Dear Parents,

SCHOOL REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT 2013

Mt St Patrick Primary is currently in the process of a School Review & Development. All schools undertake the Review and Development process once in the five year registration cycle.

There are two parts to the process:

- **Part 1** Compliance Audit as required by the Board of Studies. This was conducted in late Term 1.
- **Part 2** A 2 day validation of the School’s Review and Development process. This will take place on 16th & 17th October.

The process is based on a philosophy of self-evaluation and reflection. A five year strategic plan will be developed for Mt St Patrick Primary. At the validation the school will table a School Review and Development Report which summarises the results of the information gathering and discussion.

The actual structure of the strategic plan uses the four broad headings;
- ORGANISATION & ADMINISTRATION
- CATHOLIC FAITH and CULTURE
- TEACHING and LEARNING.
- COMMUNITY

An important part of the information gathering is seeking parent response to each of the headings listed above. Today with your newsletter is the first of four surveys which will be distributed over coming weeks. I encourage all families to take the time to read and complete these surveys. Your responses will contribute to the strategic plan which guides the direction of our school for the next five years.

As an incentive to all families to complete and return their survey a delicious treat will be given to each child from a family who returns their survey each week.

This week’s and Week 7’s survey treat is a: ‘Freddo Frog’

In conjunction with the survey all parents are invited to attend a morning tea with the Acting Principal & Assistant Principal to discuss the each of the survey’s:

- **Thursday 31st May** ‘Organisation & Administration’
- **Thursday 7th June** ‘Catholic Faith & Culture’

PARKING

As noted in our previous newsletter changes to Mooball St. The Bus Zone along Mooball St. (directly outside the bottom playground gate / paper skip) is a BUS ZONE both in the morning and afternoon – parking / stopping is prohibited within times displayed. 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.

Enjoy your week,
Brendan Ryan
Acting Principal
**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.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST**
On Friday 8th June students preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be attending a retreat day from 9am until 12pm in the Parish Meeting Centre.
On Sunday 10th June there will be a Parish Celebration at the Sacred Heart Church at 8am in which students preparing for this special sacrament will receive First Communion for the first time. During the next few weeks please keep these students and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – What is Reliability?**
Reliability means that others can depend on you. It is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. People don’t have to wonder if it will get done. When you are practicing reliability, others can count on you to do your best to keep your commitments. If there is any way at all to keep a promise you have made, you will do it, even if it is difficult and your perseverance is tested.

**‘YEAR OF GRACE’**
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has invited the Church in Australia to observe a ‘Year of Grace’ from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. This period is meant to be a chance to ‘start afresh’, an opportunity to reflect on the grace of God in our everyday lives and refocus ourselves and everything we do on God. We take time ‘to contemplate the face of Christ’ and listen to the Holy Spirit through prayer, through reflecting on the Word of God, through celebration of liturgy. Further, a website has been developed as an aid to prayer, a place to seek resources and a place of information for people as we go on this journey together in the Catholic Church in Australia. Please visit the website regularly throughout the Year of Grace http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/.

**SPECIAL STAGE MASSES – TERM 2**
Sacred Heart Parish Church
Friday June 1st – Middle School Mass
Wednesday June 6th – ES1 Liturgy- 9.30 am

**BIRTHDAYS:**
Sophie Bruhn, Bronte McLean, Thomas Snellgrove, Harrison Myler, Thomas Mumford, Tiffany New, Nicholas Buchanan, Max Bird.
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS & INTERVIEWS FOR 2013
Interviews for all new Kindergarten enrolments for 2013 have commenced
Kindergarten interviews for enrolments in 2013 are being conducted by Mr. Brendan Ryan during the remainder of Term 2.
If parents wish to wait for Mr Brian Laybut to return at the beginning of Term 3, they have that option to wait for their interview until then. If any existing families at Mt St Patrick have yet to complete an enrolment form for their child starting school in 2013, please contact our School Office to make arrangements for an interview.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY
If you are intending to take your children home after Friday’s assembly, if possible please notify your classroom teacher in advance.

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd June  Week 9 Term 2
To celebrate NAIDOC Week our school will be having a special Monday morning assembly (18th June Week 9). This special assembly will include: an aboriginal prayer, welcome to country & a smoking ceremony. This day will be a mufti day where all students can dress in Indigenous colours – red, black or yellow.
During NAIDOC Week all students will be invited to be part of a colouring competition, where prizes for students from each Stage will be available.
Our Friday afternoon assembly (22nd June) will be devoted to acknowledging Naidoc week. All parents are welcome to attend.

INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY
Help us raise funds to provide books and literacy resources for Indigenous kids in remote communities. All you have to do is donate a book, and we will sell them for a gold coin. So start bringing in books as soon as possible.
Our great book sale will be held in the basement at lunchtime on:
Tuesday 25th June.
Looking forward to collecting all your books.
Brooke Saddler and Erin van Amstel

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
All students have recently been provided with details of when their public speaking speech is due. Each Stage level conducts their own time for students to present their speeches. Please refer to our school Moodle page which has information for parents regarding criteria for public speaking and further information to assist parents.

SCHOOL DISCO
Thank you to all the families who recently attended our Infants and Primary Disco. A special thank you to the Parents Reps from Year 1T and Year 2D for their coordination of this school event. In particular I would like to acknowledge those parents who assisted with our barbeque on both nights.
WEEK 4 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER M - Jessica Minahan
KINDER P – Maya Sutton
YEAR 1 D – Michael Lack
YEAR 1 T – Kiana McCabe
YEAR 2 D – Nick Shields
YEAR 2 P – Christian Lollback
STAGE 2C - Kiara McCarthy
STAGE2H- Tiana Brooks
STAGE2M- Codie Chung
MS F- Ellie Cunningham
MS M- Quinn Willis
MS S- Sarah Littlewood
MS W- Felicity Guinea

MOST IMPROVED

KINDER M - Lincoln Newell
KINDER P – Cailey Baker
YEAR 1 D – April Parnaby
YEAR 1 T – Dylan Bath-Dunne
YEAR 2 D – Spencer Leslight
YEAR 2 P – Kalyse Hunter
STAGE2G – Ella Buch
STAGE2H- Caleigh Kennedy
STAGE2M- Anna Smith
MS F- Isabelle Woodford
MS M- Tarvah Nottle
MS S- Josie Bruggy
MS W- Fianna Wilkinson

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS- Blake Cracknell
STAGE 2 - Jayden Woodward
MIDDLE SCHOOL- Sylvia Mair

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

INFANTS – Bailey Reid, Mahli Coyne
STAGE 2– Parish Ludlow, Matilda Nimmo
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Angus Stratton,
Shenaii Matlock

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Miguel Andrew, Kaytlin Harris, Tom Grinham

PRINCIPAL AWARD

KM: Sienna Bull
1D: Noah Carroll
1T: Jayda McDermott, Bailee Pedlow, Millie Davidson
2P: Hannah Trembath, Lucy Jones
St2 C: Paris Ludlow
St2 H: Ailish Eppelstun, Matthew Colnan, Melia Loveridge
St2 M: Angus Macfarlane, Codie Chung
MS-F: Harrison Smith
MS-S: Keeleigh Fleming, Jordan Tilsley
WEEK 5 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER M - Olivia Adams
KINDER P – Nara Coleman
YEAR 1 D – Cooper Shields
YEAR 1 T – Sophie Buchanan
YEAR 2 D – Bailey Reid
YEAR 2 P – Angie Gatt
STAGE 2C - Hamish Purnell
STAGE2H- Fletcher Condon
STAGE2M- Leila Parnaby
MS F- Kelley Dickinson
MS M- Abigail Stratton
MS S- Teleah Lesleighter
MS W- Brodie Palmer

MOST IMPROVED

KINDER M - Hannah Millar
KINDER P – Logan McGilvery
YEAR 1 D – Lakota Barter
YEAR 1 T – Lara-Grace Ewing
YEAR 2 D – Bronte McLean
YEAR 2 P – Charlill Miller-Smylie
STAGE2C – Olivia Flannery
STAGE2H- Jye Kane
STAGE2M- Eden Davidson
MS F- Thaine Foreman-Keenan
MS M- Jai Kussrow
MS S- Isaac Bergamin
MS W- Aidan McDonald

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS- Shaya Coyne
STAGE 2 - Darcy Hannah
MIDDLE SCHOOL- Angus Stratton

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

INFANTS – Riley Bull, Lucy Jones
STAGE 2–Grace Eady, Cody Chung
MIDDLE SCHOOL – Hope Andrew,
Sylvia Mair

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Kai Mumford, Lauchlan Andrew, Madelene Northeast.

PRINCIPAL AWARD

KM: Sienna Reid, Ava Price
1D: Alexis Sutton, Shana Kussrow
1T: Bailee Pedlow, Georgia Lollback
2D: Nick Shields, Billy Campbell, Spencer
Leslight, Bryce Matlock, Jack Gracie, Ruby
Wilson
2P: Charlie Gibbons
St2 C: Chloe Brawley, Zac Macartney, Hamish
Purnell, Joseph Warne
St2 H: Sarah Hill, Clay Porter, Oliver Parsons
St2 M: Connor Pearson. Vance Madden
MS-F: James Houlahan, Montana Taylor, Zali
Zuschke
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mathletics Awards
14th to 21st May
Silver Certificates
Grace Eady, Elise Lack, Joseph Warne, Lloyd McVeigh
Bronze Certificate
Byron Browning, Lewis Hancock, Matthew Colnan, James Guinea, Paris Ludlow, Areana Twohill, Anna Smith, Vance Madden, Tiana Brooks, Chloe Hillcoat, Matteo McDermott, Oliver Parsons, Matilda Jones, Kiara McCarthy, Ivy Morton-Rowthorne, Matilda Nimmo, Nicholas Ratcliff, Zackery Ryan

Mathletics Awards
21st to 27th May
Silver Certificates
Bailey Engler
Bronze Certificate
Caitlin Arthur, Isabelle Woodford, Lewis Hancock, Milyka Sharp, Ashley Hazzard, Ena Mitchell, Keeley-Louise Dickinson, Zayne Burke, Cecilia Ryan, Anthea Warne, Anna Smith, Hayley Smith, Chloe Brawley, Layla Anning, Travis Antonelli, Matteo McDermott, Angus Macfarlane, Sophie Bird, Neave Butler, Matilda Jones

MATHLETES OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to our ‘Mathletes of the Week’ winners. Grace Eady, Fynn Campbell, Elise Lack and Charlie Eady. 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!

Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads Competition!
During 2012 Mt St Patrick’s will participate in the Maths Olympiad competition. The competition consists of 5 separate contests between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills. Two middle school teams have been entered and information has been given to the students involved. Enjoy! Mrs Waugh & Mr Spiller

PIANO WANTED
Wanted - 2nd hand acoustic upright Yamaha or Kawai piano for student of Mt St Patricks primary. Enquiries to sue_nunn@internode.on.net or 0402 504 783.

CAR BOOT SALE – ST ANTHONY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KINGSCLIFF
Sunday 3rd June. Boots open at 10:00am – 1:00pm @ St Anthony’s School grounds (off Boomerang Street). Book your spot via email scottyrach@hotmail.com $25.00 per car. Bacon & egg rolls and hot drinks will be available on the day.

TWEED VALLEY BANANA FESTIVAL
We are currently looking for Queen, Teen Queen, Prince and Princess entrants for the 2012 festival. Queens 18 -26 yrs  Teens 13 - 17 yrs  Snr Princess 9-12 yrs  Jnr Princess 5-8 yrs  Prince 5 -12 yrs
Nomination forms are available from our website www.bananafestival.org in the downloads section.
I have also attached a float nomination form for your school if you are interested and a window decorating form and stall forms for our two community days will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me either by email carol.mudge@live.com.au or my mobile no is 0403494819....Carol Mudge   Festival coordinator

JUSTINE ELLIOT VISIT
Recently Justine Elliot member for Richmond came to visit the Year 6 students. We asked many questions including:
What are your views on coal seam gas ?
What do you think about McDonalds in Murwillumbah ?
What has been your favourite occupation so far ?
Justine also presented our school with two flags, the Australian flag and the Aboriginal flag. Thank you to our school captains Brodie and Max for organising this for our school. We appreciate efforts from all parties!

Keeley-Louise, Caitlin and Ellie

COMMUNITY NEWS
SPORT NEWS

FOOTBALL TEAM
Congratulations to the Mr Forrester and the MSPP football team for their Paul Wilson Challenge last week! The score was 5 – 1, but that was not indicative of the closeness of the match for three quarters of the game. They now move to round 2.

Pictured right is our school football team. More photos of our team are located on the school Moodle.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL  HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED!!!

HELP! Parents are desperately needed for the primary athletics carnival as timekeepers and judges. If you are available next Monday 4th June, please return the slip. The program for the carnival can be found on our Moodle site. Consent forms have been sent home and need to be returned by Thursday please. The consent form, parent information and the program can be found in Parent Notes on our Moodle site.
All students (except house captains) are expected to come to school. They may wear their house colour t shirt and girls may change into black or navy blue shorts for the carnival. All students will need their hats, morning tea, snacks, lunches and plenty of water. If the weather is cool a jumper is advisable. A note is necessary if your child is unable to participate in the carnival.

INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
As noted in previous newsletters, the Infants Athletic Carnival is on Thursday 21st June on the school grounds. Again, parent helpers are always welcome!

Agnes Markham
Sports Coordinator

Dear Agnes
I am able to assist at the Primary Athletics Carnival on 4th June as a [ ] timekeeper                [ ] place judge
Signed ____________________________________________________________________________
My child is ____________________________________________

Dear Agnes
I am able to assist at the Infants Athletics Carnival on 21st June.
Signed ____________________________________________________________________________
My child is ____________________________________________

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS EQUIPMENT
The sport equipment from the Coles Sport for Schools program last year has arrived! Students have been enjoying a variety of activities during PE lessons as well as recess and lunchtime. Thank you for all the support.
NB: Our school has registered for this year’s Coles Sports for Schools Equipment starting soon.

OSHAP – July School Holiday Program: Information relating to the OSHAP (Outside School Hours Activity Program) will be sent home this week. Bookings are essential and can be made online at www.madsports.com.au Click on OSHAP
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