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IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 1

APRIL
Fri 5th Cross Country & Skill a thon
Friday 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 1st Eucharist Meeting
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 Bush Dance
Fri 24th Diocesan Cross Country
Fri 31st Staff Development Day
PUPIL FREE

JUNE
Sun 2nd 1st Eucharist
Wed 12th Yr 6 NSW RE Test
Mon 24th Primary Eisteddfod
Tues 25th School Athletics Carnival
Thurs 27th Infants Eisteddfod
Fri 28th Last Day Term 2
PUPIL FREE DAY

*Please refer to our School Moodle

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

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY AND SKILL-a-THON
FRIDAY 5th APRIL

Dear Parents,

Mt St Pat’s is a vibrant and exciting school environment as reflected in the vast array of events that occur. This term we have had the completion of the Kindergarten rooms, Parent /Teacher information nights, Opening School Mass and induction of school leaders, Financial Audit, Parent /Forum Meeting, PPP Parent Programme, Catholic Schools Week, Book Parade, Book Fair, Yr. 6 Tweed Catholic Schools Mass, St Patrick Parish Concert, Open Day, Official Opening of the Kindergarten classrooms, St Patrick’s “Treat Day”, Middle School Art Gallery excursion, Lunch time clubs, Responsible Pet Education Program, Parent /Teacher Interviews, 1st Reconciliation, Easter Bonnet Parade, and the Stations of the Cross.

In the upcoming weeks we will have the school cross-country and skill-a-thon and in the last week of Term 1, our newly formed Student Environment Committee will represent the school at a Tweed Schools Environment Meeting. A lot has happened in a short period of time!!

In addition to this every Tuesday morning the staff meet at 8.30a.m. for an Admin Meeting and each Tuesday afternoon we have our weekly staff meeting, which is completely devoted to Curriculum. At this meeting teachers are able to reflect on their teaching, share best practise and importantly work in a collaborative and cooperative environment to continually update and enhance their understanding of contemporary teaching and learning.

Amongst all of this teachers on a daily basis endeavour to meet the social, academic, spiritual and emotional needs of each student!! The life of a teacher is extremely busy and demanding!!

On your behalf I would like to thank all staff, for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that your child receives a 1st class Catholic Education.

As we draw to the end of Term 1, I would also like to sincerely thank all parents and friends of our school for your ongoing support and encouragement. It is through this reassurance that truly makes our school a great community.

Enjoy the upcoming school holidays and best wishes.

Brian Laybutt—PRINCIPAL

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Anzac Day is being held on Wednesday 25th April
(last Thursday of Term 1 holidays)

Mt St Patrick Primary School has a very proud and long tradition of participating in the Anzac Day march. We are again asking students to volunteer their time and proudly represent our school this year. Students need to assemble from 10:00am (outside LJ Hooker Real Estate Agent). The march will commence at 10:30am and proceed to the Civic Centre for the official ceremony. Students need to be collected from the cenotaph at approximately 11:10am. **Students are to wear their full school uniform (including hat & drink bottle). Your support for the school in this significant community event would be greatly appreciated.** Please complete the Anzac Day attendance slip — if your child/ren are attending the march, please detach & return the slip enclosed by end of Term.
**SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013**

**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 22nd August
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday 22nd 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.

**St Patrick’s Day**
On Saint Patrick’s Day the children from Kinder to Year 6 had the opportunity to learn more about our school culture and traditions. At our last school assembly the children reported back about their research on Saint Patrick’s life and the history and the people, places and events that are significant to Mount Saint Patrick Primary.

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK- FAITHFULNESS**
Faithfulness is 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 is needed when you have beliefs and principles 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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
Congratulations to our candidates who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was a ceremony in which the children participated with real understanding and reverence. Thank you to Father David, Father John, Father Brady, Father Des, Father Fitz-Walter and to all staff who prepared the children so well.

**Heart and Pride time**
Our last session for Heart and Pride time we focused on how we can share our gifts. This week in our Heart and Pride time we will be looking at Bullying. What is a bully? What does Bullying look like? In future Heart and Pride sessions we will be exploring this issue further.

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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 12.00noon Sacred Heart

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**
- Saturday 6:00 pm Sacred Heart (Children’s liturgy)
- Sunday 8:00 am Sacred Heart (Children’s liturgy)
- 10:00am 1st Uki
- 1st & 4th OLPS – 5th M’ba h
- 3rd Burringbar

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**Holy Week**
We have come to the end of the Lenten Season and have just had Holy Week.

The Liturgical colour for Holy week is red. The Easter Triduum- or, Great Three Days- begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, culminates in the Easter Vigil and concludes with the Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is both the last hours of the Easter Triduum and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season.

Last Friday was good Friday, when we take time to remember the events of Jesus’ life and death.

We are now in the Season of Easter. Easter Sunday is both the last hours of the Easter Triduum and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season.

**Mini-Vinnies**
Mini-Vinnies is a St Vincent de Paul group in a primary school. Young people gather together, to talk about helping others within their school community and beyond. Above all, it is a group that tries to learn and live out their desire for social justice together, in a practical, Christ-centred way.

On Friday the 22nd March at the noon parish Mass our new members were commissioned. They are Hamish Purnell, Elise Lack, Matilda Nimmo, Sophie Ross, Matilda Jones, Olivia Newell, Melia Loveridge, Vivien Koerner-Straub, Olivia Graham, Genevieve Spencer and Georgia Felton. Some of the ‘old’ members, Montana Taylor, Alex Flannery, Kalindi Lathouras, Maxie Sutton and Yasmin Charilou, joined them at the end of the ceremony and we all recited the pledge in unison. (Taleigha Garbett was absent that day).

We are looking forward to working together in the school community and beyond, to assist others.
SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Sponsorship cards are filled out prior to the Skill A Thon day—teachers will sign these cards after completion of the Skill-a-Thon activities. All money is collected after the child completes the Skill A Thon course. Donations are gratefully accepted.

All Skill-a-Thon money needs to be returned to school by Wednesday 8th May (Week 2; Term 2)

All Skill-a-Thon forms also need to be returned to school.

Prizes will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 10th May (Week 2; Term 2)

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.

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. Enrolment packages were distributed to Year 6 students last week. Please contact the College on 66722340 for further details, if necessary.

NAPLAN—NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM—LITERACY & NUMERACY 2013
In May 2013 the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 & 5. The results of the test will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16th May, 2013.

Tuesday 14th May Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar)
Writing
Wednesday 15th May Reading
Thursday 17th May Numeracy (Number, Algebra, Function & Pattern, Measurement, Chance & Data; and Space)

Please make an appointment with the Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN. Additional Information can be found at: www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP
Advertising local businesses within the school newsletter has been operating over the past 5 years. Its aim is to promote the businesses of families within the school and those associated with the school. Thank you to those businesses that have advertised and supported our school over the past 12 months. New advertising spaces will commence at the beginning of Term 2, 2013 and run up to the last week of Term 1, 2014.

How does it work?
* Each fortnight an insert is included within the newsletter that will advertise your business.
* The school will invoice the business allowing for taxation concessions.
* Your business will receive great advertising and exposure within the school community, it is tax deductible, you will help raise money for the school and your business will be marketed as:

SUPPORT THE BUSINESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL

If you are interested in promoting your business/or would like to renew your 2012/2013 sponsorship arrangements could you please contact the School Office
* Submit a business card/business details or word your own ad.
* The ad will run for one full year at a cost of $220 per year.

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

_______________________(Name) _____________________________ (Contact Phone Number)

BUSINESS DETAILS (Please attach a Business Card)
The school will contact you as to determine exactly what you would like to have on your ad/set up etc.
Invoice will be sent to you on final approval of the ad

Authorisation by: ____________________________________________________________________
Signature: __________________________________________________________________________
WEEK 8 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Michael Lack
Areana Twohill
Vivien Koerner-Straub

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

Lachlan Van Amstel, Tabitha Stratton
Sophie Bird, Neave Butler
Cassidy Baker, Georgia Buch

BIRTHDAYS (from March 25th - April 21st 2013)

**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

**CHARLOTTE MOROSINI**

*MS – P*

**“STILL LIFE”**

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**MATHLETICS**

**Week commencing 11th March- 17th March 2013**

**SILVER CERTIFICATES**

Jack Prichard, Hayley Smith, Patrick Wilkinson, Andrew Ridgway, Zane Burke, Anthea Warne,

**BRONZE CERTIFICATES**

Layla Harris, Coogan Cooper, Cooper Hardy, Josephine Bruggy, Kiara Woodward, Taylor Slater,
Zali Zuschke, Paris Ludlow, Imogen Sykes, Caleigh Kennedy, Matteo McDermott, Patrick Grey, Zoe Lillis, Chloe Hillcoat,
Sophie Bird, Olivia Flannery, Corey Grossman, Evie Falkner, Anna Smith, Kajitlin Harris, Zac Macartney, Annalise Mackie,
Charlie Priest, Montana Taylor, Cecilia Ryan,

**Week commencing 18th March- 24th March 2013**

**SILVER CERTIFICATES**

Cecilia Ryan, Zoe Lillis, Caleigh Kennedy, Kiara Woodward

**BRONZE CERTIFICATES**

Coogan Cooper, Cooper Hardy, Jack Prichard, Vance Madden, Imogen Sykes, Travis Antonelli,
Riley Engler, Matteo McDermott, Patrick Grey, Mariah Ouwerling, Sophie Bird, Nicholas Buchanan, Wren Phelan,
Corey Grossman, Tiffany New, Neave Butler, Lloyd McVeigh, James Draman, Lincoln Taylor, Nicholas Shields, Anna Smith,
Hayley Smith, Kaytlin Harris, Matilda Jones, Annalise Mackie, Andrew Ridgway, Ben Snellgrove, Charlie Priest, Jordan Tilsley,
Montana Taylor, Skye Engler, Yasmin Charilaou, Bryce Matlock, Christian Lollback, Ellis Hannah, Lucy Jones, Malachi Wilkinson,
Hudson Bosnich, Harry Willis, Charlie Gibbons, Wilbur Ryan-McGinn, Gabriel Malcolm, Hannah Trembath,
Abbey Bevan, Bella Sutton

**Week commencing 25th March- 31st March 2013**

**SILVER CERTIFICATES**

Gabriel Malcolm, Charlie Gibbons, Lucy Jones, Corey Grossman, Ella Buch, Imogen Sykes

**BRONZE CERTIFICATES**

Hannah Trembath, Wilbur Ryan-McGinn, Angie Gatt, Amber Charilaou, Lilly Charman, Hannah Whitney,
Max Morton-Rowthorne, Ellis Hannah, Christian Lollback, Charlotte Morosini, Anthea Warne, Zane Burke,
Ena Mitchell, Codie Chung, Andrew Ridgway, Emily Ward, Nicholas Shields, Lincoln Taylor, Tiffany New, Eva McDonald,
Zoe Gatt, Olivia Flannery, Camden Mackie, Zoe Lillis, Matteo McDermott, Travis Antonelli, Paris Ludlow,
Kiara Woodward, Jack Prichard

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**Tweed Art Gallery Visit**

On the 20th March Middle School went to the Tweed Regional Art Gallery to see Margaret Olley’s spectacular exhibition.
As soon as we arrived we listened to Robyn talk about Margaret Olley. A while later we went downstairs with MSS to sketch the outstanding view. I really enjoyed the sketching because everything seemed so perfect. The river sparkled like stars in the night sky, the trees seemed like fluffy white balls and the mountains were beauty all by themselves.

When we finally saw the paintings in the art gallery I was blown away! The pictures were so real. I loved how she used warm colours in some while in others cool colours or even sometimes combined.

I had two favourites, one was called, “Lillies” and the other one was called, “Renuncles and Pears.” Both were so wonderful and real. Each painting had a story of its own.

I loved the art gallery and wish to go there again. **Yasmin Charilaou MSM**
### Curriculums News

#### Assemblies - Term 2

- **Week 2:** Kinder M & Kinder L (Mother’s Day) & Skillathon Raffle Draw
- **Week 3:** No Assembly in Hall
- **Week 4:** Stage 2P (Miss Powell)
- **Week 5:** No Assembly (Pupil Free Day)
- **Week 6:** MS M (Mrs. Markham)
- **Week 7:** Primary Choirs
- **Week 8:** Infant Choirs
- **Week 9:** No Assembly (Pupil Free Day)

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**Maree and her dog Munroe!**

On March 20th, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to meet Maree and her dog, Munroe. We participated in the Pet Protection Program. We learnt about how to be safe around pets, how to approach animals we may not know and steps to help us be safe. Maree let us practise these steps and Munroe was a great help. Maree and Munroe were very impressed by our manners and listening skills. What a visitor! What a dog! Well done Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2!

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**The correct way to approach a Munroe!**

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**Important steps to remember!**

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**Parent Helpers**

Thank you so much to the parents who have volunteered to assist us with making resources for the Words Their Way program and also to parents for covering reading resources purchased for Kinder to Year 6. We really appreciate your help.

If there are any more volunteers please contact the school office and resources can be sent home for cutting and laminating. — Mrs Waugh

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**What is the Australian Curriculum?**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

**How is Australian Curriculum Being Implemented in NSW?**

In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key education stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content and further detail clarifies learning. As a result of this work, Kinder to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

**Australian Curriculum in NSW Conference**

During Week 8 Mr Brendan Ryan and I attended a curriculum conference in relation to the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in NSW. The staff development day for next term will be feeding back to the staff information in regards to the English syllabus and

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

From Monday 8th April when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every $10 spent. Simply collect the Earn & Learn points and place them on a Points Sheet. — send the points sheet into the school. The school will collect the points and be able to buy school resources. Competition concludes 9th June. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!
**SPORT NEWS**

**School Cross Country Friday 5th April 2013.**
Everyone will need their sport uniform, water bottles and if applicable their puffers. Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer on their children. Students are reminded to bring in the Skillathon sheet for their teachers to sign.

**Polding Swimming Trials**
Congratulations to Mt St Patrick’s 6 swimmers who represented at the Polding Swimming Trials in Sydney last week. Many personal best times were swum with outstanding success. This week Darcy Reinke (1st backstroke) Hayley Smith & Madelene Northeast (1st senior relay), Cecilia Ryan (1st breaststroke, backstroke, senior relay & 3rd 200IM) and Anthea Warne (1st 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 200IM, butterfly & senior relay) return to Sydney for the PSSA (state) championship. Special congratulations to Anthea who broke the 100m freestyle record and to the awesome foursome for their spectacular swim in the relay to take 4 seconds off the record!! An outstanding achievement!!

**Group 18 Rugby League Challenge**
Our school was represented last Tuesday at the the South Tweed rugby league fields by around 40 enthusiastic students. For most of these boys it was their first experience of playing competitive rugby league. On a warm day the standard of play and the effort made by both our teams should be commended. The stage two boys played four games while the middle school lades played three games. A big thanks to the parents who helped to get the boys there and cheered all day. Also thanks must go to Mr Logan and Mr Daniel Gray for the coaching that they did.

Go the Eels in 2013!!!! Mr Holmes.

**ANZAC DAY SLIP**

Please detach and return to school before the end of Term.

**YES** we are able to represent the school at the Murwillumbah ANZAC DAY March on April 25th

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