Dear Parents,

Last Saturday the Parish Tableau was held on the school grounds. The Tableau was a wonderful success and a true reflection of the vibrancy and enthusiasm of our school community.

Such an event takes a great deal of planning and organisation. I would like to thank all of those who assisted with the Saturday morning setting up and those who attended the Sunday morning “pack” up. The response to both was fantastic which meant it was all done in a few hours. Also a big thank you to those parents who volunteered to run the various stalls and those who worked behind the scenes in repairing costumes, picking up items, making deliveries etc.

Specifically I would like to thank Paul Leslight who convened this years carnival. His commitment to the process, hard work and enthusiasm not only enabled the carnival to go ahead this year, but was instrumental in its overall success. A FANTASTIC job, thank you Paul!!

To the staff at Mt St Patrick Primary who gave numerous hours preparing the students for the tableau, organising costumes and props, getting “dunked” and working behind the scenes on the night, on behalf of the school community I say thank you! In particular to Mrs Jade Dixon who coordinated the schools involvement, a BIG thank you and congratulations!

Finally to all those who attended and joined in on the night, especially our students, without your attendance and participation the night would not have been as successful. Thank you for your support.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS.
The staff are currently considering changing recess and lunch time breaks at the school for 2013 and beyond. Within this newsletter I have enclosed the proposed “daily” timetable. Importantly I am eager to get your feedback. I have attached a survey sheet for you to complete or alternatively, you can reply electronically via a survey set up on our school web page. I look forward to hearing from you!

As we enter the season of Advent, our excitement builds for the Christmas holiday break. Amidst the gift buying and holiday preparations, we need to be mindful of the true meaning of Christmas as enacted out at the Tableau—the birth of Christ.

Have a great week,
Brian Laybutt
PRINCIPAL
CHRISTMAS CARDS
As Christmas approaches, many students write cards for their friends and distribute these at school. We are asking that the handing out of cards (and associated candy canes, lollies etc) happen after Monday 10th December. We are not discouraging the Christmas Spirit but we are just ensuring that students remain on task and focused.

MINI VINNIES
THE 2012 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

"In every face of despair there lies a face of hope"

Spare a thought for those people who are doing it tough at Christmas. The Mini Vinnies group are having a cake and biscuit stall on Tuesday week 9, at lunchtime, where you can buy lots of yummy cakes and delicious biscuits. Prices are between 50c and $1.00.

All money raised will go towards the Christmas Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity. Every small thing helps to bring a little bit of dignity, comfort and hope to those who need it most this Christmas.

Christmas Gifts
Instead of the children giving Christmas gifts to each other this year we are inviting you to bring a gift wrapped to put under the tree in the school foyer for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. This gift needs to be clearly labelled for a male or female and appropriate age.

SACRED HEART PARISH
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

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK - PATIENCE
Patience is quiet hope and expectation based on trust that, in the end everything will be right. Patience means waiting. It is enduring a delay or troublesome situation without complaining.

It means having self-control because you can’t control the way someone else is acting or when things don’t go as you’d like. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen.

Patience is persevering - sticking with something for as long as it takes to finish it. When you are patient, you know that things take time, just as a seed you plant will someday grow into a flower or a fruit-bearing tree. Patience is a commitment to the future. It is doing something now so that later something good will happen. It is also tolerating all of the things necessary to make it happen. Patience is seeing the end in the beginning - doing what you can and then calmly waiting, with trust that the results will come.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Entry of the Most Holy into the Temple (its name in the East), is a liturgical feast celebrated by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, and Orthodox Churches on 21st November. According to that text, Mary’s parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God.

The Presentation Sisters throughout the world celebrate on this day and continue their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the ministry begun by their Foundress, Nano Nagle.

ADVENT
Advent is the season right before Christmas when, as Christians, we can prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Christ. Because the date of Christmas changes according to the calendar, so does Advent. This year the Advent 2012 season begins on December 2nd, the first Sunday of Advent. During the Advent season it is a time to prepare for Christmas. Begin now to gather the things you need to direct your family’s hearts toward heaven. Let this season of Advent fill your home and your life.

Classes attending Parish masses
Classes have been attending Parish Masses this term. Kinder and the Year 6 buddies attended mass last week.

The last class to attend is Stage 1 at the Sacred Heart Church at 12pm on Friday 30th November. All parents and friends are welcome to join in this celebration.

Feast of Christ the King

Feast of Christ the King, festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic church in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation.

The Feast of Christ the King is a moveable feast. It is celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, which is the last Sunday before Advent starts.

The Feast of Christ the King falls on
MAJOR SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER

Tuesday 11th December

PRIMARY (Years 3-6) PRESENTATION NIGHT @ 6:30PM
The Primary Classes (Year 3 – 6) Presentation Night is the culmination of the 2010 school year. The night will include the presentation of awards as well as performances by Primary class choirs. This evening is held at the MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE. To ensure that uniforms are clean on the day of the Presentation Night students come in Mufti (street clothes). On the night of the Presentation, all students must wear full school uniform. It is a very clear expectation that ALL YEARS 3 - 6 STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS EVENING.

Thursday 13th December

YEAR 6 TREAT DAY
Our Year 6 students will be travelling by bus to the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta Ten Pin Bowling. A permission note will be distributed to all Year 6 students next week outlining details for this day. In line with our 'Discipline Policy’ – any Year 6 students who have not received three detentions this Term, have returned all their Library books & any school sports uniform will be eligible for this excursion.

Friday 14th December

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (Years 1 – 6 only)
All new students to Mt St Patrick Primary in 2012 will be having their Orientation Day. Students will be required to arrive by 8:50am. All students will be attending until 3:15pm. This day allows our new students to familiarise themselves with the school and meet their new classmates.

Monday 17th December

INFANT CLASSES (Kinder – Year 2) PRESENTATION MORNING
The Infant Classes (Kinder – Year 2) Presentation morning will be held in the SACRED HEART PARISH HALL commencing at 9:30am.

Monday 17th December

END OF TERM TREAT DAY
In line with our 'Discipline Policy’ each Term, students who have not received three detentions in one Term will be eligible to attend the ‘End of Term Treat’. This Term, the treat will be held at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre. Students will need to pay for entry to the Pool – if any students have an annual Pass they need to present this on the day to receive free entry to the Pool.

Tuesday 18th December

GRADUATION MASS
Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held in Sacred Heart Parish Church commencing at 12:00pm.

SCHOOL BUS ZONE
Please be aware that stopping and letting children off in a “Bus Zone” carries a significant fine—$297!!! Parents are reminded to use the No Parking Zone (Kiss & Drop) for letting children out of your car. This area allows you to get out of your car and move no more than 3m from the vehicle. If you are unsure please read the signs.

DEPARTING FAMILIES & STUDENTS
If your child will not be re-enrolled at Mt St Patrick Primary School in 2012 (except current Year 6) – please advise the School Office either in writing or by telephone ASAP.

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.

BIRTHDAYS
Ava Price, Riley Bull, Darcy Toms, Charlie Gibbons, Ella Buch, Kobe Spry, Wren Phelan, Vivien Koerner-Straub, Kaytlin Harris, Olivia Newell, Lloyd McVeigh, Imogen Sykes, Jack Prichard, Coogan Cooper, David Macartney
WEEK 6 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KM—Jessica Minahan
KP—Lily Cronly
1D—Mitchell Grossman
1T—Jarrah Fitzpatrick
2D—Bella Sutton
2P—Amber Charilaou
S2C—Riley Engler
S2H—Jye Kane
S2M—Ben Snellgrove
MSF—Jada Langan-Keyte
MSM—Jai Kussrow
MSS—Isaac Bergamin
MSW—Max Bird

MOST IMPROVED

KM—Morgan Berger
KP—Logan McGilvery
1D—Sophie Charman
1T—Danny Madden
2D—Drae Darragh
2P—Charlie Gibbons
S2C—Emily Ward
S2H—Vivien Koerner-Straub
S2M—Madeleine Hill
MSF—Jayden Brown
MSM—Byron Browning
MSS—Nic Bergamin
MSW—Clara Withers

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS—Mahli Coyne
STAGE 2—Grace Eady
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Courtney Slater

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

INFANTS—Elsie Biles
STAGE 2—Kiara McCarthy
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Bronte Simpson-Hay

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Kaitlyn Antonelli
Vance Madden
Bronte Simpson-Hay

PRINCIPAL AWARD

KM: Olivia Adams
1D: Shana Kussrow, Sophie Charman, Nathan Pryke, Joseph Colnan
1T: Georgia Lollback, Millie Davidson
S2H: Jya Fing
MSF: Georgina Moore
MSS: Brandon Ewing, Harris McLean, Nelson Ewing, Daniela Ouwerling

HONOUR AWARDS

Tabitha Stratton, Jya Fing
WEEK 7 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KM—Emmett Stepto
KP—Yvette Lapworth
1D—Evan Buch
1T—Finn Bymes
2D—Layla Falkner
2P—Keirsten Roach
St2C—Lauchlan Andrew
St2H—Jya Fing
St2M—Imogen Sykes
MSM—Zane Burke
MSS—Harris McLean
MSW—Isaac Walford

MOST IMPROVED
KM—Ruby Trueman
KP—Cailey Baker
1D—Cashlin Townsend
1T—Kiana McCabe
2D—Spencer Leslight
2P—Isabella Dusi
St2C—James Draman
St2H—Georgia Felton
St2M—Neave Butler
MSF—Callum Moss
MSM—Charlie Eady
MSS—Hope Andrew
MSW—Anthea Warne

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
INFANTS—Bronte McLean
STAGE 2 - Tommy Littlewood
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Madeleine Northeast

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
INFANTS—Amber Charilaou, Elizabeth Warne
STAGE 2—Melia Loveridge, Evie Falkner
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Caitlin Arhtur, Aidan McDonald

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
James Nimmo, Wren Phelan, Lucas Pearson

PRINCIPAL AWARD
KM: Lily Wolfe, Morgan Berger, Jessica Minahan
KP: Kaitlyn Antonelli, Lily Cronly
1D: Sienna Smith, Nathan Pryke, Cooper Kennedy, Sophie Bruhn, April Parnaby
2P: Charlie Gibbons
St2C: Olivia Flannery, Ella Buch, Aidan Willis
St2H: Sarah Hill, Melia Loveridge
MSM: Brooke Saddler, Zane Burke
MSS: Nic Bergamin, Bronte Simpson-Hay
MSW: Cecilia Ryan, Yasmin Charilaou, Charlie Browning, Felicity Guinea, Mark Jackson

HONOUR AWARD
Olivia Flannery
MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Chloe Hillcoat, Bailey Engler, Thaine Foreman Keenan (Week 6)
Hayley Smith, Zane Burke, Coogan Cooper (Week 7)

MATHLETICS

Awards for week commencing 12th November

Gold Certificate
Matthew Colnan

Silver Certificate
Ellie Cunningham, Lewis Hancock, Zane Zuschke, Arena Twohill, Eva McDonald

Bronze Certificates
Byron Browning, Drew Clarke, Bailey Engler, Ashley Hazzard, Eden Davison, Grace Eady, Zane Patience, Patrick Grey, Imogen Sykes, Ena Mitchell, Harrison Myler, Cecilia Ryan, Cooper Leslight, Anna Smith, Hayley Smith, Patrick Wilkinson, Lachlan Andrew, Ella Buch, Jya Fing, Olivia Flannery, Connor Pearson, Matilda Jones, Ava McLean

Awards for week commencing 19th November

Silver Certificates
Eden Davison, Grace Eady, Paris Ludlow, Imogen Sykes, Anna Smith, Matteo McDermott, Ivy Morton-Rowthorne

Bronze Certificates
Fynn Campbell, Isabelle Woodford, Charlie Browning, Lewis Hancock, Tallis Deale, Matthew Colnan, Quinn Willis, Rose Malouf, Harrison Myler, Cecilia Ryan, Anthea Warne, Katie McCarthy, Lachlan Andrew, Ella Buch, Angus Macfarlane, Ben Snellgrove, Indiana Nuspan, Matilda Jones, Joseph Warne

Australian Mathematical Olympiad Competition 2012

This year Mt St Patrick Primary entered two teams into the competition.

Congratulations to all the students who participated.
The competition consisted of 5 exams over several terms aiming to develop problem solving skills and strategies.
The winner with the highest point score for each team was awarded a trophy.

Congratulations to David Macartney and Luke Bagnell for achieving the highest scores.
Encouragement awards were awarded to Sylvia Mair and Summer Clausen for their enthusiastic approach to the Olympiad program.

Congratulations to David Macartney and Cecilia Ryan for being in the top 25% of the whole competition. A fantastic achievement!

Mathematics Enrichment Days at St James Banora Point

On the first Wednesday of the maths day at St James my favourite activity was the number Sudoku. We had to fill in the gaps and then go and do the next one then figure out the differences to fill in all the other gaps to do the next one. We completed some codes and it was with letters. It was challenging! We also got to sit next to someone else and work with them. We could compare ways of figuring out how to do maths. Aidan McDonald

I especially liked the 3D blocks. We looked at side view and front view, minimum blocks, maximum blocks and variations. Anthea Warne

One activity that we did was mapping. We pretended that we were on a hot air balloon travelling around Australia. We had a maximum of 600km a day and we had to travel to every state. It was heaps of fun learning about different places in Australia. I enjoined the maths enrichment days very much and I learnt so many great things. Cecilia Ryan

The maths day was really fun and I learnt heaps. I learnt more about angles, 3D blocks, mapping and I met heaps of new friends from other schools. Ena Mitchell

My favourite activity was the angles. We had to make our own angles and give them to a partner to answer questions. Some of the questions were very challenging and fun. I enjoyed the days. Ben Champley
SPORT NEWS

**Infants Intensive Swimming Program ‘Swim For Your Life’**

When:  Monday 3rd December – Friday 14th December (Weeks 9 & 10 Term 4)
Cost: $110 for 10 lessons – this includes instructor/pool hire & pool entry fee
(students with Annual Pass pay $85 – for 10 lessons)

**Summer Sport Trials Results**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Tweed Zone teams to compete in the Diocesan trials on 23rd November - Brooke Saddler (touch), Montana Taylor, Ena Mitchell, Jacob Pedlow (tennis), Fletcher Condon (cricket), Anthea & Joseph Warne (softball). The managers’ reports were very positive about the student’s behaviour and participation in the trials.

Congratulations to Anthea and Joseph for their selection in the Diocesan softball teams and Montana, Ena and Jacob for their selection in the Diocesan tennis teams.

**Primary Swimming Carnival**

A note outlining the carnival accompanies the newsletter. HELP! Parent helpers for timekeeping and a starter are still needed for a couple of hours on Friday morning. Please let Agnes know if you are available. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Primary Sport**

Primary students will continue to swim on Monday 3rd December so will need to come prepared. The normal pool entry fees of $2.50 apply.

**SCHOOL LIFT**

Pictured is Codie Chung, being helped into the school lift with Maddy Hill and Anna Smith. Unfortunately, Codie broke her leg recently. Fortunately Codie is able to access all areas of the school via our newly created disabled access paths and school lift!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MUSIC—BRASS LESSONS** There are currently spaces available for Instrumental lessons in trumpet and trombone. The brass teacher is Mr. Dale Norton who teaches each Thursday morning in the music studios at the College. The students will be given a group lesson for 30 minutes for $10 each student each week.

There are brass instruments available for loan—2 trumpets and a trombone—which can be borrowed from the College without a fee for the remainder of the year. For further details contact Dale on 0402 829 884
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