DearParents,
Itdoesn't seem that long ago I was bidding you farewell as I embarked on my Principal'sSabbatical leave. During the time I was away I was fortunate enough to participate in andexperience some truly memorable and life changing events.
Firstly I attended a conference in Italy—"Future of Education" which analysed thedifficulties and challenges that the European countries are facing with respect to education.I visited numerous schools and spoke to many educators regarding what they perceived asbest practice within their schools.
I travelled to Spain (Manresa) and traced the steps of St Ignatius, in particular focusing onthe Spiritual Exercises developed by him in 1522.
Whilst in Ireland I visited St Bridget’s Primary School at Middleton, County Cork and I am inthe process of establishing a sister school relationship with them. St Bridget’s was alsofounded by the Presentation Sisters and I believe the students from both schools could shareand exchange much information. I also visited Ballygriffin, the birth place of Nano Nagle thefounder of the Presentation Order.
Certainly one of the highlights of my leave was the journey made to County Mayo, thehome of Croagh Patrick—Mt St Patrick. I did managed to climb the mountain (see below—photo as evidence!!!). At the top of the Mountain is a small chapel—chapel of St Patrick.
Although on the other side of the world my thoughts and prayers were with the studentsand all associated with this wonderful school community. We have so much to be proud of,somuch to be thankful for and importantly so much to celebrate!
In my absence my thanks are extended to Mr Brendan Ryan (Acting Principal) and MrsCarolyn Waugh (Acting Assistant Principal) for the wonderful job that they did.
I would also like to thank all families who have responded to our School Review andDevelopment surveys that were issued last term. The survey results were collated by theschool and at our most recent Staff Development Day these were reviewed and discussed.
In the next newsletter I will give you detailed feedback regarding these findings.
It is great to be back and I am sure we are all looking forward to the term ahead.
Regards,
Brian Laybutt (PRINCIPAL)

MR WAYNE CURRAN
Mr Wayne Curran was Principal at Mt St Patrick Primary School from 1984—1993. Sadly he passed away, peacefully, on the 4th July. Mr Curran will be remembered in many ways especially through our school song that he wrote and we now sing each Friday at our school Assembly. Our Prayers and thoughts are extended to the Curran family.
SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If your child is baptised Catholic and is in Year 2 or above they are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. A parent evening will be held on Tuesday 31st July. Information regarding this will be sent home this week.

CONFIRMATION

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 31st July
Inscription Ceremony – 4th and 5th August
Retreat Day – Tuesday 28th August
Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday 28th August

Altar Service Training

Altar Service is a special ministry within the Church and will require children to attend training sessions. These training sessions will continue throughout Term 3. If your child is interested in this please contact Mrs Dixon.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – RESPECT

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MONSTER RAFFLE

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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.

PRIZES

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

$2.00 per ticket
DRAWN: FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2012.
2:15pm – School Assembly – Sacred Heart Parish Hall

NEW SRC TERM 3 & 4

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their fellow classmates to be their SRC representative for this Semester. These students will support our current School Captains and Vice-Captains with their leadership responsibilities.

- MS F - Kalindi Lathouras St2C – Joseph Warne
- MS M – Luke Bagnall St2H – Matilda Nimmo
- MS S – Harris McLean St2M – Madeleine Hill
- MS W – Felicity Guinea

The SRC students will be presented with their badges at our Assembly this week Thank you to our SRC students from Semester 1 for their commitment and hard work to the role.

ASSEMBLIES TERM 3

(Assemblies commence at 2:15pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall)

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STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

A reminder that all student portfolios were due back to school last Friday. If your child has not returned their portfolio could this be returned ASAP.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS TERM 3

Our lunchtime clubs will operate again in Term 3. Clubs available during lunchtime include:

Monday: ZUMBA  Tuesday: GARDENING CLUB  Wednesday: CHOIR  Thursday: CRAFT  Friday: GUITAR
IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR REMAINDER OF 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

For a full list of important school dates and events please refer to our School Moodle calendar

Term 3

- **Monday 30th July**
  - Parent Forum Meeting
  - ICAS English
- **Tuesday 31st July**
  - Writers Festival—attended by selected Stage 2 & MS students
- **Friday 3rd August**
  - Diocesan Athletics
- **Tuesday 14th August**
  - ICAS Maths
- **Thursday 16th August**
  - Tweed Public Speaking Competition—Twin Towns
- **Saturday 25th August**
  - Banana Festival ‘Favourite Classic TV Shows’ Theme
- **Tuesday 28th August**
  - Sacrament of Confirmation
- **Thursday 30th August**
  - Father’s Day Stall
- **Friday 31st August**
  - Monster Raffle drawn
- **Monday 3rd – Friday 7th September**
  - Stage 2 & Middle School Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 7th September**
  - Mt St Patrick Has Talent Assembly
- **Monday 10th – Friday 14th September**
  - Infants Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Monday 17th – Thursday 20th September**
  - Middle School Excursion - Brisbane / Sunshine Coast
- **Friday 21st September**
  - Last day Term 3

Term 4

- **Monday 8th October**
  - Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday 9th October**
  - Students 1st day Term 4
- **Saturday 20th October**
  - Father / Son Camp
- **Monday 22nd October**
  - Parent Forum Meeting
- **Friday 2nd November**
  - Grandparents Day
- **Monday 12th November**
  - Kinder 2013 Orientation Day
- **Tuesday 13th November**
  - Kinder 2013 Orientation Day
- **Saturday 24th November**
  - Sacred Heart Parish Tableau
- **Friday 30th November**
  - Primary Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday 11th December**
  - **Primary Classes** Presentation Evening
- **Thursday 13th December**
  - Year 6 Treat Day
- **Friday 14th December**
  - Orientation Day Years 1 – 6 2013 new students to MSPP
- **Monday 17th December**
  - **Infant Classes** Presentation morning & End of Term Treat Day
- **Tuesday 18th December**
  - Graduation Mass & Student Reports distributed

**BANANA FESTIVAL  Saturday 25th August**

This year the theme for the Banana Festival is ‘FAVOURITE TV CLASSIC SHOWS’. Mt St Patrick Primary has a proud tradition of participating in this event and this year is no exception. We will need lots of students ready to represent our school in the Street Parade. So put Saturday 25th August in your diary. Further details will be provided over the coming weeks.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM – LOST PROPERTY**

Please ensure all uniform items are labelled with student’s name.

A large number of school uniform items have accumulated in our Lost Property crates (located outside new Primary toilets – basement). Many items have not been labelled with a student’s name and consequently it is difficult to return the item to its rightful owner. Lost property items without any student name will be collected fortnightly form our Lost Property crates will be forwarded onto our Second Hand School Uniform Shop. These items will be washed and re-sold.
MT ST PAT’S HAS GOT TALENT

WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF OUR INAUGURAL MT ST PAT’S HAS GOT TALENT ASSEMBLY
MT ST PAT’S IS LOOKING FOR STUDENTS WHO CAN SING, DANCE, MIME, JUGGLE, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, PERFORM MAGIC TRICKS, ACT, PLAY IN A BAND, BE A COMEDIAN etc.

TO ENTER YOU MUST FIRST NOMINATE: NOMINATIONS CLOSE 3rd AUGUST
Students can nominate in a maximum of two acts. Nominations are to be given to the SRC members at lunchtime.

AUDITIONS
Auditions will commence from Wednesday 8th August. Students (acts) will be informed of their Audition time. These will take place in the school hall at lunchtimes.

PERFORMANCE
After the auditions, certain acts will be selected and asked to perform at a school assembly – 7th SEPTEMBER

BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL—MEET THE AUTHORS PROGRAM
On Tuesday 31st July selected students from Stage 2 and Middle School will be invited to meet some well known Australian children’s authors. This year the students have the opportunity to meet:

‘Andy Griffiths & Isobelle Carmody’

Student’s who were selected to attend received permission notes last week. These notes need to be returned to school by Thursday 26th July with $5 enclosed.

STORY DOGS
Story Dogs is starting this Term at Mt St Patrick Primary. Selected students from Year 2 have the opportunity to participate in the Story Dogs program. Story Dogs is a fun and unique reading support program that encourages children’s reading and communication skills by children reading to a trained companion dog and its handler.

Pictured is Lola Eady with parent and Story Dogs handler Sally Vobr and her dog ‘Emie’

CLASS CONTACT LIST
We are currently updating our Class Contact list for Term 3. If you are a new family to our school or did not have your family name included at the beginning of the year – but would now like to have your family name added – please complete details below. Updated lists will be distributed in Term 3.

I wish to have my contact details included on the Class Contact List and I give permission for it to be distributed to other parents within my child’s class.

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Welcome back to another busy term in sport!

**PSSA Rugby**
Congratulations to Webb Lillis who represented Polding at the most recent PSSA Rugby Carnival held in Forbes. A wonderful achievement in reaching this level—a *future Waratah in the making!!!!*

**PSSA Cross Country**
Congratulations to Clara Withers for her excellent achievement in the State cross country last week.

**Diocesan Athletics**
25 students have been training in preparation for the Diocesan Athletics carnival next week in Lismore.

**Primary Sport**
Primary students will participate in a mini team sport competition this term for sport. This will develop their skills in a variety of sports and will encourage team work as well.

Various skills development sessions have been organised for this term.

**ES1 & St1 Sport**
Sport will consist of hand eye coordination skills in game situations. They will also practise for the Infant Athletics Carnival which will be held at St Joseph on September 19th. Information will be sent home once details have been

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**


**Cancer Council**
Cancer Council is Australia’s peak cancer control organisation and invests approximately $50m a year into research into the causes of cancer, prevention and improved treatments. By volunteering to sell fresh daffodils and merchandise on behalf of Cancer Council NSW, you can help raise these necessary funds and provide support for the 1 in 2 Australians affected by cancer.

For more information contact Kellie Pinkerton, Cancer Council NSW - Far North Coast, Ph: 02 6627 0303 or kelliep@nswcc.org.au or visit the website www.daffodilday.com.au

**BIRTHDAYS:**
Lachlan van Amstel, Noah Carroll, Hannah Whitney, Melia Loveridge, Darcy Hannah, Matilda Jones, Ashley Hazzard, Felicity Guinea, Cassidy Baker.

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**Garden Club Term 3**
Garden Club is up and running for Term 3. We are excited to announce that next Wednesday 1st August from 8:20am we will be having another vegie garden sale. Our garden is springing with beetroot, carrots and parsley. If there are any families that would like to donate a small amount of produce to help us raise more funds to maintain our garden we would greatly appreciate it. Any donations please let Miss Crouch know so we can plan to include them in our sale.

Thanks for your support,

Miss Crouch and the Garden Club

**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

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**SPORT NEWS**

**WE WANT YOUR COLES DOCKETS!!!!!!**
Our collection box is in the school foyer.. please ask your neighbours, friends, relatives to save their docket for Mt St Pat’s!!