Dear Parents,

This year Mt St Patrick Primary School will join Catholic schools across NSW & the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from the 9th—15th March.

The theme for CSW 2014 is ‘More Than a Great Education’ which encourages schools to showcase for their local community the opportunities available to students, raise awareness, and celebrate the distinctiveness of Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools—students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and all members of the wider community—by showcasing what happens in our classrooms.

It is for this reason I would extend an invitation to you and your family to join us for any of the scheduled events for this week.

**Monday 10th**  Book Parade 9:00am on Hardcourt Area  
(all students to come dressed as their favourite book character)

Book Fair will operate from the Library during this week (see pg. 3 for details)

**Wednesday 12th** Year 6 attending Catholic Schools Week Mass @ Sacred Heart Church 11:00am

**Thursday 13th** St Patrick Day evening Concert @ Parish Hall 7:30pm  
School Choir invited to sing at this event

**Friday 14th** OPEN DAY—classroom visits / school tours available from 9:00am—2:00pm. School Assembly @ 2:20pm  
Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, Parent Forum, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of our school and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE:

Thank you to all the families who are using the Queensland Rd pick up and are following the procedures to ensure a smooth and safe ‘pick up’ occurs. Again a few important reminders

- It would assist the flow of traffic if parents turn left onto Qld Rd after picking up your children. The right hand turn can at times hinder the flow of ‘pick up’.
- Parents are encouraged to come between 3:25—3:40pm to Qld Rd ‘pick up’ to avoid queuing up.
- Please do not park on the western side of Mooball St in the afternoon.

Your support of our new traffic management plan is much appreciated.

**STAFF APPOINTMENT:** Congratulations to Mrs. Rosmarie Laybutt who was appointed as the Casual/Part time School Secretary. Rosmarie has been already employed in this position in the school over the last 12 months. She also had prior experience in a School Office at All Hallows Primary School, Five Dock, Sydney. I’m sure both Rosmarie and Mrs. Emma Butler as a team, will continue to run an efficient, friendly and well-organised office.

**PROCLAIM LISMORE PARENTS 2014:** In the process of Proclaim Lismore Parents, the Diocese of Lismore is working to engage with parents on a program of change to make our schools the best they can be. We want to include you on this journey, so to find out more information, please visit the following link:


Have a good week!

Brendan Ryan  
PRINCIPAL
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
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.

**COME ALONG TO OUR ‘READING OASIS’ BOOK FAIR**

**Date:** Monday 10th March—Friday 14th March  
**Time:** 8:30am—9:30am & 2:30pm—3:30pm (Monday—Thursday)  
8:30am—9:30am (Friday) - Please note: Sales finish midday Friday  
**Place:** School Library  
All purchases benefit our school  
The Book Parade will take place on Monday 10th March on the Hardcourt Area— (all students to come dressed as their favourite book character)  
Parents, family & friends welcome to join us  
Alice Withers Library Assistant

**MUFTI DAY—THURSDAY 6th MARCH**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

Last year Mrs. Cheryl Forrester (Art teacher) visited Viewpoint Primary School, Nepal. Our school is contributing to a fundraising aim of the school to raise $1 000US to help buy uniforms for the 90 children at the school. Your support of a gold coin donation would be much appreciated this Thursday.

**SKILL A THON**

As this is one of only two major fundraisers for the year, your enthusiastic support would be appreciated.  
*The Skill a Thon will be held on Friday 4th 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 this week. 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 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 overall 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:**  
For every $20 raised by a family, a raffle ticket will be received (ie: $80 raised = 4 raffle tickets).

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Thank you to all the families who came along to our school Disco last Friday night. The weather was kind to us and a wonderful time was enjoyed. A special thank you to the parent reps from Year 1D & Stage2HD, especially Maria McCabe for her coordination of the BBQ. Thank you also to our suppliers:

**Baker’s Delight** — Carrie & Greg Madden—for their ongoing generosity of donating the bread  
**Loades Butchery**—Lee & Peter Smith—for their ongoing supply of sausages for the BBQ  
**IGA**—Leanne & Brett Bugg—also for their ongoing supply of drinks for the evening  

Your support is much appreciated!
WEEK 4 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KL—Lucy Grant
KM—Alex Wellm
1D—Bailey Buchanan
1T—Anna Davidson
2N—Yvette Lapworth
2P—Abbie Thomas
St2CM—Will Ryan-McGinn
St2HD—Michael Lack
St2MM—Milla Pearson
St2TM—Amber Charlaou
MSF—Angus Macfarlane
MSM—Morgan Burgess
MSP—Aidan Willis
MSS—Indiana Nuspan

MOST IMPROVED
KL—Grace Toms
KM—Sophia Berger
1D—Konnor Wheeler
1T—Murray Burnett
2N—Luken Ennis
2P—Billy John
St2CM—Azalea Sattler
St2HD—Jai Taylor
St2MM—Bronte McLean
St2TM—Seán Carney
MSF—Catia Stebbing
MSM—Nick Buchanan
MSP—Matteo McDermott
MSS—Oliver Walsh

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
Infants: Xavier Palmer
Stage 2: Joseph Colnan
Middle School: Leila Parnaby

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
Infants: Jaxon Thomas
Stage 2: Bryce Matlock
Middle School: Codie Chung

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
Infants: Phoebe Piticco, Hannah Millar
Stage 2: Azalea Sattler, Sienna Flemming
Middle School: Melia Loveridge, Matteo McDermott

BIRTHDAYS
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KL — Keesia Close
KM — Shaylee Minahan
1D — Emelia Thompson
1T — Ava McCabe
2P — Ruby Trueman
2P — Nakeisha Drew-Perkiss
St2CM—Lincoln Taylor
St2HD— Lucia Alexander
St2MM—Danny Madden
St2TM— Riley Bull
MSF— Reece Walton
MSM— Jack Simke-Hetherington
MSP— Will Townsend
MSS— Corey Grossman

MOST IMPROVED
KL — Cyennah Tiller
KM — Keira Hair
1D — Lara Willis
1T — Cody Taylor
2P — Kai Mumford
2P — Jude Livermore
St2CM— Sophia Charman
St2HD— Kiana McCabe
St2MM— Ruby Cummins
St2TM— April Parnaby
MSF— Darcie Shaffer
MSM— Alyssa Carney
MSP— Carson Ings
MSS— Kobe Spry

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
Infants: Theo Parsons
Stage 2: Kendall Wells
Middle School: Neave Butler

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
Infants: Freda Biles
Stage 2: Abbey Bevan
Middle School: Chloe Brawley

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
Infants: Lucy Grant
Stage 2: Lucy Jones, Bronte McLean
Middle School: Amelie McInerney, Oliver Parsons

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 1
Week 6 Year 2P (Miss Prichard) Week 7 St Patrick Day Presentation Week 8 MS F (Mr Forrester)
Week 9 Year 1T (Mrs Trevithick) Week 10 Skill a thon & Cross Country Week 11 Stations of the Cross (No Assembly)

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

On Thursday 20th February all infant classes attended a Pet Protection talk. Maree and her pet dog Munroe presented to the classes the importance of pet safety and in particular how to recognise if a dog is angry, scared or happy. They learnt a safe way to approach a dog and some children had the opportunity to practise these steps with Munroe after he was woken up by a very loud ‘Wake up Munroe’. This is a wonderful program and we enjoyed Maree and Munroe visiting our school. Each child was given a flyer about the program and there is a great interactive website that children can access for more activities on [www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

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**Mathletics Certificates**

**Week commencing 17th to 23rd February**

**GOLD Certificates**
- Angus McFarlane

**SILVER Certificates**
- Ellis Hannah, Matteo McDermott, Patrick Gray, Kaitlyn Harris, Sophie Ross, Jared Carney, Charles Warren, Bryson Buch.

**BRONZE Certificates**

**Week commencing 24th February to 2nd March**

**GOLD Certificates**
- Lucy Jones

**SILVER Certificates**

**BRONZE Certificates**

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**Thank you to the Parent Forum for their generosity in buying new colourful furniture for the Kinder Reading Room**

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**Mathletics Certificate of Achievement Awards Week 4**

Angus Macfarlane, Jared Carney, Riley Engler, Corey Grossman & Renzo Walford

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**Mathletics Certificate of Achievement Awards Week 5**

Charlotte O’Keeffe, Anna Smith, Flynn Everall

Lucy Jones, Byron Randall, Kiara McCabe, Ella Buch, Gabe Malcolm

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**KINDERGARTEN READING ROOM**
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A huge thank you to the many parents who assisted at the Zone Swimming Carnival, especially Nicki Warne and Anthony Carney who officiated on the day. The girl house captains also did a tremendous job assisting. Mrs Morosini reported that the team’s behaviour and sportsmanship was excellent. Well done team!

Many students swam personal best times, with 18 students qualifying for the Zone team, including both the boy relay teams.

Congratulations to the following students who broke Zone records, some of which were 10 year old records! Ebony Northeast 8yr 50m freestyle, Hayley Smith 13yr 50m freestyle, Alyssa Carney 11yr 50m breaststroke, Darcy Reinke 11yr 50m butterfly, Senior boy Relay (Darcy, Joseph, Reece, Jared)

ZONE AGE CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to the age champions –Sean Carney – Junior champion, Alyssa Carney & Darcy Reinke - 11Year champions, Hayley Smith, Reece Walton & Joseph Warne (tied) Senior champions & Jared Carney runner up Senior champion.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL
We wish the following students all the best at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival this Friday- Hayley Smith, Darcy Reinke, Jared, Alyssa & Sean Carney, Joseph & Elizabeth Warne, Reece & Billy Walton, Ebony Northeast, Spencer Leslight, Reef Sommerville, Kaytlin Harris, Finn Whitney, Nick Ratcliff, Ellis Hannah & Malachy Wilkinson. They are to meet the Tweed Zone managers at the pool between 8.30am -9am. If you would like your child to come to school first, please let us know and we will arrange for them to be walked down at 8.30am.

ZONE WINTER TRIALS
The Zone winter sports trials will be held this week and students have been notified of the venues. Please notify me if your child is unable to attend the trials so that the convener is informed.

CRICKET
Mt St Patrick is fortunate to be selected for a special visit by ‘Legends of Cricket’ former Australian cricketers on **Friday 7th March.**
Stage 2 students will attend a cricket clinic and will also have the opportunity to meet and get former Australian cricketers autographs.

Mrs. Agnes Markham Sports Coordinator

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**Mt St Patrick Swimming Team**

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**Become A Volunteer Host Family**

Find out more! Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

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