrick College ENROLMENT 2013
Parents wishing to enrol their son or daughter in Year 7 in 2013 at Mt St Patrick College are asked to submit an Enrolment Application Form to the College by Friday 11th May, 2012. Please contact the College on 66722340 for further details, if necessary.
Mr. Tony Daly (Mt St Patrick College, Principal) today spoke to all Mt St Patrick Primary Year 6 students.

EASTER BONNET PARADE
On Wednesday 4th April (TOMORROW) we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade for our infant students. This will held on the school Hardcourt Area at 9:00am. The whole school will be invited to watch the infants ‘show off’ their Easter Bonnets. All school parents, family and friends are welcome to attend. The infants (Kinder – Year 2) children will need to design and make their own Easter hat/bonnet at home to ‘show off’ in front of the other classes on this day.

BIRTHDAYS

Mt St Patrick
College
Murwillumbah

Open Day
Thursday 3rd May 2012
Morning Session 9.30am – 11.30am
Evening Session 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Enrol Now for 2013

Applications close
Friday 11th May 2012

Apply to:
Enrolment Secretary
PO Box 105
Murwillumbah 2484

Phone: (02) 66722340
Facsimile: (02) 66723893
WEEK 8 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KINDER M - Sienna Reid
KINDER P – Ned Rogers
YEAR 1 D – Milla Pearson
YEAR 1 T – Ashley Gray
YEAR 2 D – Riley Bull
YEAR 2 P – Ellis Hannah
STAGE 2C - Indiana Nuspan
STAGE2H- Melia Loveridge
STAGE2M- Madeleine Hill
MS F- Brayden Andrew
MS M- Annalise Mackie
MS S- Teleah Lesleigher
MS-W- Cecilia Ryan

MOST IMPROVED
KINDER M - Matilda Gray
KINDER P – Charlie Toms
YEAR 1 D – Mitchell Grossman
YEAR 1 T – Jack Devoy
YEAR 2 D – Sienna Fleming
YEAR 2 P – Hannah Trembath
STAGE2C – Siennah Nottle
STAGE2H- William Townsend
STAGE2M- Nicholas Buchanan
MS F- Eden Folkers
MS S- Hope Andrew
MS W- Coogan Cooper

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
INFANTS- Rosie Ludlow
STAGE 2 - Finn Whitney
MIDDLE SCHOOL- Joel Antonelli

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
INFANTS – Lucy Jones, Hannah Millar
STAGE 2 – Elise Lack, Alexandra Braun
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Zali Zuschke
Isaac Bergamin

PRINCIPAL AWARD
Ellis Hannah, Bronte Simpson-Hay
WEEK 9 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER M - Ruby Trueman
KINDER P – Harrison Bugg
YEAR 1 D – Sophie Stoneman
YEAR 1 T – Noah Clark
YEAR 2 D – Jack Gracie
YEAR 2 P – Isabella Dusi
STAGE2C – Alexandra Braun
STAGE2H- Matilda Nimmo
STAGE2M- Neave Butler
MS F- Alexander Flannery
MS M- Byron Browning
MS S- Bronte Simpson Hay
MS W- Anthea Warne

MOST IMPROVED

KINDER M - Jessica Minahan
KINDER P – Hazel Cunningham
YEAR 1 D – Nathan Pryke
YEAR 1 T – Ayla Fing
YEAR 2 D - Drane Darragh
STAGE2C – Aidan Willis
STAGE2H- Areana Twohill
MS F- Maxine Sutton
MS M- Tarvah Lee Nottle
MS S- Chandelle Nassner
MS W- Max Bird

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS- Amanita Hoffman-Barnaby
STAGE 2 – Riley Engler
MIDDLE SCHOOL- Isaac Bergamin

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

INFANTS – Abbey Bevan, Elsie Biles
STAGE 2 – Sarah Hill, Ivy Morton-
Rowthorne
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Montana Taylor
Lucas Pearson

PRINCIPAL AWARD

St2 H: Darch Hannah
St2 M: Corey Grossman
MS-S: Summer Clausen, Teleah Lesleighter
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos have been booked for Wednesday 9th May (Week 3; Term 2). Please mark this important date in your diary. Prepaid envelopes to purchase photos will be distributed early Term 2.

ASSEMBLIES – TERM 2
Week 2: Kinder M & Kinder P (Mother’s Day)
Week 5: MS M (Mrs. Markham)
Week 8: Infant Choirs
Week 3: No Assembly in Hall
Week 6: MS S (Mr Spiller)
Week 9: MS W (Mrs. Waugh)
Week 4: MS F (Mr. Forrester)
Week 7: Primary Choirs
Week 10: No Assembly

STORY DOGS IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND WELL-BEHAVED DOGS TO WORK IN OUR SCHOOL
If you have a few spare hours a week and a well-behaved and child-friendly dog, Story Dogs is seeking volunteers to help our year 2 students develop their reading skills. It is a fun program where the students gain reading confidence by reading to a gentle dog who does not criticise or laugh at the child if they make a mistake or don't know a word.
If you are interested in being a part of the Story Dogs program, please contact Leah Sheldon on tel 6672 1223 or Janine Sigley on 66727661.
You can visit the Story Dogs website for more information and application forms: www.storydogs.org.au

MATHLETICS AWARDS
Week commencing 19th March – 25th March
GOLD CERTIFICATES
Zane Zuschke, Anna Smith
SILVER CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO
Charlie Browning, Milyka Sharp, Aidan McDonald, Zane Burke, Harrison Myler, Cecilia Ryan, Jordan Tilsley, Joseph Warne
BRONZE CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO
Lilli Oniper, Sean McCaughey, Coby Lewis, Lewis Hancock, Sarah Guinea, Bailey Engler, Isaac Bergamin, Ashley Hazzard, Grace Eady, Jayden Woodward, Zane Patience, Nicholas Buchanan, Matthew Colnan, Patrick Grey, Thomas Littlewood, Areana Twohill, Caleigh Kennedy, Annalise Mackie, Andrew Ridgway, Chandelle Nassner, Charlie Priest, Montana Taylor, Rose Malouf, Zayne Stewart, Anthea Warne, Ben Champley, Brock Youngblutt, Cooper Leslight, Georgia Buch, Joel Antonelli, Sarah Littlewood, Taleigha Garbett, Callum Moss, Skye Engler, Yasmin Charilaou, Layla Anning, Tiana Brooks, Olivia Flannery, Matteo McDermott, Angus MacFarlane, Elise Lack, Matilda Jones
Week commencing 26th March – 1st April
SILVER CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO
Lewis Hancock, Matthew Colnan, Andrew Ridgway, Taleigha Garbett
BRONZE CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO
Lilli Oniper, Bronite Simpson-Hay, Drew Clarke, Tallis Deale, Zane Zuschke, Ashley Hazzard, Grace Eady, Nicholas Buchanan, Areana Twohill, Caleigh Kennedy, Kalindi Lathouras, Zane Burke, Ben Champley, Georgia Buch, Jordan Tilsley, Maxine Sutton, Anna Smith, Camden Mackie, Wren Phelan, Sarah Hill, Matteo McDermott, Eva McDonald, Tiffany New, Ben Snellgrove, Codie Chung, Elise Lack, Sophie Bird, Evie Falkner, Matilda Jones, Nicholas Ratcliff, Lloyd McVeigh

‘Mathletes’ of the Week
Week 8
Nicholas Buchanan, Jada Langan Keyte, Kiara McCarthy, Tiffany New

Week 9
Lewis Hancock, Vivien Koerner Straub, Ben Champley, Sean McCaughey
It is wonderful to see how many students have participated in various sporting trials in the past two weeks.

**POLDING SWIMMING:** At the Polding Swimming trials, all swimmers swam personal best times, a great achievement. Congratulations and best wishes to Anthea Warne and Cecilia Ryan who return to Sydney this week for the state trials.

**DIOCESAN WINTER TEAMS:** Congratulations to Brodie Palmer (hockey), Zayne Stewart (football), Jackson Rohweder and Drew Clark (rugby league) and Webb Lillis (rugby union) for their selection in the Diocesan teams.

**RUGBY LEAGUE & HOCKEY:** Over 80 keen rugby league and hockey students competed in the competition last week. These gala days are an excellent opportunity for children have a go to try a new sport. Many thanks to Mr Houlahan, Mr Logan, Mr Laybutt, Mr Ryan as well as all the wonderful parents for their assistance and support. The players came back very excited and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Our next newsletter will have results for the school cross country. Students who qualified for the school team received their notes today. I would ask if all notes could be returned this week please and that the students have the opportunity and encouragement to train during the holidays.

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**SPORT NEWS**

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP – LAST OPPORTUNITY!!!!!**

Advertising local businesses within the school newsletter has been successfully operating over the past 4 years. Ideally, its aim is to promote the businesses of families within the school and those associated with the school. Thank you to those businesses that have advertised and supported our school over the past 12 months. New advertising spaces will commence at the beginning of Term 2, 2012 and run up to the last week of Term 1, 2013.

**How does it work?**

- Each fortnight an insert is included within the newsletter that will advertise your business.
- The school will invoice the business allowing for taxation concessions.
- Your business will receive great advertising and exposure within the school community, it is tax deductible, you will help raise money for the school and your business will be marketed as:

  **SUPPORT THE BUSINESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL**

If you are interested in promoting your business/or would like to renew your 2011/2012 sponsorship arrangements could you please contact the School Office

- Submit a business card/business details or word your own ad.
- The ad will run for one full year at a cost of $220 per year.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN**

**SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP**

_______________________(Name) _____________________________ (Contact Phone Number)

**BUSINESS DETAILS** *(Please attach a Business Card)*

The school will contact you as to determine exactly what you would like to have on your ad/set up etc. Invoice will be sent to you on final approval of the ad

Authorisation by: __________________________________________ Signature: __________________________________________

Position within the business: __________________________________________