Dear Parents,

Firstly, a big thankyou to all those parents / families who contributed to the success of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations last week! It was very encouraging to see so many people taking an active role in the school and their child’s education.

PARKING!!!! Recently the school (and parents) have encountered a number of parking problems around the school. The change in signage outside the school (Mooball St) was brought about by the new construction which commenced at the College recently. Buses that stopped on Queensland Rd were re-directed to stop on Mooball St. Consequently the signage along Mooball St. was changed, although Mt St Patrick Primary was not consulted!! Since then I have been in contact with various agencies in attempt to rectify the problem. Please note there are still some changes that are currently being implemented: Bus Zone along Mooball St. (directly outside the bottom playground gate / paper skip) is a BUS ZONE – parking / stopping is prohibited within certain times! The school Drop Off Zone (No Parking) is located on Mooball St – opposite the gates leading to Kindergarten Rooms – essentially this is a” kiss and drop zone”!! These parking arrangements will be enforced up until the completion of the College Multi-Purpose Building (Dec 2012). Before parking please read all signs carefully!

This week our Year 3 & 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN assessment. All students in Yrs. 3 & 5 across Australia will sit for these tests, which assess students primarily in the area of Literacy and Numeracy. We wish all our students the very best!

As I informed you in our last newsletter, I will be taking Sabbatical Leave up until the end of this Term. During this time I will be travelling overseas and attending a conference – “Future of Education”, visiting schools and participating in a religious retreat. My leave will culminate in Ireland whereby I will trace the footsteps of St Patrick (including climbing Crogh Patrick – Mt St Patrick!!!). and research the history of the Presentation Sisters.

In my absence, Mr Brendan Ryan will be the Acting Principal, Mrs Carolyn Waugh, Acting Assistant Principal and the Acting Curriculum Co-Ordinator will be appointed on Wednesday. We congratulate staff members on their appointments and I am sure that you will continue to offer Mr Ryan and the Leadership team your full support in my absence.

Slan leat!
Brian Laybut
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2
MAY

Tues 15th NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Infants Disco
Wed 16th NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Thurs 17th NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Primary Disco
Fri 18th Assembly – MS F
Fri 25th Stage 2 Mass 12noon
Assembly – MS-M

JUNE

Fri 1st Middle School Mass
Assembly – MS S
Mon 4th Primary Athletics Carnival
Wed 6th Kinder Liturgy
Sun 10th First Communion
Wed 6th Yr. 6 RE test
Thurs 21st K –2 Athletics Carnival

Refer to School Calendar (school web page) or Moodle page calendar for full Term Dates

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 16th July
Day1 Term 3

SCHOOL DISCO
To be held in the bottom basement
K - Yr. 2 Tuesday Night 5.30 – 7.30p.m.
Yr. 3 – 6 Thursday Night 5.30 – 7.30p.m.
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks on sale!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS & INTERVIEWS FOR 2013
Interviews for all new Kindergarten enrolments for 2013 have commenced
If any existing families at Mt St Patrick have yet to complete an enrolment form for their child starting school, please contact our School Office.
The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians is celebrated on the 24th May. Mary Help of Christians is the Patroness of Australia.

Prayer to Mary:
Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers a our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

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**SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**FIRST EUCHARIST**
Sacrament of First Eucharist – Sunday 10th June

**CONFIRMATION**
Parent Meeting – Tuesday 31st July
Inscription Ceremony – TBA
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 be taking place throughout Term 2. If your child is interested in this please contact Mrs Dixon.

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**SACRED HEART PARISH WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**
Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
Wednesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
Thursday 9.15am OLPS, 5th M’Bah
Friday 12.00n Sacred Heart

**SACRED HEART PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES**
Saturday 6:00 pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 8:00 am Sacred Heart
10:00am 1st Uki
2nd & 4th OLPS – 5th M’bah
3rd Burringbar

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Happy Mother’s Day for last Sunday to all our mums. Thank you to those who were able to make it to our special Mother’s Day assembly. Hope you enjoyed your Mother’s Day celebrations. God bless you all.

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The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is celebrated on 20th May. The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

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**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – REVERENCE**

What is Reverence?
Reverence is behaving with awareness that you are always in the presence of the Creator and that all life is precious. Reverence can be experienced in moments of prayer or reflection. It is treating holy books and other sacred things as very special.
Reverence is showing respect. It is being careful to honour the gifts of life, including other people. Whether you are in a place of worship or spending time in a place of beauty, reverence is being still and allowing the wonder you feel shine through.

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**SEASONS FOR GROWTH EDUCATION PROGRAM 2012**
I _________________________ give consent for my son/daughter _________________________ to attend the Seasons for Growth Education Program to be held within school hours. Following is a brief reason for this decision.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _________________________
Signed_____________________ Parent/Guardian

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**KINDERGARTEN READING!!**
Last Tuesday Night our Kindergarten Teachers held a parent evening that focused on the “reading process” and how, as parents you can assist your child at home! This powerpoint / presentation is available on the Kindergarten Moodle Page. Many thanks to Ms Mackney and Ms Powell for coordinating the night.
Thank you to all students and families who supported our Skill a Thon this year. This year our Skill a Thon raised over $8,500. This is a wonderful amount of money raised. Below is a list of the recipients of prizes from our Skill a Thon:

Major Prize - Family who raised the most money:
Gradisnik Family (Wyatt – Year 1D)  ACER Netbook

School Prize ~ Raffle - Apple iPod Touch 8gb:
Sophie Stoneman (MS S)

Class Prize ~ Pizza Party:
Year 1D – Mrs Dixon’s class

Individual Class Prizes ~ Sporting Goods
Highest individual fundraiser in each class

Kinder P  Emmett Stepto  Kinder M  Billy John
Year 1D  Sophie Bruhn  Year 1T  Jayda McDermott & Blake Cracknell
Year 2D  Spencer Leslight  Year 2P  Keirsten Roach
Stage2C  Genevieve Spencer  Stage2H  Zane Patience
Stage2M  Angus Macfarlane  MS F  Lewis Hancock
MS M  Tom Grinham  MS S  Zane Zuschke
MS W  Cooper Leslight

Thank you to ‘The Good Guys’ at South Tweed for their continued support of our Skill a Thon this year.

ASSEMBLIES – TERM 2 (2:15pm start)

Week 4 MS F (Mr Forrester)  Week 5 MSM (Mrs Markham)
Week 6 MSS (Mr Spiller)  Week 7 Primary Choirs
Week 8 Infant Choirs  Week 9 MSW (Mrs Waugh)
Week 10 No Assembly

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to the Parent Reps from Year 2P (Miss Prichard’s class) for their organisation of wrapping and selling of this year’s Mother’s Day gifts.

LIBRARY NEWS

A HUGE thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair, it was a great success with over $5,000 in sales, setting a new record for the school...this means we will receive approx $1250 in commission to spend on new books for the library.

Special thanks also goes to the following families for purchasing and donating book fair books to our library:
Sykes (2), Warne (2), Leslight (2), Mr Logan (2), Kane, Hannah, Macfarlane, Gradisnik, Mitchell, Anning, Berger, Trueman, Thomas, Hanrahan, Bugg, Bevan, Zambelli, Price, Sharon Lapworth and Mrs Brooks.

The Book Raffle Prize Winners were:
Indigo Barter, Noah Carroll and Bela Davis

On behalf of our school community thank you to Mrs Alice Withers our Library Assistant, who coordinated this year’s Book Fair in the Library. Her time and effort especially in decorating the Library was much appreciated.

Alice Withers Library Assistant

BIRTHDAYS:
William Townsend, Danny Madden, Bailee Pedlow, Cale McDonald, Ada Vobr, Zane Zuschke, Jordan Tilsley, Sarah Littlewood, Clara Withers Kaitlyn Antonelli, Evan Buch, Joseph Colnan, Danny Madden, Amber Charilaou, Wraith Dare, William Townsend, James Guine, Ena Mitchell.
WEEK 2 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER M - Amanita Hoffman-Barnaby
KINDER P – Lily Cronly
YEAR 1 D – Nathan Willis
YEAR 1 T – Tily Lewis
YEAR 2 D – Tyler Hanrahan
YEAR 2 P – Isis Heterick
STAGE 2C – Zac Macartney
STAGE2H- Vivien Koerner-Straub
STAGE2M- Eva McDonald
MS F- Kalindi Lathouras
MS M- Georgia Buch
MS-S Chloe Donald
MS-W- Isabelle Macfarlane

MOST IMPROVED

KINDER M - Bryce Wilson
KINDER P – Kai Mumford
YEAR 1 D – Meghan Butler
YEAR 1 T – Ebony Northeast
YEAR 2 D – Lillyan Charman
YEAR 2 P – Lola Eady
STAGE2C – Wren Phelan
STAGE2H- Josef Leslight
STAGE2M- James Guinea
MS F- Milyka Sharp
MS M- Zane Burke
MS S- Tallis Deale
MS W- Emerald Haglund

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS- Izaac O’Keefe
STAGE 2 - Melia Loveridge
MIDDLE SCHOOL- Cassidy Baker

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

INFANTS – Olivia Graham, Lily Wolfe
STAGE 2–Siennah Nottle, Madeleine Hill
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Ena Mitchell, Alex Flannery

PRINCIPAL AWARD

KM – Hannah Millar
1T – Jarrah Fitzpatrick
2D – Riley Bull, Grace Wolfe
St2 H – Jya Fing, Lara Lewis, Elise Lack
St2 M – Zackery Ryan
MS-F – Jack Prichard, Oscar Rogers, Lewis Hancock
MS-M – Luke Bagnall
## WEEK 3 AWARDS

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### CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

| Infants – Grace Wolfe, Lily Cronly |
| STAGE 2–Olivia Flannery, Neave Butler |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL – Jordan Tilsley, Montana Taylor |

### TECHNOLOGY AWARD

| Infants – Jessica Rees |
| STAGE 2– Sophie Bird |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL – Ena Mitchell |

### PRINCIPAL AWARD

| 1D – Elizabeth Warne |
| 1T – Tabitha Stratton |
| ST2H - Hayley Smith, Madeleine Hill, Lloyd McVeigh, Eva McDonald, Neave Butler, Sophie Bird |
| MS M - Shenii Matlock |
| MS S - Sarah Littlewood, Ena Mitchell |
| MS W – Yasmin Charilaou |
**MATHLETICS NEWS**

We would like to acknowledge the students who have achieved a silver or bronze certificate from the following dates-

**24th April to 14th May**

**SILVER CERTIFICATES**

Lilli Oniper, Angus Macfarlane, Elise Lack, Summer Clausen

**BRONZE CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO**

Ellie Cunningham, Lewis Hancock, Matthew Colnan, Zane Burke, Anthea Warne, Alex Flannery, Jack Prichard,

Ailish Eppelstun, Olivia Flannery, Sarah Hill, Matteo McDermott, Amelie McInerney, Connor Pearson, Elise Lack,

Finn Whitney, Lara Lewis, Zac Macartney, Genevieve Spencer, Sophie Bird, Neave Butler, Evie Falkner,

Matilda Jones, Kiara McCarthy, Matilda Nimmo, Nicholas Ratcliff, Joseph Warne, Zackery Ryan

**MATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to our Mathletes of the week winners including Isabelle Macfarlane and Alex Flannery (pictured), Camden Mackie, Zac Macartney, Kiara Woodward, Ailish Eppelstun and Anthea Warne.

Just a reminder that trophies need to returned to the office the following Thursday ready for the next recipients of the awards. Well done students!

**MCCAINS COMPETITION**

Last year the school participated in the McCains Vegie Patch promotion. Sadly, this year the competition WILL NOT continue. A BIG THANK YOU to all who sent in bar codes. We have received a gift voucher for a compost bin from McCains and will put this to great use in our veggie patch area. A special thanks also to the middle school students who assisted in organising the collection of bar codes and in the promotion of this competition.

Mrs Waugh

**COMPUTER HARD DRIVES AVAILABLE**

Our school has available to any family old computer hard drives towers which have been superseded with our new computer equipment. These hard drives still work any maybe useful to any family needing a computer. The school data on the computer has been deleted. These computer come with Office 2003 & XP. Please contact our School Office if you are interested in taking a computer.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Located on our school MOODLE PAGE are student photos taken from various school events. These include the Skill-a-Thon, Easter Bonnet Parade and our Book Character Parade. Simply click on the link to view the photos of each event!
**SPORT NEWS**

**The Mt St Patrick Netball Team**
The Mt St Patrick Netball team played their first round of the Diocesan knock out competition against St Anthony last week. Although they were defeated, they displayed great skill and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs. Morosini for coaching the team and Mrs Warne for refereeing the game.

**Diocesan Cross Country**
The Tweed Zone hosted the Diocesan Cross Country last week and won the Paddy Dent Shield! Our representatives ran extremely well in unseasonal hot conditions. Congratulations to all our team especially Clara Withers (2nd), Hayley Smith (3rd) and Anthea Warne (8th) who now compete at Eastern Creek in June.

**The Primary Athletics Carnival**
The Primary Athletics Carnival is on Monday 4th June. Parents are welcome to join us, and if possible assist in timekeeping and judging. If you are able to assist please complete the form and return it to Mrs Markham. We appreciate all helpers!!

I would appreciate any outstanding school athletic uniforms be returned this week.

High jump and discus nominations are now being taken for primary students, who have attended meets, to be submitted for the Zone Athletic team. Please hand these to Mrs Markham this week with your name, DOB and your personal best distance.

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**THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM STRICKLAND FAMILY**
Our family have always been grateful for the huge generosity of your school after our house fire, especially as Savannah was just a new student. We finally moved into our relocated Queenslander back on the existing land at Crabbes Creek. Our family uses the donated couches, beds, cooking appliances, bed linen etc. every day.

The Strickland family would like to say thank you for helping us through this long (nearly 3 years) process, and rely that we are really settled and happy now.

Thank you,
Regards
Vanessa Strickland

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**TRIPLE P PARENTING** – St Joseph’s Primary School, South Murwillumbah is hosting the Triple P Seminar Series:

- **Session 1:** Power of Positive Parenting-  **Monday May 21st**  **May 10.00 – 11.30 am**
- **Session 2:** Raising Confident, Competent Children-  **Monday 28th May**  **6.00 – 7.30 pm.**
- **Session 3:** Raising Resilient Children-  **Monday 4th June 2012**  **6.00-7.30pm**

**RSVP** by Friday 18th May 2012  St Joseph’s Primary 0266721867 or sjpmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au