OFFICE HOURS
School Administration Office is attended
Monday—Friday
8:20am—3:45 pm

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IMPORTANT DATES
Refer to our School Calendar located
on page 6 of this newsletter for all
important 2017 dates.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
The newsletter is published
FORTNIGHTLY. The newsletter is given
to the youngest student in the family.
Newsletters are distributed on
TUESDAYS
The newsletter is also available through
our Skoolbag app, school Moodle page
and website.

PARENT FORUM MEETING
MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY @ 6:30 pm SCHOOL LIBRARY
ALL PARENTS are welcome to attend our first Parent Forum meeting for the school year.
The Parent Forum allows parents to be informed of school initiatives and have input into the
role of the Parent Forum during the year. Election of Office Bearers will also take place.

SCHOOL DISCO
SCHOOL BASEMENT AREA
FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY: 5:30—7:30pm
Barbeque and drinks available on the night.

Dear Parents,
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the recent Parent Information sessions.
At the Information Nights parents were given the opportunity to include their contact details to a
list that will be distributed to families at each year level. The lists are only distributed to families
whose names and contact details appear on the list. If you were unable to attend the Information Night but would like your details included on the parent contact list—please complete your details on the attached flyer accompanying this newsletter.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION of the MOST REVEREND GREGORY HOMEMING O.C.D—
In December last year Most Rev. Geoffrey Jarrett, resigned as Bishop of Lismore. His Holiness,
Pope Francis has appointed as the new Bishop of Lismore Rev Gregory Homeming O.C.D, who
until now has been the Regional Vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Australia. The Episco-
pal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Homeming will take place in the St Carthage’s Cathedral on
Wednesday 22nd February at 7:00pm. Please contact our Parish Office if you are interested
in attending the ordination. We welcome Bishop Elect Gregory to the Lismore Diocese and look
forward to his visit to the Murwillumbah Parish during the year.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE: Please be mindful of informing the school of any
diagnosis or change in medical condition for your child so that school plans and records are
current and accurate. This is especially important for those students with Asthma, Anaphylaxis,
Diabetes, and other medical conditions.

Enjoy your week
Brendan Ryan Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2017: We welcomed 51 new Kindergarten students as they started at Mt St Patrick Primary last week.
SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Parent Meeting: Tuesday 28th February
Retreat Day: Tuesday 4th April
II Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 4th April at 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Parent Meeting: Tuesday 28th February
Retreat Day: Friday 16th June
First Holy Communion: Sunday 18th June

CONFIRMATION
Parent Meeting: Tuesday 20th June
Retreat Day: Friday 11th August
Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 12th 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 or the Parish Office.

SPECIAL DATES—CLASS MASSES
The dates for these special class masses are:
- Years 5 and 6 — Friday 24th February
- Years 1 and 2 — Friday 3rd March
- Years 3 and 4 — Friday 24th March

Please note that all parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us for these Masses at 12.15pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

INCITARE
Incitare is a one day retreat experience for Year 6 students from parish primary schools based in regions of the diocese to celebrate their faith at a diocesan level.

The retreat will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practice their faith. The activities will be a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating a liturgy together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of these Year 6 students.

The activities and experiences will allow attendees to build relationships with other students from throughout their region of the diocese and allow the students the opportunity to talk about and share their faith journey.

When: Tuesday 14th March Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall

In discerning which students might participate in this retreat experience, the CSO has recommended the following guidelines:
- Core catholic students
- Regularly attend Mass
- Are involved in some other form of church involvement either at school or in the parish
- Students who are willing to learn more about the Christian Faith
A large number of students have already expressed an interest in this event. We can, however, only offer 10 places. Any student who would like to be considered is asked to complete the Student Application Form provided by Mrs Dixon. Nominations should be handed to Mrs Dixon no later than Tuesday 21st February.

INDUCTION OF SCHOOL LEADERS at our OPENING of the SCHOOL YEAR MASS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—TERM 1

The children will be bringing home the To Know, Worship and Love books and may also access a website called Understanding Faith regularly throughout the term. We would encourage you to share this special Religion book and resource with your child and complete the set homework task relating to the unit of work they are doing in class.

As part of the Religious Education Curriculum each of the classes will prepare and celebrate a mass this term as part of the units of work they are studying. There will be other liturgies and masses throughout the term that the whole school will attend.
SCHOOL FEES FOR 2017

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**Resource Fees:** $143 per child per annum – payable by 28.2.2017

**Technology & Spelling Levy:** $75 per child per annum

**Maths Levy:** $25 per child per annum

**Facilities & Maintenance Fee:** $275.00 per family per year

**Sport Levy:** $27 per child per annum

*NB:* *Term 1 Fees will be sent out in the coming weeks*

Computer generated accounts are sent out in school terms 1, 2 & 3 only. These accounts set out the 'Total' amount owing for the current term. Alternatively arrangements can be made to pay fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Payment can be made by BPAY, Direct Debit, Credit Card or cash at the Office.

There is a **5% discount** on Tuition Fees paid in full before the end of Term 1. There is no discounting on Resource Fees or Parish Facilities and Maintenance Fee.

The school collects a "Parish Facilities and Maintenance Fee" on behalf of the Parish.

Unexplained failure to pay fees by the due dates will be forwarded onto the Parish Finance Council for review. Overdue fees may impact on a child’s continued enrolment or if a student is currently in Year 6 it will impact on their enrolment application to Mount St Patrick College.

**Staff Supervision:** School hours are 8:50am to 3:15pm. Children who live locally should not arrive before 8:20am.

Staff are present at the school from 8:20am to 3:45 pm and no responsibility for the supervision of children is accepted outside these times. Children are not permitted to leave the school premises unless they have written permission from their parent/guardian. A direct phone call by a parent is not acceptable. It is not appropriate for parents to visit their children on the playground during breaks or to ‘hang around’ with children before school. Thank you for your support in this area.

**Leave Early & Late to School:** To ensure that the school complies with State Legislation the school has a Leave Early slip and a Late slip. The late slip must be filled in by either the parent/child if arriving late to school. Students who arrive late to school WILL NOT be allowed to enter the class unless they present the class teacher with a late slip. Students who arrive late to school must first report to the office and must not be taken straight to class. The leaving early slip must be completed by the parent/guardian before a student can be taken from the school. The parent/guardian will then proceed to their child’s classroom and present the class teacher with a leaving early slip. The forms are located in the office. Essentially these forms are kept as a record of when students arrive and leave the school outside normal hours.

**Student Absence:** Our school has an electronic attendance software which includes the ability to send and receive an SMS directly to the system. If your child is absent from school an SMS will be sent to one of the mobile phone numbers we currently have in our database. We will send the SMS at approximately 9.30 am each day. Usually we will only send one SMS per child. If we are in doubt as to the custody arrangements of a student (on the day) an SMS will not be sent.

You are able to respond directly to this SMS with a reason for your child’s absence and it will be recorded as sent. We request that this is done by 3pm on that day. You are able to store this number and text a message prior to one being sent on any day if you prefer.

If more than one family member is absent from school on a particular day you will receive more than one SMS however only one SMS response is required from parents, provided it adequately explains the absence of all children. SMS messages are now considered legitimate forms of communication and as such a follow up phone call or note is not required. However, if you are unable to respond to the SMS then the school does require some form of communication such as a phone call or note to explain absences.

The text of the message will be as follows:

<name> is absent from school today. Please confirm, with reason for absence, by return SMS by 3pm today. Thank you Mt St Patrick Primary School.

Can I ask that if you have recently changed your mobile phone or other contact details that you inform the office staff.
TERM 1 Week 3

INFANTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year KM  Mackenzie Wood  Aidan Ryan
Year KW  Jaida Veares  Cory Hockley
Year 1T  Liv Andrews  Noah McNee
Year 1W  Annie Amouyal  Tim Wellm
Year 2N  Lachlan Thomas  Mia Harvey
Year 2P  Ezekiel Longbottom  Elijah Byrnes

PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year 3M  Lucy Grant  Tully Fitzpatrick
Year 3J  Clancy Greenbury  Shaylee Minahan
Year 4G  Alice Simke  Ella McCluskey
Year 4H  Trei Heterick  Kayla Cotelli
Year 5F  Finlay Purnell  Cailey Baker
Year 5Y  Imogen Andrews  Jude Livermore
Year 6D  Dylan Bath-Dunne  Elsie Biles
Year 6M  Sophie Charman  Nathan Pryke

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

Kinder: -
Year 1: Amelia Blofield
Year 2: Lalia Chisholm
Year 3: Oliver McKay
Year 4: Trei Heterick
Year 5: Enya McCarthy
Year 6: Ebony Northeast

MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Brooke Madden & Tabitha Stratton

BIRTHDAYS

1st Jan — 29th Jan

30th Jan — 5th Feb
Ethan Wolfe, Hayden Charman, Ivy Pticco, Lara Clark, Bailey Kirby, Nathan Willis,

6th Feb — 12th Feb
Marlin Mott, Evie McPherson, Bodhi Wilson, Rachael Devoy.

13th Feb—19th Feb
Coby Williams, Skye Ayres, Jessica Moore, Ella Ewing, Hiwot Nardi, Alira Heterick, Ruby Trueman, Bronson Hockley & Elyce Kuhnell
WELCOME NEW STAFF
Mrs Samantha Daly (Physical Education Teacher & Sport Coordinator)
Miss Deminica Grose (Student Learning Support Teacher)

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS 2017
Year 1
Liv Andrews
Year 2
Elsie Wilkinson, Mya Andrews, Max Croker & Hayden McCluskey
Year 3
Clancy Greenbury
Year 4
Ella McCluskey
Year 5
Imogen Andrews

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be members of the SRC:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Elizabeth Warne
Cooper Shields

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS
Elyce Kuhnell
Blake Cracknell

SRC TERM 1 & 2
Year 3J  Alex Wellm
Year 3M  Annabelle O’Grady
Year 4H  Ava McCabe
Year 4G  Jade Folkers
Year 5F  Felicity Newell
Year 5Y  Lincoln Newell
Year 6D  Wyatt Gradisnik
Year 6M  Jamie Cotelli

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Sport Captains for 2017

SPORT CAPTAINS
Dulhan - GOLD  Ayla Fing & Nathan Pryke
Doyle - GREEN  Kiana McCabe & Mitchell Grossman
Nagle - BLUE  Ebony Northeast & James Nimmo
MacKillop - RED  Ariana Brown & Talyn Nix
IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR 2017

TERM 1

February
Fri 17th  School Assembly @ 9:15am (Awards only)
Tweed Zone Swimming—Murwillumbah
Mon 20th  Parent Forum Meeting @ 6:30pm
Wed 22nd  Rugby Union Gala Day—selected students Yr 5 & 6
Fri 24th  School Assembly @ 9:15am—Year 3M
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Mass @ 12:15pm
School Disco @ 5:30—7:30pm
Tues 28th  Parent Meeting & Registration for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion—Parish Hall @ 6pm

March
*Kinder Parent / Teacher Interviews during Week 6
Wed 1st  Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 12:15pm
Fri 3rd  Diocesan Swimming—Lismore
NO Assembly
Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Mass @ 12:15pm
*Catholic Schools Week (Mon 6th – Fri 10th Mar)
Mon 6th  Book Week Parade—Dress Up Day @ 9am
Wed 8th  Catholic Schools Week Mass (Year 6) - Banora Pt
Fri 10th  Open Day @ 9:00am—1:00pm
School Assembly @ 9:00—St Patrick focus
Mon 13th  Parent Information Session: Spelling focus
9:00am & 5:00pm
Tues 14th  Incitare—selected Year 6 students
Thurs 16th  St Patrick Day Concert—Gilbey Centre 6:00pm
Fri 17th  St Patrick’s Day—combined Mass MSP Primary (Years 3—6) & MSP College—Gilbey Centre 9:30am & Mur’bah Pool Treat Afternoon
Diocesan Winter Trials—Grafton
NO Assembly

*Kinder 1—6 Parent / Teacher Interviews during Week 9
Wed 22nd  Polding Swimming—SOPAC Homebush
Fri 24th  Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Mass @ 12:15pm
School Assembly @ 9:00—Choir & Strings group
Wed 29th  Guest Performer—John Burland 9:00am
Fri 31st  Skill-a-thon & Cross Country
NO Assembly

April
Mon 3rd  Easter Bonnet Parade
Tues 4th  Reconciliation Retreat Day & Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
Wed 5th  NSW PSSA Swimming—SOPAC Homebush
Thurs 6th  Stations of the Cross—Year 6 lead
Term 1 Ends—Students last day
Fri 7th  Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)

TERM 2

April
Mon 24th  Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)
Tues 25th  ANZAC Day—Public Holiday
Wed 26th  Students 1st day—Term 2
Fri 28th  Polding Winter Trials

May
Tues 2nd  School Photos (all classes)
Thurs 4th  Zone Cross Country—Mur’bah Showgrounds
Tues 9th—Thurs 11th  NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Thurs 11th  Mothers’ Day Stall
Mon 15th  Parent Forum Meeting @ 6:30pm
Fri 26th  Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)
Wed 31st  Diocesan Cross Country—Bowraville

June
Fri 9th  Guest Performer—John Burland 12—3pm
Mon 12th  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Fri 16th  First Holy Communion Retreat Day
Polding Cross Country—Eastern Creek
Sun 18th  Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Fri 23rd  Athletics Carnival
Mon 26th  Primary Performing Arts Festival
Thurs 29th  Infants Performing Arts Festival
Fri 30th  Last day Term 2

TERM 3

July
Mon 17th  Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)
Tues 18th  Students 1st day Term 3
Fri 28th  Tweed Zone Athletics

August
Fri 11th  Retreat Day—Confirmation
Sat 12th  Sacrament of Confirmation
Fri 18th  Diocesan Athletics—Coffs Harbour

*Kinder—6 Parent / Teacher Interviews during Week 7
Thurs 31st  Father’s Day Stall

September
Fri 8th  Polding Athletics
*Year 6 Sydney/Canberra Excursion (Sun 10th—Thurs 4th)

TERM 4

October
Mon 9th  Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)
*Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion (Mon 16th—Wed 18th)
Wed 18th & 19th PSSA Athletics—SOPAC Homebush
Sat 21st  Father / Son Camp TBC

November
Fri 3rd  Grandparents Day & Mur’bah Show
Fri 10th  School Disco @ 5:30—7:30pm

*Kinder 2018 Orientation (Mon 13th & Tues 14th)
Sat 25th  Parish Tableau

December
Tues 5th  Primary Presentation Night
Thurs 7th  Primary Swimming Carnival
Mon 11th  Year 6 Treat Day
Tues 12th  Infants Presentation Morning—Treat Day
Thurs 14th  Graduation Mass
Fri 15th  Students Last Day 2017
SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS: Congratulations to the new Sport House Captains: Kiana McCabe, Mitchell Grossman, Ariana Brown, Talyn Nix, Ebony Northeast, James Nimmo, Ayla Fing and Nathan Pryke. I look forward to working with you all this year.

GYMNASTICS: Sport this term (on Thursdays) will be Gymnastics, presented by the Dance Fever Company. The students will be learning various components of Gymnastics, testing out their strength, flexibility and balance.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL: The Zone Swimming Carnival will be taking place this Friday 17th February. The Mt St Patrick swim squad had their training session last Thursday afternoon. We wish them the best of luck on Friday and congratulate them on making it to the Zone level!

AFL: Kindergarten to Year 3 participated in AFL skills sessions during their PE classes in week 2. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have received a flyer for an after school AFL clinic being run at Mt St Patrick. The clinic is open to all students and is a great way to introduce themselves to the game of AFL.

NRL: Two NRL Development Officers (Milo and Kel) visited our Year 3 to Year 6 students during their PE classes last week. Students worked on ball skills and finished with a game of touch football. They will be returning to work with Year 3 to Year 6 throughout the term. It is always a lot of fun when Milo and Kel come to share their love of football with our students!

BULLDOGS ASSEMBLY VISIT: Last Friday two players from the Canterbury Bulldogs—Brett Morris & Darcy Moroske came our assembly to talk to our students about the important message of Respect, Belonging and Celebrating Differences. Students were able to ask them questions and some students who are Bulldog supporters even managed to get a photo with their favourite players.

Mrs. Samantha Daly
Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAY RUGBY IN 2017

CASUARINA BEACH RUGBY UNION CLUB

Juniors u/6 through to u/15s
Women & Girls 7’s competition
u/19’s & Men’s Teams

SIGN ON NOW!!
NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME
For further details go to:
www.casuarinabeachrugby.com.au

GARDEN CLUB

TWEED COAST RAIDERS JRL

Tweed Coast Raiders JRL are open for registrations for the 2017 season. Registrations are open for boys and girls who are turning 5 in 2017 to aged 12 for girls and 16 for boys. We are also accepting expressions of interest for ladies league tag teams for girls aged 13-16. Google Tweed Coast Raiders JRL and click on the registration link. Cost is $175 per player and includes all CRL fees and playing kit. Family discounts may apply. For further information please call Anna 0419901586

Murwillumbah Netball Association
SIGN ON... SIGN ON...SIGN ON... SIGN ON... SIGN ON...
Murwillumbah netball club would like to invite new and existing players to our sign on days for the new 2017 season.
Please come down to the local netball courts on:
Saturday 18 and 25 February from 11am to 1pm.
We cover all ages and levels.
Come and join and support your friendly netball club.

Acrobatic classes start in Murwillumbah
When: Tuesdays from 3.30pm
Where: Jessie McMillan Hall
Registration essential to...
Elastic Bandz 0410 50 2038