Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year across NSW and the ACT from 10 March to 16 March. The theme for 2013 is ‘Every Child Counts’. This year, more than 614 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 261,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students. We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community. Our school is planning a number of activities during Catholic Schools Week that highlight the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that Mt St Patrick Primary provides for its students.

Our SCHOOL OPEN DAY will also include the Official Opening and Blessing of our new Kindergarten classrooms at 11.20a.m. – Friday 15th March.

Listed below is a schedule of events for the week that you are invited to attend:

**Tuesday 12th**
- Book Parade 9.00a.m.

**Wednesday 13th**
- Year 6 students attending Catholic Schools Week Mass @ St. Anthony’s Kingscliff

**Thursday 14th**
- St Patrick Day evening Concert @ Parish Hall 7pm

**Friday 15th**
- Open Day & Official Opening and Blessing of our new Kindergarten classrooms
- Book Fair will operate from the Library during this week (see page 3 for further details)

This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our school community. We would also like to celebrate with members of our parish and the wider Catholic community. I encourage you to participate in this spirit of celebration. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you during Catholic Schools Week.

Have a great week,

Brian Laybutt
Principal

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**OFFICIAL BLESSING & OPENING OF SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROOMS**

**FRIDAY 15th MARCH @ 11.20a.m.**

SCHOOL OPEN DAY— ALL DAY FRIDAY 15th March

**ALL WELCOME**
SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Retreat Day – Thursday 21st March
II Rite of Reconciliation – Thursday 21st March

FIRST EUCHARIST
Parent Meeting – Tuesday 8th May
Inscription Ceremony – (weekend of 11th & 12th May)
Retreat Day – Thursday 30th May
Sacrament of First Eucharist – Sunday 2nd June

CONFIRMATION
Parent Meeting – Tuesday 30th July
Inscription Ceremony – TBA
Retreat Day – Tuesday 27th August
Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday 27th August

Altar Service Program
Altar Service is a special ministry within the Church and will require children to attend a training session. If your child is interested in this please contact Mrs Dixon.

Mass Times for Stage masses
Stage 2 will be having there Stage mass on Friday 8th March at 12 o’clock. All are welcome to attend.

PROJECT COMPASSION
We are now in the season of Lent. This also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box for their donations on their prayer tables.

Lord, We pray that, in knowing your love, we will find courage to take action and bring hope to others;
We thank you for the Caritas Australia partners around the world who are helping children, young people and communities to open doors;
We ask that, as a result, they will be a sign of hope for a better future.

We make this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen

LETTER OF THANKS FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL
To the students, parents, teachers and staff,
The members of the Mary Mackillop Conference of St Vincent de Paul would sincerely like to thank you all for your generous support and contribution to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

We know many families, especially children, were very thankful to wake up on Christmas morning to find these wonderful gifts.

Thank you all for your generosity, love and support.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
We pray for the children preparing for their First Reconciliation. Please keep these children in our thoughts and prayers.
**FLOOD COMMITTEE — PARENT HELP REQUIRED**

In light of recent flooding the school is attempting to form a “flood committee”. This flood committee would essentially assist the school if a flood was imminent. Members of the committee would be asked to attend the school, as a matter of urgency, and raise all furniture and floor coverings in the kindergarten rooms and some sporting equipment in the sports room above the expected flood level. Whilst the rooms are designed to cope with a flood, the floor coverings are not and therefore need to be lifted. As there are carpet tiles this is not a difficult task. Ideally we require families who are in close proximity to the school so that they can access the school site during a flood. If we can get 4 or 5 families to help, this task should take no longer than half an hour and would save the school and students from enormous cost and heartache!

**COME ALONG TO OUR ‘ALL STAR’ BOOK FAIR**

Date: Monday 11th—Friday 15th March

Time: 8:30—9:30am & 2:30—3:30pm MONDAY—THURSDAY

8:30—9:00am & 10:00—11:00am TUESDAY (after Book Parade)

Place: School Library

Parent helpers required on Thursday 7th March from 1:00pm for setting up the Library for Book Fair Please contact School Office if you are able to assist.

**MUM’S NIGHT OUT**

A MUM’S Dinner has been organised for:

Wednesday 20th March @ 6:30pm

BALCONY RESTAURANT (BYO), MURWILLUMBAH

Meals can be chosen from the menu (no set menu). For booking your seat please contact Kathryn Leslight on 0437 037 930

**PARENT FORUM PURCHASES**

Our thanks to the Parent Forum who have purchased two new Interactive whiteboards for our new Kindergarten classes. As well the Parent Forum have purchased new Literacy Resources for our Primary classes.

**SKILL A THON**

As this is our major fundraiser for the year, your enthusiastic support would be appreciated.

The Skill A Thon will be held on Friday 5th April.

The Skill A Thon involves all students participating in fun ‘sporting tabloid’ activities in the afternoon. Sponsorship cards will be distributed to all students shortly. Sponsorship cards are filled out prior to the Skill A Thon day. All money is collected after the child completes the Skill A Thon course. Donations are gratefully accepted. All money raised will be spent on the students this year. By raising money for the school you are assisting your child’s education.

**PRIZES**

**Major Prize ~ NETBOOK:**

The family who raise the most amount of money receive a netbook

**Individual Class Prizes ~ Sporting Goods:**

the child who raises the most amount in each class will receive a sporting good

**Class Prize ~ Pizza Party:**

the class that raises the most overall will have a pizza party

**School Prize ~ Apple iPod Touch 8gb:**

For every $20 raised by a family, a raffle ticket will be received (i.e. $80 raised = 4 raffle tickets). First prize an apple iPod Touch.

Parent reps from STAGE 2H will be responsible for assisting the coordination of this fundraising event.
WEEK 4 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KM— Neve Trembath
KL— Kayla Cotelli
1D— Lily Cronly
1T— Finlay Purnell
2N— Nathan Willis
2P— Alexis Sutton
St2D— Lloyd McVeigh
St2H— Christian Lollback
St2M— Tiffany New
St2P— Corey Grossman
MSF— Cassidy Baker
MSM— Yasmin Chariloau
MSS— Kalindi Lathouras
MSP— Zayne Stewart

MOST IMPROVED

KM— Ebony Roach
KL— Alexis Adams
1D— Tylenah Mitchell
1T— Summer Gibbons
2N— Mahli Coyne
2P— Talyn Nix
St2D— Max Morton-Rowthorne
St2H— Azalea Sattler
St2M— Oliver Parsons
St2P— Belia Sutton
MSF— Williams Townsend
MSM— Matthew Mullington
MSS— Ada Vobr
MSP— Jayden Woodward

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS— Lilly Wolfe
STAGE 2— Mariah Ouwerling
MIDDLE SCHOOL— Olivia Newell

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Theo Parsons
Wren Phelan
Jodan Tilsley

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

Isaac O’Keefe
Neave Butler
Anna Smith

BIRTHDAYS (from February 25th - March 10th 2013)
Ella Wolfe, Peri Hynes, Billy John, Hazel Cunningham, Wyatt Gradisnik, Patrick Gray, Will Murnane, Chloe Hillcoat, Kiara McCarthy, Georgia Buch, Rose Malouf, Joel Antonelli, Codie Chung, Quinn Willis
### WEEK 5 AWARDS

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK
- **KM** — Kiani Byrnes
- **KL** — Rhys Charman
- **1D** — Theo Parsons
- **1T** — Enya McCarthy
- **2N** — Milla Pearson
- **2P** — Isabella Anderson
- **St2D** — Lucy Jones
- **St2H** — Sienna Nottle
- **St2M** — Darcy Hannah
- **St2P** — Layla Harris
- **MSF** — Emily Ward
- **MSM** — Taleigha Garbett
- **MSS** — Genevieve Spencer
- **MSP** — Madeleine Hill

#### MOST IMPROVED
- **KM** — Trei Heterick
- **KL** — Rachel Devoy
- **1D** — Maya Sutton
- **1T** — Bryce Wilson
- **2N** — Jarrah Fitzpatrick
- **2P** — Jack Devoy
- **St2D** — Amelie Lapworth
- **St2H** — Matteo McDermott
- **St2M** — Cormack Flannery
- **St2P** — Charlie Miller-Smylie
- **MSF** — Sarah Littlewood
- **MSM** — Kobe Spry
- **MSS** — Quinn Willis
- **MSP** — Brock Youngblutt

#### GOOD SPORTS AWARD
- INFANTS — Jorja Smith
- STAGE 2 — Layla Falkner
- MIDDLE SCHOOL — Zali Zuschke

#### TECHNOLOGY AWARD
- Hunter Leslight
- Angie Gatt
- Genevieve Spencer

#### CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
- Tabitha Stratton
- Ranzo Walford
- Evie Falkner
- Riley Bull
- Katie McCarthy
- Callum Baker
CURRICULUM NEWS

Assemblies: Term 1

**Week 6 Mar 8th - Year 2P**

**Week 7 Mar 15th - Stage 2M**

**Week 8 Mar 22nd - St Patrick Day Presentation**

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**SCHOOL DESKS / TABLES FOR SALE**

We have some school desks / tables (one owner only) for sale. For a small cost of $5 you can purchase a desk for home eg study. Please enquire at our School Office for further details. **FIRST IN / FIRST SERVED !!**

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**ST PATRICK’S DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

St Patrick’s Day will be celebrated on **Monday 18th March**. On this day students will attend a Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. Primary classes (Year 3 – 6) will then walk to the Tweed Aquatic Centre as a treat to celebrate this day. Infant classes (Kinder – Year 2) will have special games / activities afternoon back at school. Further details and permission notes will be forthcoming.

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**Mt St Patrick College Enrolment 2014**

Parents wishing to enrol their son or daughter in Year 7 in 2014 at Mt St Patrick College are asked to submit an Enrolment Application Form to the College by **Friday 5th April, 2013**. Please contact the College on 66722340 for further details, if necessary.

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**Open Day**

**Thursday 21st March 2013**

Morning Session 9.30am – 11.30am

Evening Session 5.00pm – 6.30pm

**Enrol Now for 2014**

Applications close

Friday 5th April 2013

Enrolment Secretary

PO Box 105

Murwillumbah 2484

Phone: (02) 66722340

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**Mt St Patrick College**

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**Mathletics Program 2013**

A reminder that students are set weekly mathletics homework. If they have completed tasks it is an excellent opportunity for students to play maths live and review mathematics concepts via Rainforest Maths. Please inform your child’s mathematics teacher if you are having issues accessing the site as time will be allocated at school to assist in this area.

All Stage 2 and Middle school students should have received their passwords. Please let me know if there are any issues with passwords.

**Mathletics Principal’s Awards** will be allocated to a student from each mathematics class in Stage 2 and Middle school this year. This will happen on a weekly basis and be presented at the Friday assembly. The award recipient will be a student who is applying themselves consistently to tasks not just in Mathletics but during mathematics class as well.

What a great start to Mathletics! Congratulations to all the students who earned certificates.

**MRS WAUGH**
**DISCIPLINE POLICY UPDATE**

An addition to our Discipline Policy was recently introduced relating to students receiving a Withdrawal at school. Student’s who receive a Withdrawal will be given a ‘Withdrawal Notice’ which will indicate the reason for the withdrawal. The student will be given the slip whilst they are attending Withdrawal during lunchtime. The student then has to take the ‘Withdrawal Notice’ home to be signed by a parent. This parent signed slip then is required to be returned by the next school day. The student will effectively be on withdrawal until the parent signed slip is returned.

As a school it was felt that introducing the ‘Withdrawal Notice’ was an efficient means of keeping open communication with parents regarding the behaviour of their child at school.

**SCHOOL BUSES—FLOODING**

In the event of flooding school buses CANNOT collect students prior to the normal pick up time and take students home. Buses can only pick students up at the normal scheduled time. In the event of a bus not being able to deliver students to their normal drop-off points because of flooding, and if contact cannot be made with the parent/guardian, the students will be returned to the school. Should the school be unstaffed the students will be taken to the bus depot and further attempts will be made to contact the parent/guardian. If there are other families that the students can be left with, then you must notify the bus company in writing. It is imperative that current phone numbers/contact numbers are up to date with both the bus company and school. This is imperative for our duty of care to the students and for the students safety.

**SCHOOL POLICY**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SPORT NEWS**

**DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Good luck to our individual swimmers as well as the 3 relay teams competing in Coffs Harbour this week.

**DIOCESAN WINTER SPORT TRIALS**

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in the Zone teams - Georgia Buch, Eden Davison, Brooke Saddler, Hayley Smith & Will Murnane (hockey), Joel Antonelli, Fletcher Condon, Brandon & Nelson Ewing, Aidan McDonald, Kobe Spry & Oliver Walsh (Rugby League).

We wish them, as well as any players selected in the Zone football or netball trials being held this week, all the best in Grafton next week. The Zone football trials will be held at Cudgen Leagues Club at 3.30pm sharp on Thursday as the grounds are unavailable at Murwillumbah.

**NETBALL GALA DAY**

Unfortunately due to the wet weather the Netball Gala Day has been cancelled.

**PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The primary athletics carnival has been changed to Tuesday 25th June due to a clash with the Murwillumbah Performing Arts Festival.

Sport Coordinator

**EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME**

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
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