Dear Parents,

Last night the Yrs. 3–6 students had their Presentation Night. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and recognise the outstanding achievements of so many students. Award winners are listed on page 3 of the newsletter. I would like to sincerely thank all those parents and families who supported the school by attending on the night.

Our final newsletter for 2012 allows us to reflect upon the school year. Firstly, thank you to the parent community for your wonderful support throughout the year. Thank you for entrusting us with educating your child. In particular thank you to our School Parish Forum Executive members: Nikki Clarke, Claire Price, Gillian Taylor & Kathryn Leslight for their support throughout the year. Special mention to Paul Leslight who took on the organisation of the Parish Tableau this year, without his energy and enthusiasm the tableau may not have gone ahead!!

I would also like to acknowledge our teaching and support staff, who through their dedication, professionalism and commitment to Catholic Education provide an outstanding environment for effective teaching and learning. In particular those staff that are finishing their time at Mt St Patrick Primary School: Mrs Louise Shirley, Mrs Beth Brooks and Miss Vanessa Crouch. We wish them all the best and thank them for their dedication and hard work.

A special thank you to our wonderful Office staff, who do an exemplary job all year.

Finally we wish all those students who are leaving our school the very best in their future endeavours and trust they will always regard Mt St Patrick as ‘their’ school. Especially to our Year 6 students, we wish to thank them for their leadership through 2012 and we trust that they leave our school with fond memories.

Finally, to all members of our school community we wish you a safe and Holy Christmas. May the New Year bring you great happiness and good health.

Merry Christmas

Brian Laybutt
PRINCIPAL
Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Carnival.
I am writing to thank the Mt St Patrick Primary School community for supporting the Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Carnival. Without the effort of the school staff, students and parents, the Carnival would not be the great success it is.
Special thanks to Mr Brian Laybutt and Mrs Jade Dixon, for your participation as members of the Carnival Co-ordinating Committee. Both of you contributed greatly with enthusiasm, planning ideas, and practical assistance.
Many people help in many different ways, and the parish is grateful to them all, whether they help on a stall or at a working bee, purchasing raffle tickets or donate goods. However, we would very much appreciate your passing on particular thanks to the following people:
- Mrs Jade Dixon who produced the Tableau, and the staff members who assisted and supported her in this. The Tableau was excellent, and we are aware it involves many rehearsals and other work in organising the choir and students on Carnival night. Special thanks to the narrator Mr John Forrester, conductor Mrs Beth Brooks, and Mr Scott Houlahan who assisted in a number of ways including putting the finishing touches to the all-important stable.
- The students participated in the choir and tableau—the wonderful music and the enactment of the Nativity Tableau is a very special feature of the night and something for which the Parish and schools can feel immensely proud.
- Mrs Jade Dixon, assisted by Mrs Dorothy Macartney, who organised and cleaned the spectacular costumes used in the Tableau.
- All those who participated in the Mufti Day—the many filled bottles and coin donations which were invested in the filling of more bottles, meant the bottle stall at the Carnival was a great success.
- The ―good sport‖ teachers who allowed themselves to be ―dunked‖—it was the first time this novelty had been held at the Carnival, and proved a great crowd-pleaser as well as raising over $300. Sincere thanks to these teachers for their bravery! Again, thank you very much for your support!
Yours Faithfully,
Fr David Gilbey Parish Priest

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness is truly 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 means standing firm no matter what. It comes from really knowing and living what you believe. When you are faithful you can be counted on and trusted. You keep your commitments regardless of what you would rather do.

Faithfulness is needed when you have beliefs and principals 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.

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 be clearly labelled for a male or female and appropriate age. Many thanks to those who have given a gift so far. Your generosity means a lot.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
8th December 2012

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God’s own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall.

MINI VINNIES

Our cake and biscuit stall raised $52.45. Thanks to Montana, Tayla, Courtney, Caitlin and a mystery cook who provided some yummy things. We sold out very quickly so we hope that people weren’t too disappointed. Taleigha’s raffle raised $95.00. Thank you to all who gave their support. You are very generous. This money is going to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, giving dignity to the poor at Christmas.

TALEIGHA’S RAFFLE

On the 4th, 5th & 6th of December, Mini-Vinnies held a Christmas Appeal Raffle. Over the three days we raised $95.00. This money will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal for the less fortunate in our local community. We would like to thank you for your support. The winners were Hudson Bosnich, Bronte Simpson-Hay, Hope Andrew, Matthew Coleman, Eden Folkers and Mrs Trevithick. — Taleigha Garbett, Mini- Vinnies.
### MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY

#### PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS WINNERS – 2012

**YEAR 6 MAJOR SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS**

- **School Spirit** – BRODIE PALMER
- **Christian Values** – TELEAH LESLIGHTER
- **Dux** – DAVID MACARTNEY
- **SRC Leadership Award** – MAX BIRD
- **Sportsperson** – CLARA WITHERS
- **Principal's Award** – LEWIS HANCOCK

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### FAREWELL TO FAMILIES

Farewell to the following families: Arthur, Bagnall, Bergamin, Browning, Campell, Clausen, Deale, Guinea (Felicity), Guinea (Sarah), Haglund, Hancock, Hazzard, Houlahan, Jackson, Leslighter, Lewis, Lillis, Mair, McCaughey, Mills, Moore, Rohwedder, Sharp, Simpson-Hay, Smith, Van Amstel, Withers, Woodford, Dickinson, In particular to the Smith, Houlahan, Hancock, Leslighter, Mair, Van Amstel families who have had a long association with the school, we thank you sincerely for your loyalty over many years.

To all of these families thank you for your support. I trust that your association with the school has been a rewarding and fruitful one and that you leave with fond memories.

Thank you for your support and loyalty and we wish you all the best in the future!
WEEK 8 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KM—Ruby Trueman
KP—Kai Mumford
1D—Joseph Colman
1T—Ashley Gray
2D—Shayah Coyne
2P—Angus Ward
St2C—Will Murnane
St2H—Melia Loveridge
St2M—Angus Macfarlane
MSF—Alex Flannery
MSM—Byron Browning
MSS—Zane Zuchke
MSW—Lucas Pearson

MOST IMPROVED
KM—Sienna Bull
KP—Bailey Kirby
1D—Cashlin Townsend
1T—Lara-Grace Ewing
2D—Eli Graham
2P—Iris Heterick
St2C—Hamish Purnell
St2H—Zane Patience
St2M—Macauley Wells
MSF—Keeley Dickinson
MSM—Lilli Oniper
MSS—Tallis Deale
MSW—Webb Lillis

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
INFANTS—Charles Warren
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Tayla Slater

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
INFANTS—Charlie Gibbons, Jack Gracie
STAGE 2—Matilda Nimmo, Joseph Warne
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Callum Moss, Isabelle Macfarlane

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
Mahli Coyne
Alish Eppelstun
Andrew Ridgeway

PRINCIPAL AWARD
KM—Luken Ennis
1D: Noah Carroll, Alexis Sutton, Jorja Smith
1T—Blake Cacknell, Mason McNerney, Ayla Eady
2P—Lola Eady
St2C—Siennah Notle, Emily Ward, Mariah Ouwerling, Kobe Spry
St2M—Cory Crossman, Coie Chung, Ben Snellgrove, Vance Madden
MSF—Oscar Rogers
MSM—Annalise Mackie, Cooper Hardy
MSS—Angus Stratton
MSW—Thomas Mumford

HONOUR AWARDS
Charlie Gibbons
WEEK 9 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KM—Sharde Darragh
KP—Izaac O’Keefe
1D—Milla Pearson
1T—Mahli Coyne
2D—Tyler Hanrahan
2P—isis Heterick
St2C—Tiffany New
St2H—Travis Antonelli
St2M—Darcy Reinke
MSF—Oscar Rogers
MSS—Bronte Simpson-Hay
MSM—Cooper Hardy
MSW—Davi Macartney

MOST IMPROVED
KM—Lilly Wolfe
KP—Charlie Toms
1D—Nathan Willis
1T—Ayla Fing
2D—Ruby Wilson
2P—Hannah Whitney
St2C—Chloe Brawley
St2H—Vivien Koermr-Straub
St2M—Patrick Gray
MSF—Maxine Sutton
MSM—Drew Clark
MSS—Jesse Grant
MSW—Thomas Mumford

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
INFANTS—Finlay Purnell
STAGE 2—Joseph Warne
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Anthea Warne

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
INFANTS—Gabriel Malcolm, Elsie Biles
STAGE 2—Matthew Colnan, Indiana Nuspan
MIDDLE SCHOOL—Madeline Northeast, Keeleigh Fleming

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
Amber Charilaou, Indiana Nuspan, Caitlin Arthur

PRINCIPAL AWARD
KM: Ruby Trueman
KP: Hazel Cunningham
1D: Sophie Charman, Jamie Cotelli, Nathan Willis
1T—Ebony Northeast, Danny Madden
2D—Harry Willis, Bronte McLean
St2C: Wraith Dare, Olivia Ryan
St2M—Patrick Wilkinson, Madleine Hill
MSM: Shenaii Matlock, Sarah Guinea, Sylvia Matlock
MSW: Webb Lillis

HONOUR AWARD
Blake Cracknell, Elizabeth Warne, Codie Chung, Sarah Hill, Melia Loveridge
MAJOR SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER

**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.

CURRICULUM NEWS

**LIBRARY NEWS**
We still have many non-returned library books. Could families please check to ensure that all borrowed books from the school library are returned by the end of the week. THANK YOU

**INDIGENOUS CHRISTMAS PARTY**
On Monday 26th November we held our Indigenous Christmas Party, we enjoyed pizzas and were entertained by Matthew Mullington dancing to Gangnam Style. Thanks to everyone for a great year.

*Jenny Cantrill*

**MATHLETICS**
Congratulations students for your participation in the Mathletics program during 2012. Over the course of the year students received over **20 GOLD CERTIFICATES, 146 SILVER CERTIFICATES and more than 1000 BRONZE CERTIFICATES.** A great effort! You will be able to access mathletics during the holidays using your username and password. Well done students! Mrs Waugh

**MATHLETES OF THE WEEK**
Congratulations Katie McCarthy and Josef Leslight. (Week 9 winners on photo on right.)
Congratulations to Eva McDonald, Lloyd McVeigh and Jacob Pedlow.

**TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES**
Wk 10—14th Dec Year 6
PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and excellent behaviour ensured the primary swimming carnival was a great success. Many thanks to the MSPP staff, our energetic house captains as well as all the parents for your assistance and presence on the day.

Record breakers

Congratulations to our record breakers.
- Anthea Warne – 11 year 200IM, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly
- Cecilia Ryan – 11 year 50m Breaststroke
- Darcy Reinke – 9 year 50m Backstroke

Age Champions

Congratulations to our age champions.
- 8 year - Lucy Jones & Charlie Gibbons
- 9 year - Grace Eddy & Darcy Reinke
- 10 year Rose Malouf & Joseph Warne
- 11 year - Anthea Warne & Angus Stratton
- Senior year - Clara Withers Max Bird

Champion House - Mackillop (Red)

PSSA CRICKET TRIALS

Congratulations to Webb Lillis for participating in the PSSA cricket trials last month. His team was placed 3rd overall. Webb enjoyed the experience.

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students and parents for their involvement and enthusiasm in sport this year. It would be impossible to provide a sport program without your ongoing assistance. Thank you! I wish every family a joyous Christmas. Agnes Markham (Sports Coordinator)

BIRTHDAYS


MT ST PATS GOLF DAY

A great afternoon was had at the annual Mt St Pat’s Golf Day. Plenty of laughs and lots of “exaggerated” golf stories. Congratulations to our winners (L/R Trent Trembath, Jason Antonelli, Wayne Roach, Jeremy Donald). These “burglars” are pictured without their masks!!!!

Murwillumbah Cricket Club - U10 Competition 2013 - Expression of Interest

On behalf of the Murwillumbah Cricket Club and the general Tweed District Junior Association I’m seeking expressions of interest for boys and girl who are interested in playing in a NON COMPETITIVE program in mid/late January through to February 2013. Games will be free with clubs providing basic equipment. All kids need are white shirt and pants ( shorts are OK), a hat and sunscreen. Depending on interest and numbers we will be playing within the Tweed with clubs such as Cugden / Sth Tweed , Pottsville and Terranora. Interested parents can contact me on 0412 084105 or 66727735 or stevetwohillmcc@gmail.com. Details will be released on our club website shortly at http://murwillumbahcc.nsw.cricket.com.au/. Players of any ability are welcome.

Steve Twohill— President Murwillumbah Cricket Club