IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 1

MARCH

Wed 20th  Middle School excursion to Tweed Valley Art Gallery
Thurs 21st  Sacrament of Reconciliation
Fri 22nd  School Assembly @ 2.20
Wed 27th  Easter Bonnet Parade
Thurs 28th  Stations of the Cross
Fri 29th  Good Friday

APRIL

Fri 5th  Cross Country & Skill a thon
Fri 12th  Last Day Term 1

TERM 2

Thurs 25th  ANZAC DAY
Mon 29th  Pupil Free Day
Tues 30th  Term 2 classes commence

MAY

Tues 7th  School Photos
Thurs 8th  Mother’s Day Stall
Fri 10th  Zone Cross Country
Tues 14th  NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Wed 15th  NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Thurs 16th  NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Fri 24th  Diocesan Cross Country

IMPORTANT EASTER REMINDERS
HOLY THURSDAY 28th March  GOOD FRIDAY 29th March (School Closed)
EASTER MONDAY 1st April (School Closed)  EASTER TUESDAY (Classes Resume)

Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy the company of family and friends.

FIRST NOTICE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 29th April—Term 2 classes commence on Tuesday 30th April

Dear Parents,

Last Week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. During the week we had a Book Fair (thank you to Mrs Alice Withers for coordinating the book fair) and on Tuesday we had our Annual Book Parade, (photos are available on the school web page). On Wednesday our Yr 6 students travelled to St Anthony’s Kingscliff for our Annual Yr 6 Mass, Thursday we participated in the Parish St Patrick Day Concert (picture below and on the web page) and finally on Friday we had our school open day and official opening and blessing of the new Kindergarten classrooms by the Bishop of Lismore, The Most Rev , Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett DD. A very busy week!!! Thank you to everyone who participated or attended the various events of the week. It is through your cooperation, enthusiasm and willingness to participate that makes Mt St Pat’s a wonderful school community.

The opening of our new classrooms was a significant event. Our thanks is extended to Fr David Gilbey and the Parish Finance Council who funded this project. The Kindergarten classrooms at Mt St Patrick Primary School were constructed to reflect and promote a contemporary and progressive approach to education. The flexible classroom with operable walls, withdrawal teaching areas and outdoor learning spaces allow for innovative, creative and traditional teaching and learning to take place. The design of these rooms was very deliberate in its intention and application. Significantly, the design of the rooms is to reflect the environment that the students experience when attending pre-school. By doing this the transition from Pre – school to “Big School” for our Kindergarten students will be one where they experience a similarity within the physical dimension of the rooms as well as a pedagogical approach to teaching and learning – this will allow for a smooth transition and reflects a truly student centered approach. With the assistance of the BER funding, over the last three years Mt St Patrick Primary school has built a brand new Infants School (K—Yr 2). The facilities available to these students is second to none, we have much to celebrate and be proud of!!!!!

As Easter approaches let us not forget that this is a season of rejoicing and celebration. For Christians, Easter is the most important feast in the Church’s years, it is the time when we rejoice in the new life Christ gave to us through his Death and Resurrection. Enjoy this time with your family.

Best Wishes,       Brian Laybutt (PRINCIPAL)
SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Retreat Day – Thursday 21st March
Il 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Year 6 students represented our school at the Tweed Catholic Primary Schools—Catholic Schools Week Mass last Wednesday at St. Anthony’s Parish Church, Kingscliff

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We pray for the children preparing for their First Reconciliation. Please keep these children in our thoughts and prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday (28th March) we take time to remember the events of Jesus’ life and death by presenting the Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to join us in the Sacred Heart Church commencing at 12.30pm where students from Middle School will present the Stations of the Cross.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR EASTER

Cadbury Chocolate—Pascal Lambs $7.00
Milk Chocolate, dark chocolate and white chocolate. To order ring Philomena Zambelli on 6672 4635.

By purchasing one of these little lambs you are supporting the Michaelite Mission Priests in Papua New Guinea.

HEART AND PRIDE TIME

Heart and Pride time happens every third Friday. This is an opportunity for our Middle School students to work with Stage 2, Yr 2 & Yr 1 students and discuss important issues within the school.

In the first session the students spoke about School Spirit.

In Heart and Pride time last Friday the children focused on the special qualities they bring to our school. The children made a poster in their groups depicting their special qualities to be displayed in the classrooms where they meet for Heart and Pride time.

Future topics will include “bullying” and other issues raised by students during the course of the year.

By having senior students work and facilitate the groups they not only get the opportunity for leadership but are also able to internalise and model appropriate behaviours and characteristics. Thanks to Miss Mackney for coordinating this program.
SKILL A THON— SPONSORSHIP FORMS DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK !!!!

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 with the coordination of this fundraising event.**
WEEK 6 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KM— Emelia Thompson
KL— Flynn Jones
1D— Peri Hynes
1T— Sienna Bull
2N— Renzo Walford
2P— Finn Willis
St2D— Riley Bull
St2H— Wren Phelan
St2M— Kiara McCarthy
St2P— Charlie Gibbons
MSF— Indiana Nuspan
MSM— Matilda Nimmo
MSS— Brooke Saddler
MSP— Harris McLean

MOST IMPROVED

KM— Stella Taylor
KL— Bailey Buchanan
1D— Emmett Stepto
1T— Jessica Rees
2N— Jamie Cotelli
2P— James Nimmo
St2D— Tommy Littlewood
St2H— Darcy Toms
St2M— Sienna Fleming
St2P— Lilly Charman
MSF— Nellison Ewing
MSM— Macauley Wells
MSS— Kaytlin Harris
MSP— Angus MacFarlane

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS— Amelia Cooper
STAGE 2— Eva McDonald
MIDDLE SCHOOL— Tarvah Nottle

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

James Nimmo
Jye Kane
Georgia Buch

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

Isabella Anderson, Neve Trembath
Jye Kane, Ivy Morton-Rowthorne
Anthea Warne, Chloe Donald

BIRTHDAYS (from March 11th - March 24th 2013)

Jade Folkers, Siennah Nottle, Andrew Ridgway, Tom Van Den Broek, Rhys Charman, Trei Heterick & Lillyan Charman
WEEK 7 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KM — Jade Folkers
KL — Ava McCabe
1D — Ava Price
1T — Alira Heterick
2N — Noah Carroll
2P — Noah Clark
St2D — Olivia Graham
St2H — Tyler Rose Ludlow
St2M — Joshua Anderson
St2P — Neave Butler
MSF — Georgia Buch
MSM — Madelene Northeast
MSS — Maxine Sutton
MSP — Cecilia Ryan

MOST IMPROVED

KM — Lily Martin
KL — Ella Wolfe
1D — Caleb Doble
1T — Luken Ennis
2N — Meghan Butler
2P — Cooper Kennedy
St2D — Connor Foreman-Keenan
St2H — Darcy Reinke
St2M — Ailish Eppelstun
St2P — Eli Graham
MSF — Patrick Wilkinson
MSM — Aidan Willis
MSS — Eden Davison
MSP — Tom Van Den Broek

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS — Freda Biles
STAGE 2 — Nicholas Ratcliff
MIDDLE SCHOOL — Cale McDonald

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Reece Charman
Neave Butler
Anthea Warne

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

April Parnaby
Ellis Hannah
Charlotte Morosini
ARTIST OF THE WEEK

APRIL PARNABY—YEAR 2P

MATHLETICS

MATHLETICS AWARDS Week commencing 4th -10th March 2013

SILVER CERTIFICATES
Olivia Flannery, Nicholas Ratcliff, James Draman, Kobe Spry, Annalise Mackie, Ben Champley, Charlie Priest, Rose Malouf

BRONZE CERTIFICATES

PLEASE NOTE : Week commencing 11th -17th March 2013 Certificates recipients for this period will have their names in the next newsletter. Well done Students!

RESPONSIBLE PET CARE PROGRAM
This Wednesday students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the Responsible Pet Education Program. We are all very much looking forward to meeting Maree and her dog Munroe!

TWEED ART GALLERY EXCURSION
Middle School students will be visiting the Tweed Gallery on Wednesday to view the Margaret Olley exhibition. We look forward to sharing our experience with you next newsletter!

Mrs Waugh

MUM’s NIGHT OUT
The scheduled MUM’s NIGHT OUT has been postponed as only 4 mum’s responded. We may reschedule the night to date where there is less on. Many thanks to Kathryn Leslight who was coordinating the evening

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Week 6 Mathematic award winners were Zoe Lillis, Aidan McDonald, Oscar Rogers, Kobe Spry, Chloe Hilcoat, Matteo McDermott, Hayley Smith and

Week 7 Mathematics Award winners were Travis Antonelli, Gabriel Malcolm, Hannah Whitney, Neave Butler, Matilda Jones, Katie McCarthy, Charlie Priest and Tayla Slater.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)

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**SPORT NEWS**

**DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Mt St Patrick Primary students who represented at the Diocesan swimming Carnival at Coffs Harbour were a credit to their school and the Tweed Zone displaying great team spirit. It was a pleasure to be the team manager, to work with the students and the parents. A special thank you from Mr Ellison and the convenor to the many parents who gave up their time to assist with the timekeeping. The Mt St Patrick Primary students earned the most points in the Tweed Zone and the senior girls relay team broke the Diocesan record by almost 3 seconds! The junior and senior boys’ relays swam well coming 3rd and 4th respectively.

The following students qualified in the Diocesan team and will compete in Sydney this Friday. We wish them all the best.

- Anthea Warne - Senior girl champion (1st 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, butterfly, relay and 2nd 200IM.)
- Darcy Reinke – 11yr Runner up Champion – (1st 50m freestyle & backstroke)
- Cecilia Ryan (1st 50m breaststroke, backstroke, relay & 3rd 200IM), Hayley Smith (1st relay), Madeleine Northeast (1st relay, 3rd 50m butterfly & freestyle),
- Joseph Warne (3rd butterfly).
- Angus Stratton (3rd breaststroke)

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**DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

Last Friday 18 students (pictured right) trialled in Grafton in various winter sports. Congratulations to Brooke Saddler, Hayley Smith (hockey) and Zayne Stewart (football) for their selection in the Diocesan team in their respective sports.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

The school cross country and skill-a-thon will be on **Friday 5th April**. To ensure the safety of the students, parents are asked to assist as course marshals. Please complete the form below if you are able to assist from approximately 9.30am – 11.30am. The students will need their water bottles and puffers and girls may wear black or navy shorts. Next Monday 25th March will be a trial run of the course. It’s important that primary students wishing to qualify for the school team do some running training.

Dear Agnes

I am able to assist at the school cross country on Friday 5th April.

Signed _______________________

Name ___________ My child is ______________ in Year_____