Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that all students had the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful weather and re-charge the batteries in readiness for a very busy term! Firstly I would like to sincerely thank all those students (and their families) who attended the recent ANZAC Day March at Murwillumbah. The school was represented by 90 + students and 15 staff (see pictures below). I would also like to thank and congratulate Cecilia Ryan, who addressed the crowd at the ANZAC Day Family Fun Day, at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds. Cecilia opened the day by speaking about ANZAC Day and what it meant to her. Cecilia’s speech was meaningful, personal and delivered with poise and confidence. Certainly Cecilia represented our school with Heart and Pride!

Thankyou to those parents who responded to our survey request, issued last term, regarding Parking and Traffic around the school—43 responses received. This information was forwarded onto Council, with an accompanying letter, at the end of last Term. As a result, with Mrs Jan Cronly (parent), will be meeting with a Council representative on Thursday 2nd May to discuss the situation. The outcome of this meeting will be discussed at the upcoming Parent Forum meeting...all welcome. As always I will endeavour to ensure that the school community is not only informed of any developments but included in the decision making process.

On Monday the teachers at Mt St Patrick Primary were involved in an inservice which focused on the Australian Curriculum. Whilst some states in Australia have commenced the implementation of this new Curriculum already (Queensland, South Australia nad Tasmania), NSW will commence the implementation of the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum next year. Within the Diocese of Lismore all schools will be implementing the new English and Science Syllabus in 2014 and Mathematics and History will be introduced in 2015. All schools / teachers will be heavily involved in familiarising themselves with the new syllabus through a variety of Professional Development opportunities currently being offered.

On the 28th May a Parent Evening will be held looking at BOYS IN EDUCATION. A presenter from Sydney will be running a workshop for the staff in the afternoon and a parent evening. Please write this date in the diary… more details will be issued closer to the night.

I would encourage all parents to look at the school calendar, so as to be aware of upcoming events.

Have a great Term,

Brian Laybutt (PRINCIPAL)
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 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.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK- What is Love?
Love is caring for someone, wanting to be near them, and wanting to share with them. Love is a special feeling that makes you want to do nice things for people. It means treating them with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. You can show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking or a hug. Love is treating other people just like you would like them to treat you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – UNITS OF WORK
In Religion this Term the Stage groups will be working together on the following units of work:

ES1
K.3 – The Easter Season.
K.4 – Belonging to God’s People.

Stage 1
2.3 – The Easter Season
2.4 – Signs of God’s Love

Stage 2
3.3 – Easter – A time to celebrate the Presence of the Risen Lord
Eucharist Unit
3.4 – Pentecost: The Holy Spirit gives us strength

Middle School –
6.7 – We Celebrate the Sacraments.

We will continue with the virtues programme this term. There is a different virtue each fortnight. The following virtues for Term 2 are: Love, Reverence, Reliability, Consideration and Honesty.

Year 6 will also be busy preparing for the RE test this Term.

SACRED HEART PARISH

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
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Thursday 9.15am OLPS, Sth 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
2nd & 4th OLPS – Sth M’ba h
3rd Burringbar

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.

We are now preparing for the Ascension of our Lord.

SPECIAL STAGE MASSES – TERM 2
Sacred Heart Parish Church
Stage 1 Mass- 14th June
Stage 2 Mass– 21st June
Middle School Mass– 24th May
ES1 Liturgy– 10.00 am Liturgy 29th May

This show will provide unforgettable, fantastic entertainment, and superb value for money. Make sure you purchase your tickets as soon as you can.

Adults $12 with students and concession $8

Performance dates are
Wednesday May 8th, Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th.
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AND THIS YEAR THEY ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE. WE RECOMMEND RESERVING YOUR SEATS BY PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS TODAY.
TO DO SO FOLLOW THE LINKS AT:
www.mursclism.catholic.edu.au

NSW FLAG
Recently our school captains, Anthea and Ben wrote to our local member—Thomas George, asking that he, on behalf of the State Government, replace our current weather beaten, tattered flag. The students response was met favourably and we received a brand new NSW flag which will continue to be flown proudly each day at the School. Many thanks to both Ben and Anthea!!
SKILL A THON—
All Skill-a-Thon money needs to be returned to school by **MONDAY 6th 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos have been booked for **Tuesday 7th May (Week 2; Term 2)**. Please mark this important date in your diary. Prepaid envelopes to purchase photos will be distributed this week. All students are to wear blue school uniform on this day. Girls who have shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back with a navy blue ribbon, band or scrunchy.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Our Mothers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9th May. Gifts will be on sale for $7.00.

**MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE:**
A raffle will be held, with tickets selling for 50c or 3 for $1.00. Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 9th May.
All money raised from the raffle will be donated to the BREAST CANCER COUNCIL.

Thank you to Peta Devoy and Ian Willis for their help with the Kinder garden. It looks amazing and everything is growing beautifully. Kinder are having fun looking after it. We look forward to selling some of the produce soon.

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: ______________________

During Term 2 staff from Mt St Patrick’s Primary School are involved in the Federal Government More Support for Students with Disability project (MSSD). Jenna Ferros and Tania Blunden, experienced Speech Pathologists from Therapy Matters will facilitate this professional development activity.

One day a week during term 2 the Speech Pathologist will work with individual classroom teachers of students with an identified Language Disability. The Speech Pathologist will assist teachers to improve their understanding of the needs of students with speech and language difficulties. They will work together to develop processes and strategies to implement in the classroom to support these students in their learning.
WEEK 9-10 AWARDS (TERM 1)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KM — Ella Cracknell
KL — Freda Biles
1D — Harrison Bugg
1T — Kaitlyn Antonelli
2N — Ruby Cummins
2P — April Parnaby
St2D — Sophie Bird
St2H — Darcy Toms
St2M — Sarah Hill
St2P — Abbey Bevan
MSF — Joel Antonelli
MSM — Joseph Warne
MSS — Georgia Felton
MSP — Kiara Woodward

MOST IMPROVED

KM — Ebony Roach
KL — Xavier Palmer
1D — Morgan Berger
1T — Byron Randall
2N — Jorja Smith
2P — Evan Buch
St2D — Lincoln Taylor
St2H — Wren Phelan
St2M — Harry Willis
St2P — Drae Darragh
MSF — Cameron McCulloch
MSM — Josephine Bruggy
MSS — Olivia Ryan
MSP — Bryson Buch

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS — Sienna Reid
STAGE 2 — Travis Antonelli
MIDDLE SCHOOL — Cecilia Ryan

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

Angus Miller, Elsie Biles
Billy Walton, Hannah Whitney
Tarvah-Lee Nottle, Zane Patience

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Georgia Lollback
Evie Faulkner
Oscar Rogers

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Neve Trembath, Kiana Byrnes, Reece Walton
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KM— Lara Willis
KL— Honey Royle
1D— Selam Dietrich
1T— Izaac O’Keefe
2N— Blake Cracknell
2P— Millie Davidson
St2D— Will Ryan-McGinn
St2H— Morgan Burgess
St2M— Ivy Morton-Rowthorne
St2P— Zoe Gatt
MSF— Codie Chung
MSM— Alexander Flannery
MSS— Jaedon McCulloch
MSP— Anthea Warne

MOST IMPROVED

KM— Angus Miller
KL— Jaxon Thomas
1D— Hazel Cunningham
1T— Sharde Darragh
2N— Ayla Fing
2P— Ashley Gray
St2D— Brodi Cook
St2H— Kalyse Hunter
St2M— Isis Heterick
St2P— Bryce Matlock
MSF— Ben Snellgrove
MSM— Josef Leslight
MSS— Clayton Porter
MSP— Vivien Koerner-Straub

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS— Mahli Coyne
STAGE 2— Jya Fing
MIDDLE SCHOOL— Hayley Smith

PRINCIPALS AWARD
Lucy Jones, Darcy Hannah, Cecilia Ryan

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
Bailey Pedlow
Riley Bull
Isaac Walford
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

Triple P Parenting Course

Triple P is an 7 week parenting course which includes 6 group sessions and a telephone contact. This course is suited for parents of children aged between 2 and 10 years. Triple P assists parents to build positive relationships with their children and create a stable, supportive and harmonious family.

The course introduces proven methods to encourage positive behaviour from your children and deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour.

This program is internationally recognized and evidence based.

**WHEN:** Thursdays
**DATE:** May 9 — June 20
**COST:** No cost

**WHERE:** Murwillumbah Community Centre
For up to date info go to www.thefamilycentre.org.au
Bookings are essential (07) 55248711
Please contact the Intake Worker between 9am—12.30pm Mon—Fri

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**

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**Murwillumbah Football Club**

Girls if you were born in 1998 or 1999 we are looking for you to join our Under 15 Girls Soccer Team. Training is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and games are played Friday nights.

For more information or sign up details please email shaz1912@bigpond.com

Thanks Sharyn

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**Youth Environment Council**

On Tuesday 9th April, four middle school students went to Murwillumbah High School to meet with students from around the valley to form a Council to discuss environmental issues and plan actions to improve and conserve the environment. Yasmin Charilaou, Maddie Hill, Chloe Brawley and Callum Moss (pictured left) represented the Environment group on that day. Other members of the group are Luca Molinari, Anthea Warne, Skye Engler, Zali Zuschke, Matilda Nimmo, Maxine Sutton, Anna Smith, Charlie Priest and Annalise Mackie. We feel it is important as stewards of creation to notice issues in our environment and do something about it. One of the biggest issues is stormwater getting polluted with small pieces of plastic e.g. popper straw casings. These then make their way to the sea and cause lots of trouble. More about this in our next newsletter!

The Youth Environment Council is convened by Sascha Piotrkowski, Environmental Education Officer at Tweed Shire Council and meets once a term.

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**Athletics**

Sport this term will focus on developing skills for the athletic carnival on 25th June. Trials will also be held for shot put and long jump for primary students. Girls are encouraged to change into black or navy shorts for sport.

In response to PARENT FEEDBACK this year Infants and Primary School carnivals will be held together

**PSSA (NSW State) Trials**

We also wish Montana Taylor all the best in Albury as she competes in the state tennis trials next week.

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**Polding Winter Sport Trials**

We wish Brooke Saddler, Hayley Smith (hockey) and Zayne Stewart (football) all the best at the trials in Bathurst this week.

**Zone Cross Country**

Mt St Patrick’s cross country squad will compete next Friday at the Zone Cross Country. We wish all the competitors well. There will be a squad training session on Thursday so competitors should bring joggers and running gear.

I would appreciate any outstanding notes and levies be sent in this week.

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**Mt St Pat's**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

(From April 22nd—May 5th 2013)

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