Dear Parents,

As I mentioned in our last newsletter a Parent Meeting was held to address issues that were raised from the Parent School Review and Development Surveys recently completed. One very prominent question raised was with respect to the size of the school and anticipated growth. This week I have attempted to clarify a few issues and share with you the long term projection of the school.

On Thursday I went to watch eight Mt St Patrick Primary School students represent the school at the Tweed Catholic Schools Public Speaking competition. All students performed extremely well and the standard of “speaking” was exceptional. In addition to this our school received a number of “test” results (NSW Yr. 6 Catholic Schools RE Test & ICAS Writing Assessment). The school received 20 High Distinctions / Distinctions In RE and 13 Distinctions (top 10% - this includes Australian and International Schools) in the ICAS Writing Assessment. Our school football team will playing in the final of the Tweed Catholic Schools Competition on Monday. We have a great deal to be proud of and celebrate as our school continues to perform at a high level across all areas of school life.

This week we are celebrating the Murwillumbah Banana Festival. We are encouraging many of our students to participate in our parade and I encourage you to have a look at our Window display in Andersons Jewellery Store.

Thanks for your on-going support, have a great week!!

Brian Laybutt
PRINCIPAL

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**BANANA FESTIVAL Saturday 25th August**

This year BIG DOG from NBN Channel 9 will be part of our school parade.

We need lots of our students to come dressed in either pyjamas or dressed as puppies!!!

So put Saturday 25th August in your diary – the Parade starts at 12 noon!!!!!!

*Students to Assemble on Showgrounds at 11:40am*

Please visit our school window display at Anderson’s Treasure Store!!

**MONSTER RAFFLE ‘Less than 2 weeks to go’!!!!!!!’**

1st: 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION & BREAKFAST AT MANTRA SALT
2nd: POCKET DIRT MINI BIKE
3rd: VISA DEBIT GIFT CARD WORTH $500 – courtesy of SOUTHERN CROSS CREDIT UNION / ALLIANZ INSURANCE
4th: ASUS NETBOOK
5th: APPLE iPOD TOUCH 8gb

The class that raises the most money wins a pizza party and the family that raises the most money wins an Apple iPod touch or a prize of equal value.

Money raised through the Monster Raffle will be used to fund an array of projects in our school. Your support in selling tickets would be greatly appreciated.

$2.00 per ticket

**DRAVEN:FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2012.**

2:15pm – School Assembly – Sacred Heart Parish Hall
SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION

Retreat Day – Tuesday 28th August
Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday 28th August
Over the last few weeks, students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation have attended Confirmation liturgies during the weekend masses.
This weekend the Confirmation candidates will receive a final blessing from Father David Gilbey.
Next Tuesday, 28th August the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church.
Children are invited to attend Children’s liturgy in the hall during the weekend masses. If you have any questions regarding details for this Sacrament please contact Mrs Dixon.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER and the force of FAITH. . .
To live in SERVICE, to LOVE, with all your heart and to let God lead you, always.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – TRUTHFULNESS

What is Truthfulness?
Truthfulness means your words and actions are full of truth. Telling the truth means you don’t tell lies, even to protect yourself or anyone else.
You show people who and what you are without exaggerating to impress them or trying to look like something you are not.
Truthfulness is knowing the difference between what is real and what is fantasy. You can have them both, but you do not mix them up.
Being true to yourself is living by your true nature, being your true self.

BIRTHDAYS:
Finn Byrnes, Layla Falkner, Chloe Brawley, Indiana Nuspan, Bryson Buch, Charlie Eady, Josephine Bruggy, Izaac O’Keefe, Noah Smith, Sienna Smith, Charli Miller-Smylie, Georgia Felton,

SACRED HEART PARISH

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
Wednesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 6:00 pm Sacred Heart (Children’s liturgy)
Sunday 8:00 am Sacred Heart (Children’s liturgy)
10:00am 1st Uki
2nd & 4th OLPS – St M’bah
3rd Burringbar

Term 3 Stage Masses
Middle School – Friday 24th August- 12.00
Kinder Liturgy- Wednesday 5th Sept.-9.30
Stage 2 Mass- Friday 7th Sept- 12.00
Stage 1 Mass- Friday 14th Sept-12.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION

Year 6 Religious Education Test
Recently our Year 6 Students participated in a Religious Education test conducted in all Catholic Schools across the Diocese.
We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students on their great results.


There were also a large number of students who received credits certificates. Well done to all these students.
SCHOOL NEWS

HEAD LICE
Several cases of head lice have been reported recently. Classes of the students concerned are informed in writing in relation to the infestation and are asked to carry out the following steps:

- All children in the family need to be checked that day and treatment carried out if necessary.
- If headlice are present, they will need to be treated and all signs of the louse and eggs must be removed before the child/ren can return to school.

It is most important that all families are diligent in this matter as it will reduce the possibility of further reinfestation. It is most important that all children are encouraged not to play with each other’s hair, as well as wearing a hat other than their own.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher interviews are an important component of our Reporting to Parents Policy and they strengthen the notion of ‘Partnership’ between home and school for your child’s education. Parent/Teacher interviews are being conducted:

- Week 8 (3rd—7th September) Stage 2 & Middle School Classes
- Week 9 (10th —14th September) Infant Classes

Notes to select Parent/Teacher interview Times will be distributed over the coming weeks.

‘QUICKSMART’ MATHS
Quicksmart is a support program that has been developed by a research team from the SiMMER—National Centre at the University of New England. It focuses on the numeracy learning needs of students in the middle years. The aim of the program is that it helps students to better know and understand basic number facts. It is essentially a practice program to support students ‘speed up’ their basic skills in numeracy.

Twelve Year 5 students are grouped in pairs and work with the Quicksmart instructor, Mrs Alice Withers. Mrs Withers ensures the Quicksmart program is a positive, motivating learning experience for these students. The students are to be commended on their enthusiasm and commitment to this 30 week program. Below are some student responses to Quicksmart.

‘I believe Quicksmart is the best… if you’re having a bad run with the cards your partner will encourage you then you can do better next time’ Matthew Mullington
‘Quicksmart is fun but at the same time it’s helping me learn my tables and improve in subtraction’ Tarvah Nottle
‘Quicksmart is awesome and it helps me to learn my maths’ Tom Mumford
‘Quicksmart is helping me at take away and timetables. It is inspiring…’ Zali Zuschke
‘I really like going to Quicksmart. It’s helping me with my maths and to get faster with my tables’ Lilli Oniper
‘Quicksmart is making me quick at tables and it’s fun’ Kiara McCarthy
‘I think that Quicksmart helps me to improve a great deal in my maths and it’s a great program’ Josie Bruggy
‘I think that Quicksmart is a wonderful program in this school and it helped me with my timetables and problem solving’ Maddy Northeast

NAIDOC WEEK—INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION
A big thank you to everyone for your generous support of our Book Sale for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation of which we raised $70.00. Thank you also to Brooke Saddler and Erin Van Amstel for organising this worthwhile event. Jenny Cantrill

TWEED CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students who represented Mt St Patrick Primary at the Tweed Catholic Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition.

**Section: EARLY STAGE 1**
- HANNAH MILLAR ‘Houses’
- LILY CRONLY ‘Food In Space’

**Section: STAGE 1**
- FINN BYRNES ‘Snoring’
- ELIZABETH WARNE ‘Soccer’

**Section: STAGE 2**
- LLOYD McVEIGH ‘Pigs’
- JOSEPH WARNE ‘Pirates’

**Section: STAGE 3**
- HARRISON SMITH ‘Stuff’
- KEELEY-LOUISE DICKINSON ‘Coal Seam Gas’

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Father’s Day stall will be held on: Thursday 30th August. All gifts will be $7.00.
Thank you to the Parent Reps from Year 1D for their coordination of the Father’s Day stall.
WEEK 4 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER M - Ava Price
KINDER P – Lily Cronly
YEAR 1 D – Nathan Willis
YEAR 1 T – Ebony Northeast
YEAR 2 D - Layla Falkner
YEAR 2 P – Isabella Dusi
STAGE 2C- Aidan Willis
STAGE2H- Sarah Hill
STAGE2M- Angus Macfarlane
MS F- Harrison Smith
MS M- Bailey Engler
MS S- Angus Stratton
MS W- Isabelle Macfarlane

MOST IMPROVED

KINDER M - Jude Livermore
KINDER P – Harrison Bugg
YEAR 1 D – Indigo Barter
YEAR 1 T - Blake Cracknell
YEAR 2 D – Cormack Flannery
YEAR 2 P – Keirsten Roach
STAGE2C – Indiana Nuspan
STAGE2H- Kaylin Harris
STAGE2M- Lloyd McVeigh
MS F- Madele Northeast
MS M- Sylvia Mair
MS S- Sophie Stoneman
MS W— Charlotte Morosini

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS- Rosie Ludlow
STAGE 2 - Zackery Ryan
MIDDLE SCHOOL– Jacob Pedlow

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

INFANTS –Noah Carroll, Lola Eady
STAGE 2– Ella Buch, Eden Davison
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Yasmin Charilaou, Callum Moss

PRINCIPAL AWARD

KM: Finlay Purnell
KP: Hazel Cunningham
1D: Lakota Barter, Joseph Colnan, April Parnaby, Mitchell Grossman, Sophie Bruhn
2P: Charli Miller-Smylie, Drae Darragh, Rosie Ludlow, Charlie Gibons
ST2C: Emily Ward, Siennah Nottle, Mariah Ouwerling, Olivia Ryan
ST2H: Bryson Buch, Melia Loveridge, Georgia Felton
ST2 M: Patrick Wilkinson, Imogen Sykes
MS-M: Tarvah Nottle
MS-S: Zane Zuschke, Chloe Donald
WEEK 5 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- KINDER M: Morgan Berger
- KINDER P: Charlie Toms
- YEAR 1 D: Nathan Pryke
- YEAR 1 T: Danny Madden
- YEAR 2 D: Tyler Hanrahan
- YEAR 2 P: Max Morton-Rowthorne
- STAGE 2C: Jayden Woodward
- STAGE 2H: Elise Lack
- STAGE 2M: Corey Grossman
- MS F: Maxine Sutton
- MS M: Eden Folkers
- MS S: Jackson Rohweder
- MS W: Rose Malouf

MOST IMPROVED

- KINDER M: Sienna Reid
- KINDER P: Logan McGilvery
- YEAR 1 D: Sophie Bruhn
- YEAR 1 T: Ebony Northeast
- YEAR 2 D: Bella Sutton
- YEAR 2 P: Drae Darragh
- STAGE 2C: Chloe Brawley
- STAGE 2H: Jya Fing
- STAGE 2M: Chloe Hilcoat
- MS F: Alex Flannery
- MS M: Shenaii Matlock
- MS S: Isobela Davis
- MS W: Felicity Guinea

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

- INFANTS: Hannah Millar
- STAGE 2: Ella Buch
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: Marshall Peach

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

- INFANTS: James Nimmo, Amanita Hoffman-Barnaby
- STAGE 2: Evie Falkner, Neave Butler
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: Aidan McDonald, Abigail Stratton

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Nick Shields, Neave Butler, Brayden Andrew

PRINCIPAL AWARD

- KM: Jude Livermore
- KP: Lily Cronly, Ned Rogers, Kaitlyn Antonelli
- 1D: Jamie Cotelli, Jorja Smith, Kyan Rech
- 1T: Mahli Coyne, Phoebe Sykes
- 2D: Shayah Coyne
- 2P: Lucy Jones, Abbey Bevan
- St2H: Sarah Hill
- MS F: Lewis Hancock
- MS S: Jesse Gatt, Hope Andrew
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) - WRITING ASSESSMENT
Recently selected students from Stage 2 & Middle School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS Writing Assessment. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit and Distinction. Congratulations to the following students:

DISTINCTION (Top 10% of participants in NSW)

CREDIT (Next 25% of participants in NSW)
Allish Eppelstun, Amelie McInerney, Codie Chung, Matilda Nimmo, Connor Pearson, Maxine Sutton, Isaac Walford, Tealeah Lesleighter, Webb Lilllis & Erin van Amstel

NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK 2012
National Literacy & Numeracy Week (27th Aug—4th Sept) represents a collaborative approach by the Australian Government and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a specific focus on school aged children.

Planned Activities for National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Middle School students will be visiting, Look! The art of Australian picture books today, a touring exhibition of original artworks from Australia’s most accomplished children’s book illustrators that will be on display at the Tweed River Art Gallery. Created and toured by the State Library of Victoria, Look! includes 112 artworks by leading Australian illustrators including Shaun Tan, Graeme Base, Bob Graham, Gregory Rogers, Ann James, Leigh Hobbs, Ron Brooks and Frané Lessac.

Student across the school will be participating in READ FOR AUSTRALIA on Wednesday 29th August. Teachers will also be sharing their favourite books with the students.

Mathletics Commonwealth Bank Challenge
We have also registered in the Mathletics Challenge on the 4th-5th of September.

All details on the Mathletics website.

Mathletics Awards 6th To 12th August
Gold Certificates
Matteo McDermott
Jayden Woodward, Zane Patience, Annalise Mackie, Quinn Willis, Anna Smith,

Silver Certificates
Ellie Cunningham, Coby Lewis, Lewis Hancock, Nicholas Bergamin, Zane Zuschke, Bailey Engler, Isaac Bergamin, Grace Eady, Matthew Colnan, Patrick Gray, Thomas Littlewood, Paris Ludlow, Imogen Sykes, Areana Twohill, Caleigh Kennedy, Charlie Priest, Ena Mitchell, Anthea Warne, Vance Madden, Eva McDonald, Matilda Jones, Joseph Warne

13th to 19th August
Silver Certificates
Sarah Guinea, Tallis Deale, Zane Zuschke, Ashley Hazzard, Matthew Colnan, Patrick Gray, Areana Twohill, Caleigh Kennedy, Charlie Priest, Ena Mitchell, Keeley- Louise Dickinson, Zane Burke, Anthea Warne, Codie Chung, Genevieve Spencer

Bronze Certificate
Tarvah Lee Nottle, Brodie Palmer, Bronte Simpson- Hay, Fianna Wilkinson, Isabelle Woodford, Shennii Matlock, Jai Kussrow, Charlie Browning, Coby Lewis, Drew Clarke, Lewis Hancock, Millyka Sharp, Bailey Engler, Eden Davison, Zane Patience, Nicholas Buchanan, Thomas Littlewood, Imogen Sykes, Aidan McDonald, Annalise Mackie, Andrew Ridgway, Cecilia Ryan, Hayley Smith, Kaitlyn Harris, Wren Phelan, Jye Kane, Matteo McDermott, Sienna Nottle, Angus Macfarlane, Matilda Jones, Ivy Morton- Rowthorne, Matilda Nimmo, Nicholas Ratcliff, Joseph Warne

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MATHLETES OF THE WEEK
Patrick Gray, Tayla Slater, Darcy Hannah
Caleigh Kennedy, Aidan McDonald, Zane Patience, Luke Bagnall
(Pictured from top photo left to right)

Special Achievement Awards
Cecilia Ryan, Wraith Dare, Charlie Priest, Elise Lock, Zane Burke
(Pictured from bottom photo left to right)
SPORT NEWS

MILO BLAST INTO CRICKET GALA DAY
Many Middle school students enjoyed a day at the cricket last week. The website below is a contact if any students are interested in playing cricket. Cricket is also one of the primary elective choices.

PRIMARY ELECTIVE SPORT CHOICES
The primary students will receive an elective nomination form tomorrow. It is important that the forms are signed by parents and returned immediately to enable me to confirm the bookings.

TOTAL FOOTBALL ACADEMY (Soccer)
Total Football Academy will be running an after school soccer program again in term 4 at Mt St Patrick Primary. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration on 9th October.
During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Start date 15th October, Kindergarten – Year 4, 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643

FREE TENNIS LESSONS
For kids looking for a great sport to play this summer. Come try tennis, the game for a lifetime! Free 3 week intro programme with TA Qualified Coaches. When: starting Friday 24th August. 3.30-4.15pm
Where: MBah Tennis Club, Knox Park. Ages 4-14 years: for more info or to secure a spot contact Head Professional Brandon Rowe 0400 403323/ email: bprovew68@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

NSW ORAL HEALTH
Provides free dental treatment to all children under 18 years of age who are NSW residents. There are two public dental clinics in the region, located at the Tweed Heads Hospital and East Murwillumbah Public School. To make an appointment for your child please call 1300 651 625. Our clinics also accept the teen dental vouchers.

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DAFFODIL DAY: Friday 24 August 2012 you can help us Grow Hope and beat cancer. Every day, around 300 Australians are told they have a life-threatening cancer. The Daffodil symbolises rebirth and new beginnings. Daffodil Day is an opportunity to grow hope and make a difference. You can make a difference! Cancer Council NSW would like to invite you to volunteer for Daffodil Day on Friday 24 August 2012. We have 60 sites across the Far North Coast Hours are flexible and can be within school hours ASSEMBLIES TERM 3

Week 6 Kinder M (Miss Mackney’s class) Week 7 Kinder P (Miss Powell’s class) & Monster Raffle Week 8 Mt St Patrick Has Talent
Week 9 NO Assembly due to Gala Sports Day Stage2 & MS Week 10 No Assembly
* NB: Week 9 (Sept 14th) Year 1D Assembly has been changed to Term 4 due to Gala Sports Day

ZONE FOOTBALL FINAL (Soccer)
Well done to our school football team who played in the Zone final on Monday. Unfortunately the team was beaten on the day by St. James, Banora Point. The score was 2—1. The team is to be commended on the way they have performed during the preliminary rounds and their sportsmanship throughout. Thank you also to our football coach Mr John Forrester for his work with

OUR OWN WORLD CHAMPIONS !!!
Mr & Mrs Forrester recently competed in the World Dragon Boat Club Crew Racing Championships in HONG KONG. They were both part of the victorious crew that won the 200m and 500m small boat, over 50’s mixed crews championships.
Cheryl and John had previously competed and were successful at both the Queensland and Australian Championships.

TWEED COAST JUNIOR TOUCH
Sign on—Friday August 31st and September 7th at the Casuarina Rugby Fields 4:30 p.m. to 6:00pm. Competition starts on October 5th. Cost $65 incl. shirt and insurance. Rego forms available online at www.tweedcoastjnr.touch.asn.au

IT’S SUMMER
IT HAS TO BE CRICKET
WITH YOUR FRIENDS

This summer we’re looking for the next generation of bowlers, batsmen and catchers. There’s lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre. Sign up now with your local club or find out more at playcricket.com.au
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