Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who attended our recently conducted Parent Information Nights. I trust that you found the meetings valuable and that it gave you an insight into the dynamics of the child’s class.

ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE: Please note that in the morning the one way street beside Queensland Road is now a bus zone. New signage was installed last week. Consequently, no parents are to use this one way street as a morning drop off. Parsons bus lines will be using this drop for students in the morning.

Some other reminders regarding afternoon pick up in Queensland Rd:
- Parents are encouraged to delay pick up of their children until after 3:25pm to avoid a back-log of cars waiting at 3:15pm. Teachers will supervise students until 3:40pm if required on Queensland Road.
- If cars are banked from the one way street onto Queensland Rd, parents are reminded to do a lap around the school. (No blocking of Queensland Rd please!)

NB: Parents are discouraged from parking on the western side of Mooball St during the afternoon to pick up their children.

PARENT FORUM: Last night the school held its first Parent Forum Meeting for the year. At this meeting Office Bearers were elected for 2014. Congratulations is extended to:

Chairperson: Clare Price
Secretary: Jan Cronly
Treasurer: Kathryn Leslight & Assistant Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Please note: Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting will be made available on the School Moodle and School Web page.

SCHOOL FITNESS TEST: As part of our PDHPE curriculum the school has invested in a program called School Fitness Test. It is an assessment and reporting program, which measures student aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. Please take the time to read more details of this program as outlined on page 7.

FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE: A copy of your family information has been sent home. It is very important that all details are updated, in particular phone numbers, emergency contact numbers etc. This information is to be returned to school by Friday 7th March.

STAFF APPOINTMENT: We welcome Mrs. Colleen Poudal to our teacher support staff. Mrs. Poudal, has been appointed as an Indigenous Teacher Aide, working on Thursday & Friday’s. She will be supporting some of our Indigenous students in the school.

Have a good week!

Brendan Ryan PRINCIPAL

PRAYERS REQUIRED: Our school community extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs Caroline Thompson (Leader of Pedagogy—Mt St Patrick College), whose husband died suddenly last Thursday evening. Please keep Caroline and her family, as well as the staff and students of Mt St Patrick College in your prayers.

SCHOOL DISCO
SCHOOL BASEMENT AREA
FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY: 5:30—7:30pm
Barbeque and drinks available on the night
SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2014

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Parent Meeting 18th February at 6pm in the hall
Retreat Day 27th March
II Rite of Reconciliation 27th March at 7pm in the church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Parent Meeting 13th May at 6pm in the hall
Inscription Ceremony (weekend of 17th & 18th May)
Retreat Day 19th June
First Holy Communion 22nd June at 8am in the church

CONFIRMATION
Parent Meeting 22nd July at 6pm in the hall
Inscription Ceremony 22nd August
Retreat Day 23rd August
Sacrament of Confirmation 22nd August

Parents of any new students who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Mrs Dixon

WHAT IS MINI-VINNIES?
Mini-Vinnies is a group of middle school young people who get together to help those in need within their school and local community. Mini-Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, to the St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action.

The Vinnies model of ‘See, think, do’ is a great way to get young people thinking and talking about their spirituality; by connecting beliefs and values with service and issues in their community their faith can become real and relevant.

‘Seeing’ is becoming aware; ‘thinking’ is an opportunity for members to share their thoughts and engage in discussion about some of the world’s problems and how those problems may be alleviated; and ‘doing’ is supporting the Society in its good works in Australia and overseas.

ROSARY BEADING
At Mass on Australia Day Fr. David blessed 620 sets of Rosary beads, some of which were made by the children at our school. We make them from strings and beads which are donated by The Servants of Mary. When the beads are finished the Legion of Mary organise them into parcels and send them to countries where they are needed. This last batch was destined for Tanzania in Africa and Christmas Island for the refugees. If anyone would like to join our crafty crew come to the Art room at lunchtime on Fridays. You will be most welcome!

Philomena Zambelli- Missions and Values facilitator.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
Wednesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
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 – South Murwillumbah
3rd Burringbar

COMMITMENT: TO OUR AIDS, PERSERVERING WITH OUR WORK

In ‘Heart and Pride’ time last week the children have looked at the first value of Commitment. The groups looked at what commitment means to them across the different stages and made posters to display in their classrooms.

SPECIAL DATES
The dates for these special stage masses are-
* Stage 1– Friday 21st February
* Stage 2– Friday 28th February
* MS Mass– Friday 7th March

Please note that all parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us for these Masses at 12pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH
Seasons for Growth is available at our school for students from year 1 up. It’s a program developed by the sisters of St Joseph under the banner “Good Grief”. (http://www.goodgrief.aust.com). Loss and grief are issues which affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Learning to deal with these is central to personal well-being and happiness. The program is offered as a support to children who have experienced change due to death, separation or divorce. The children have a journal and they are led through the sessions by a ‘companion’ who has been trained to facilitate the course. It runs for 8 weeks. 45 minutes per week during school time. There is no cost to parents for the program. If you would like your child to take part in this program please complete the form below. Thankyou. Philomena Zambelli– Seasons Coordinator

SEASONS FOR GROWTH
I______________________________________give consent for my son/daughter ______________________ to attend the Seasons for Growth Education Program to be held within school hours. Below is a reason for this decision:

Name (Parent / Guardian):_________________________Signed:_________________________ Date:_____/_____/2014
PARENT REPS EVENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

The recent Parish Schools Forum meeting allowed for Class Parent Representatives to select which of the major school events they will coordinate for the year. The list below outlines the school event and class Parent Reps responsible:

- **DISCO** Year 1T & Stage 2 HD
- **SKILL A THON** Stage 2CM & Stage 2MM
- **MOTHER’S DAY** Year 1D & Stage 2TM
- **BUSH DANCE** MS M & MS S
- **FATHER’S DAY** Year 2P & Year 2N
- **GRANDPARENT’S DAY** Kinder L & Kinder M
- **DISCO** MS P & MS F

INFANT CLASSES FAMILY PICNIC DAY

@ HASTINGS POINT SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY FROM 11.00am.

The park has:
- Age appropriate play equipment for the children
- Barbeque facilities
- Undercover seated areas
- Flat water area for swimming

Bring a picnic lunch or food for the barbeque, drinks etc., some seating is available however fold up chairs /blanket to sit on would be advisable. Stay for an hour or stay for the whole day, it is up to you, meet new friends or reacquaint yourself with old ones! I am sure a great day will be had by all. For further information, contact the school office. 

Event cancelled only if inclement weather occurs !!
WEEK 3 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KL — Delilah Dargan
KM — Kate Pryke
1D — Sebastian Calvino
1T — Flynn Jones
2N — Amanita Hoffman-Bowe
2P — Vienna Lazaredes
St2CM — Lucy Jones
St2HD — Sienna Smith
St2MM — Isabella Anderson
St2TM — Charlie Gibbons
MSF — Brodi Cook
MSM — Connor Foreman-Keenan
MSP — Areana Twohill
MSS — Sam Wharton

MOST IMPROVED
KL — Sanjay Nix
KM — Olivia Bagnall
1D — Freda Biles
1T — Isabella Millar
2N — Ava Singh
2P — Olivia Adams
St2CM — Noah Clark
St2HD — Chris Biskup
St2MM — Gabe Malcolm
St2TM — Jorja Smith
MSF — James McIver
MSM — Hamish Purnell
MSP — Brendan Piccini
MSS — McCauley Wells

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
Kiani Byrnes
Ebony Northeast
Jared Carney

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
Kaitlyn Antonelli
Tyler-Rose Ludlow
Zoe Gatt

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
Caitlyn Bice, Jade Folkers
Shayah Coyne, Elizabeth Warne
Connor Person, Olivia Flannery

BIRTHDAYS
Coby Williams, Ruby Truman, Alira Heterick, Eva McDonald, Jya Fing, Skye Ayres, Dante Eleuteri, Leo Egan, Ella Ewing, Konnor Wheeler, Jessica Moore, Rhys Charman, Keira Leslighter, Tahlia Drew-Perkiss, Jack Simke-Hetherington, Jai Harris
BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS

On Friday 7th Feb. the school celebrated the beginning of the school year with a Mass. At the conclusion of the Mass, our school leaders were inducted into the school. Pictured above are our School Captains, Sports Captains and School Representative Council (SRC) members for 2014. We are sure all students will carry out their duties with “Heart & Pride”.

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 1

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Week 7: St Patrick Day Presentation
Week 8: Skillathon & Cross Country
Week 11: Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart Church

Assemblies start @ 2:20pm in the Sacred Heart Hall

2014 Kindergarten Classes

We would like to welcome our 2014 Kindergarten students to Mount Saint Patrick Primary School. They have been playing, reading, writing, singing, counting and settling into their new classrooms. We wish them all the best for this year and may they all enjoy this new experience of friendships, love and learning.
**Mathletics Certificate of Achievement Awards Week 3**
Max Jones, Kaytlin Harris, Kiara McCarthy, Charlie Gibbons, Catia Stebbing, Wraith Dare (pictured right)

**PET PROTECTION PROGRAM INCURSION**

The students from *Kindergarten to Year 2* have an opportunity this Thursday 20th February to participate in the NSW Government’s responsible pet ownership education program. The Program uses multimedia, role play, song and story to provide primary school children with a smorgasbord of stimulating activities to teach a wide range of concepts relating to responsible pet ownership. The sessions run for approximately 50 minutes per grade. The Program focuses on teaching students about dog safety incorporating:

- When dogs should be left alone
- Things we should not do to dogs
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog
- What to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

The Program also introduces and develops the following concepts:

- Choosing an appropriate pet
- General welfare and husbandry
- The importance of identification and registration
- Confinement and housing

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**Mathletics homework has begun**

Last week grades 2-6 started their Mathletics homework. It was great to see the students results and many students received certificates for their first week. Mathletics is a compulsory part of homework for all Year 2, Stage 2 and Middle School students. If your child is having trouble accessing Mathletics or has an issue with logging in please communicate this with your child’s Maths teacher.

**Mathletics App and Technical Support**

Mathletics is available as an app which makes it easier for students to use on a tablet or iPad. You just need to download the app from the app store. There is also a Parent Tech Support Line, so if you are having technical difficulties you may go to this website: [http://www.3plearning.com/tech/mathletics/](http://www.3plearning.com/tech/mathletics/)

Or call 02 90192888

**General Information**

We encourage our students to use Mathletics 3-5 times a week and earn 1000 points. Teachers will set tasks for the week and then students are encouraged to use Live Mathletics and other fun activities. When students complete their set tasks and Live Mathletics they receive points. The reward system is as follows-

- 1000 points = Bronze Certificate
- 5 Bronze = Silver Certificate
- 4 Silver = Gold Certificate

Some children this week have already received a silver award as the certificates from previous years roll over into this year. Enjoy this great tool.

_Justine Powell_
Leader of Pedagogy

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**HELP WANTED ! SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL !**

Calling for any parent volunteers to help with the second hand uniform shop at school. Any time you have available would be greatly appreciated to sort out and tidy our Uniform Shop. Please contact the school office if you can assist.
SCHOOL FITNESS TEST: This year our school has taken on-board a new initiative to support our PDHPE (Personal Development, Health & Physical Education) curriculum. The aim of the program is to support teachers, students and parents in promoting a healthy lifestyle and exercise. The School Fitness Test is an assessment and reporting program for school aged students. The assessment includes a variety of health-related physical fitness tests that assess aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. Scores from these assessments are compared using the Fitness Light® standards to determine overall physical fitness and recommend areas for improvement.

At Mt St Patrick Primary School in 2014, students will participate once a Term in the ‘School Fitness Test’. Details of each student’s name, age and height and results of their exercise activities are forwarded onto SchoolFitnessTest.com. Their website is cloud based. All results are stored on our secure Australian servers. The results are kept for the time of the subscription and then destroyed. We will never pass results on to any other organisation nor conduct research with the data. All participating students will receive a fitness report which will be placed in their assessment portfolio for parents to read.

It is an expectation that all students participate in the assessment activities as part of their standard Physical Education lesson at school. If as a parent you do not want your child’s name, age and height and results of their exercise activities forwarded onto School Fitness Test.com please notify your child’s classroom teacher. Consequently, no assessment report on your child’s results will be available.

TWEEDE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL We wish the 34 students attending the Zone swimming carnival on Friday all the best. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to assist. A note will go home this week with details. Students will need to come to school on Friday morning and Mrs Morosini will walk the team to the pool. They will need their sport uniform, swimmers, goggles, towel and sunscreen. The café will be available during the day. The carnival will go ahead even if rain is forecast.

ZONE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS Information for the Tweed Zone Winter Sport Trials for the students who have nominated, will be sent home as soon as it comes to hand.

POLDING SOFTBALL TRIALS Congratulations to Joseph Warne who attended the Polding Softball Trials in Newcastle last week. Unfortunately he wasn’t selected in the Polding team but enjoyed the challenges and he gained valuable experience.

Mrs. Agnes Markham  Sports Coordinator