FATHER / SON CAMP

This Saturday we will be conducting our annual Father / Son overnight camp. The camp will be held on Saturday 20th October at 2954 Kyogle Rd, Kunghur. Arrival time 2—3p.m. departure time 9—10a.m. Although there is no restrictions as to the age of the boys attending they must however attend Mt St Patrick Primary School. The cost of the overnight camp will be $10 per person ($25 for three or more). Families will need to bring a tent, sleeping gear, food/drink, knives /forks etc. Basically enough to get you through two meals and one night!!!!

Dear Parents,
Welcome to Term 4.
On the first day of this term the staff participated in a Staff Development Day that focused on the new Australian Curriculum. The phase in period of this curriculum for Catholic Schools in the Lismore Diocese will be ENGLISH & SCIENCE in 2014 and MATHEMATICS & HISTORY in 2015. The timeline for the other subjects has yet to be determined. Certainly next year the school will endeavour to inform you of the developments as they take place, this will include parent information nights. The new syllabus will result in changes to the actual content of what is being taught but more importantly it promotes a change into the way we teach (pedagogical approach to teaching).

In the last week of Term 3 our Year 3 & Year 5 students received their NAPLAN results. The school in all areas performed at either the same or above the National Average. Over the next weeks the staff will be analysing these results from both an individual and school perspective. This includes contacting the College and tracking the performance of the Yr. 7 students who attended Mt St Patrick Primary last year. NAPLAN is a “one off” assessment and should be viewed this way. The results of this assessment should read in conjunction with other external results (e.g. ICAS writing, spelling, mathematics) and the classroom teachers assessments. By doing this you will receive a more global understanding of your child’s academic performance.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the school will participate in the final stage of the School Review and Development process. To recap, in Term 2 all families (students Yr. 5 & 6) were invited to complete surveys which pertained to school performance and asked for comment about the school. This information was collated and shared with staff. The staff then completed a self review of the school. The information from all stakeholders was reviewed and a subsequent draft 5 year strategic plan was drawn up. This draft strategic plan will be presented to a Review Committee. To quantify the data collected the committee will interview staff / students / parents, and provide the school with feedback. Once this is received the school will then present the 5 Year Strategic Plan to the school community. This plan provides a blue print into the future directions of the school. I thank all those who have participated in this process.

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

BRIAN LAYBUTT (PRINCIPAL)
**SAVE THE DATE!**

The 2012 Annual Christmas Carnival and Tableau will be held on SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER. Please put this date in your calendars. The Christmas Carnival & Tableau is a wonderful community occasion, which provides a memorable start to the festive season.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**
- Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
- Wednesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
- Thursday 9.15am OLPS, Sth M'Bah
- Friday 12.00noon 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 – Sth M'bah
- 3rd Burringbar

**PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MT.ST.PATRICK HSC STUDENTS**

Prayer Sponsors have been proposed for the Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College during their HSC exams. A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person at specific times with a specific intention in mind. Knowing that someone is praying for you at a difficult time is a source of great strength and consolation.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student from Mt St. Patrick College, please phone during office hours in the next few weeks (66722340), and leave your name and name of student (if specific student wanted) with Lisa or Jan at the office.

The following prayer may be of use.

`Today I wish to remember _________________________ from Mount St. Patrick College.`

`During her/his HSC Exams, give them the strength to complete the exams to the best of her/his ability. Help them to remain calm and to think and write clearly so that they remember the things which they have learned and studied. Give them the opportunity to show what they know and to have acceptance of her/his efforts after the exam. Fire up in them the determination of St. Paul who ran the good race till the end and who proclaimed 'If God is for us who can be against".`

We pray this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES**

At Mt St Patrick Primary we are proud of the Social Justice initiatives we take to ensure our children get a broad view of the life of other children around the country, world which may be very different to their own. We are encouraged to share our good fortune to improve the conditions for those in need. Our school supports some major Catholic Charities throughout the year, specifically CARITAS Project Compassion during LENT and Catholic Mission Month in October. To grab interest amongst children, Catholic Mission has a slogan for month ‘SOCKTOBER’ and a catch phrase “Sock it to Hopelessness”. As a regular supporter of this group our school has been invited to be a part of this on Friday 26th October. On Friday 26th October please send your children to school in bright silly socks and bring a gold coin donation to support this cause.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNITS FOR TERM 4**

In Religion this term the stage groups are working on the following toics.

**Middle School**
- 5.6 Creation: A change of Heart
- 5.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time to Prepare and Celebrate

**Stage 2**
- 4.6 One with God’s Creation
- 4.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time for Journeying in Hope

**Stage 1**
- 1.7 Creator God
  - A- In the Beginning
  - B- Sabbath Time
- 1.8 Advent & Christmas
  - A- Mary said “Yes”
  - B- Jesus is Born

**Early Stage 1**
- K.6 God is with us— The Birth of Moses, David
- K.8 Advent & Christmas
  - A- Waiting & Getting Ready
  - B- The Christmas Story

The Virtues programme will continue to run this term. The virtues are as follows - Responsibility, Faithfulness, Caring and Forgiveness. These will be explained further in the fortnightly newsletter.

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK**

**Responsibility**

What is Responsibility? Being responsible means that others can depend on you. Being responsible means to do something well and to the best of your ability. Being responsible is being willing to be accountable for what you do or not do. You accept credit when you do things right (humbly, of course), and you accept correction when things go wrong.

A special note of thanks to the wonderful parents who have assisted us in covering the new To Know, Worship and Love books that have recently arrived. We would like to acknowledge the generous help of the following parents, Sandra Miller, Maxine Ridgway and Emma Butler. We are looking forward to using these books in the classroom and sending the existing books home on a regular basis for homework.
MUM’S NIGHT OUT

Thursday 13th of September saw 30 mums from our School Community get together for our Annual 'Mums night Out' at the Balcony Restaurant Murwillumbah. The evening was absolutely wonderful with a beautiful mix of personalities getting together for a delicious meal & a wine (or 2).

The night, put simply, saw a great bunch of 'girls' having a really fun time. Most of us left at the end of the night having met somebody new from our school community & ALL of us left having had a really great evening in the company of both 'old' & newly-made friends from our school. We've been having these dinners for 6 years now & they are ALWAYS great fun for the ladies who attend. The chatting amongst the tables didn’t stop the WHOLE night & that, together with the different laughter that resonated through the restaurant was just lovely to listen to.

A few lucky door prizes added an element of 'excitement' & 'surprise' to the evening & the beaming smiles on the faces of all the mums who attended was proof that the night was again, a success. Thank you to ALL the mums who attended the evening - we are sincerely pleased that you found the time in your busy lives to take 'time out' for yourself & had such an enjoyable evening.

Until next time,

Kathryn Leslight

MORNING SUPERVISION

A reminder to all parents that teacher supervision commences at 8.20a.m. (half an hour before the commencement of school). The School gates will be opened at this time. Students dropped off before this time cannot and will not be supervised.

TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES

Wk 2 — 19th Oct Year 1 D
Wk 3 — 26th Oct School Band
Wk 4 — 2nd Nov GRANDPARENTS DAY
Wk 5 — 9th Nov ST 2 M
Wk 6 — 16th Nov Year 2 P
Wk 7 — 23rd Nov Year 2 D
Wk 8 — 30th Nov School Band / Choir

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations is extended to:
- Robyn and Peter Fitzpatrick ( & Jarrah Yr. 1T ) on the arrival of their baby girl, “Daisy”.
- Mrs Leah Dowling and her husband Michael on the new arrival of their little girl “Belle”, sister to Harrison.
- We also congratulate one of our past teachers, Mrs Carly Riordan and her husband Joe on the arrival of their first child, a baby girl, “Beni”.

We wish these children a life of great happiness and good health.
The school has been running a lunchtime craft club once a week, many of the craft items made will now be entered into the Murwillumbah Show. In addition to this we are asking for any student who has taken art work home from school and think it is worthy of entering into the Show to bring it in and the school will be more than happy to enter it. To obtain an entry form please see Mrs Trevithick when she is conducting her craft club—Thursday lunchtime. All entries will need to be given into then school by Friday 26th Oct—food / cooking items need to be brought in on Thursday 1st Nov. Remember you cannot enter an item unless you complete an ENTRY form and hand it to Mrs. Trevithick on or before Friday 26th OCT. In addition to this the Show Society has also many other exhibits available for students to enter. Please refer to the following web page for more details: www.murwillumbahshowground.com for more details. Again the school will enter these on your behalf.

Our many thanks is extended to Mrs. Trevithick and Mrs. Markham who have given up many, many lunch breaks to run this club and help the students.
Ahoy there! In week 10 last term, Kindergarten held their very first ‘Pirate Day’. All the children came dressed as pirates ready to talk like a pirate, complete pirate activities and find some treasure. We had a pirate called Captain No Beard come and visit us and teach us some pirate games and how to walk like a pirate. It was a fun-filled day.
ART ENRICHMENT DAYS
Mrs Cheryl Forester will be conducting ART ENRICHMENT classes for some of our talented Middle School Students. As part of the Catholic Schools Enrichment program students from 5 neighbouring Catholic Schools will come to Mt St Patrick Primary for the next three Wednesdays to participate in the program. Other programs offered to date have been a Science and Drama program.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS
Our 2013 kindergarten orientation days will be held on 12th and 13th Nov. Families who have not yet enrolled their “Kindergarten” child need to do so ASAP.

HOMEWORK SUPPORT
Just in case you don't know, there is a free online tutor for local students (Years 4 -12, as well as TAFE and 1st year Uni) who have a Richmond-Tweed Library card. Students can connect from anywhere between 4pm and 8pm Monday to Friday and receive individual conversations from qualified tutors about homework, assignments, exam prep and study questions.

The website is www.yourtutor.com.au
Fiona Casagrande (Family Intake Officer)

GRANDPARENTS DAY
FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
BOOK IT IN !!!!
One of our biggest days of the year is Grandparents Day.
9.00—11.00a.m. Class Visits
11.00a.m. Morning Tea
11.30—12.15 School Performances – Choir , Band, Guitar Group, Violins etc.
12.15 Class Visits
1.00 Visit Murwillumbah Show (optional)

2013 STAFFING & ENROLMENTS
Interviews for Staffing positions are currently taking place for the 2013 school year. Once all positions have been filled, community notification will be made. It is anticipated that this information will be available in the next newsletter.

With regard to enrolments for next year, the school will definitely have two kindergarten classes and will be increasing the Stage 2 classes from 3 classes to 4 classes. Therefore 14 classes, which is the schools maximum

The building of the new Kindergarten classes should commence in the not to distant future.

With regards to student intake, vacancies for 2013 exist in Kinder, Yr. 1, Yr.2 (2 vacancies) Yr.3 /4 ( because of the extra class, vacancies exist), Yr. 5 & 6 both have waiting lists!

YR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY
On Thursday our Yr. 6 students will be attending the Yr. 7 Mt St Patrick College Orientation Day. On the same day the Yr. 5 students will be going to CRAM'S FARM for a LEADERSHIP DAY. This is day 1 of a two day program.

The days will be focusing on leadership skills, resilience, “buddy support”, bullying and working as a team members. This is a new initiative introduced this year.
FOOTBALL CLINIC

Last week students from Kinder through to Middle School were able to participate in a Soccer Clinic run by the “Football Academy”. This was a demonstration lesson as a six week after school clinic will be run at the school each Monday afternoon. For further details either contact the Football Academy directly or Mrs. Markaham.

Kinder, Yr. 1. & Yr.2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

The K, Yr.1 & Yr. 2 Intensive Program will be again run this year. Students from these classes will participate in a 2 week program, whereby they will go swimming each day. The program will run from Mon 3rd Dec through to Fri. 14th Dec.

ELECTIVE SPORT

Elective sport for primary students began this week. It is important that the students come prepared for their sport each week. Girls may change into black or navy shorts at lunch time.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIAL

The Zone Summer Sport Trials will be held on Thursday 25th October. Information will be sent home to the relevant students in Year 4 and 5 as soon as the trials are finalised.

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Nomination forms for the primary swimming carnival at the end of November have been sent home. As this is also the consent form for swimming in weeks 7 and 8 as well as for carnival, all forms need to be returned. If your child is a competent 50m swimmer in Year 2, please request a nomination form.

It would be greatly appreciated if you were able to assist for the competitive part of the carnival.

Dear Agnes

I am able to assist at the primary swimming carnival on 30th November as:

[ ] starter [ ] timekeeper [ ] place judge
[ ] point score [ ] recorder

Signed _______________________ Child ____________________ Class ______

BIRTHDAYS

Sienna Reid, Jack Devoy, Jarrah Fitzpatrick, Lara-Grace Ewing, Spencer Leslight, Lincoln Taylor, Ellis Hannah, Joseph Warne, Amelie McInerney, Angus MacFarlane, Connor Pearson, Darcy Reinke, Madeleine Northeast, Maxine Sutton, Connah Mills, Coby Lewis, Harris McLean, Yasmin Charilou

BURRINGBAR TOUCH FOOTBALL COMP

Individual and Team SIGN - ON Friday 12th and 19th October at Burringbar Sports Club from 5pm to 7pm. Comp Starting Friday 26th October Sub Junior Comp Ages 7 and younger Junior Comp Ages 7 - 10 Youth Comp Ages 10 - 14 Enquiries Dave: 6677 1088 (BH) 6677 0207 (AH) Great Family Fun every Friday with Dinner and Drinks available.
Mt St Pats – After School Care and Vacation Care
Rachael De Groot – Director
Phone: 02 66744487