Welcome to both NEW and OLD families to the beginning of the school year. Our 307 enrolled students made a smooth start to the school year last week. We welcomed 26 new students from Years 1-6 as well as 41 very excited Kindergarten students. Photos of our new students can be found on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter.

We also welcome four new staff members: Miss Justine Powell, Miss Heidi LeBrocq, Mr Peter Campbell & Mrs Rachel Hunt. A complete Staffing list for 2010 is located on page 3.

One of the most significant developments for 2010 will be the building program. During the year four new classrooms will be built, refurbishment of our School Library and Administration areas. I will keep you posted of building developments throughout the year.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS
Over the next two weeks Stage Level Parent Information Nights will be held. Hopefully this meeting will allow you the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and gain a greater understanding of the expectations and day to day running of the class. It can never be understated the importance of parents taking an active participation in your child’s education. If your son or daughter sees that you value their education and take an active role in it, it will reinforce the importance of education and inevitably have a positive effect.

All meetings are held in the Parish Hall starting at 7:00pm.

The dates for these evenings are:
- **Stage 2** Thursday 4th Feb
  (Mrs Markham, Mrs Frost & Mr Forrester)
- **Kinder** Monday 8th Feb
  (Miss Powell & Miss Mackney)
- **Middle School** Tuesday 9th Feb
  (Miss Le Brocq, Mrs Waugh, Mr Houlahan & Mr Spiller)
- **Stage 1** Wednesday 10th Feb
  (Mrs Dowling, Mr Campbell & Mrs Trevithick)

Please note that these meetings are to provide parents with a general overview of the class and year. They are not intended as a one on one interview. If you have any concerns or issues you would like to raise with the teacher please make an appointment.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
The newsletter is published FORTNIGHTLY. The newsletter is given to the youngest student in the family at school. Newsletters are distributed on TUESDAYS.
Weekday Mass Times

**Tuesday**
5.30pm Sacred Heart

**Wednesday**
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**Thursday**
9.15am OLPS, St M'Bah
12.00n Sacred Heart

**Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday**
6:00 pm Sacred Heart

**Sunday**
8:00 am Sacred Heart
10:00 am 1st Uki
1st & 4th 2nd & 4th OLPS, St M'Bah
3rd Burringbar

**Sacred Heart Parish**

**Reconciliation**

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 23rd February
Sacrament of Penance – Wednesday 24th March

**First Eucharist**

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 11th May
Inscription Ceremony – 15th & 16th May
Retreat Day – Friday 4th June
Sacrament of First Eucharist – Sunday 6th June

**Confirmation**

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 3rd August
Inscription Ceremony – 7th & 8th August
Retreat Day – Wednesday 1st September
Sacrament of Confirmation – Wednesday 1st September

Parents of any new students who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please contact Mr Houlahan at the school.

**Religious Education News**

We are presently in the Ordinary time of the Church’s year. Each class has a prayer place set up in their room with a green cloth – symbolic of the Church season we are now in.

In Religion this term the stage groups will be working together on the following units of work

**Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2**

1.1 **Baptism**
   - A – Belonging
   - B – The Sacrament of Baptism

1.2 **Lent and Holy Week**
   - A – A journey from Ashes
   - B – A journey to remember

**Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4**

4.1 **Living in the law of Love**
   - A Time to make Choices

4.2 **Lent**

**Stage 3 – Middle School**

5.1 **The Reign of God**
   - A Time for Growth

5.2 **Lent**

There will also be preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as each class will have an opportunity to attend Reconciliation throughout the term. We would also ask you to keep the children who are making their First Reconciliation this term in your prayers.

**Virtue of the Week – Courtesy**

What is Courtesy? Courtesy is to be polite and to have good manners. It is to be considerate of others. It is a way of speaking and acting with people which gives them a feeling of being valued and respected. “Please”, “Thank you”, “Excuse me”, and “You’re welcome” are courteous expressions which let people know you appreciate them and care about their feelings. Being courteous to elders, parents and teachers is a good way to show respect.

**Sr Karan**

Dear Parents,

In the school newsletter of this term I would like to offer you short meditations which may help you in your busy everyday life. They are called “A Moment with Jesus” from Loyola Press. Hope you enjoy them.

God bless. Sr Karan

A Moment with Jesus

The four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – occupy a very important place in the New Testament and in the Church. They are so important because Jesus is their centre. Take a moment to be open yourself to God’s presence. Open your Bible to one of the four Gospels. Locate a story in which Jesus is talking. Quietly read the story and imagine Jesus speaking these words to you. Take a few moments to thank Jesus for speaking to you in the Gospels.

**Mini Vinnies**

The winner of our lolly guessing competition was Lilith Malcolm. I hear she is very good at sharing so she probably didn’t get a tummy ache! The competition raised money for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Stage 2A also donated money to this appeal. They raised it by doing jobs at home.

Thanks S1A and mums and dads.

Our first meeting for 2010 will be in week 3 at 1pm in Mr Houlahan’s room. “Old” members and all year 5 and 6 people interested in learning about what we do are very welcome. We are particularly looking for new male members we are female biased at the moment.

**Help Needed**

**Religious Education Resources**

Any parents able to donate their time on Friday would be very much appreciated by Deanne Buch who is coordinating the making of new Religious Education Resources for the classrooms. Parents will be making resources in the Staffroom from 9.30am.
Mt St Patrick Primary School promotes the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can.

We now have 3 students who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods. Tallis Deale in St2A is a severe anaphylxic, who is new to our school this year. He is allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, sesame seeds, eggs, shellfish, kiwifruit, mango, lychee, passionfruit and maple syrup. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person's breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

**Symptoms of food allergy can include:**

**Mild to moderate symptoms**
- Hives or welts
- Swelling of the lips, face, eyes
- Abdominal pain and vomiting
- Tingling in the mouth

**Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction)**
- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)
Welcome to our Kinder Classes for 2010

KINDERGARTEN – KP
Teacher – Miss Justine Powell

KINDERGARTEN – KM
Teacher – Miss Michelle Mackney
Welcome to all new students Years 1 -6 for 2010

Year 1
Amelie Purnell

Year 1/2
Olivia Flannery, Wraith Dare, Ben Snellgrove, Kobe Spry, Grace Eady and Indiana Nuspan

Year 2
Jack Gibson, Hamish Purnell

St2A
Alexander Flannery, Isaac Walford, Ellie Cunningham, Isabelle Woodford and Tallis Deale

St2J
Ada Vobr, Charlie Eady, Abigail Stratton and Thomas Snellgrove

St2M
Angus Stratton

MSB
Nina Brady, Isla Walford, Jai Evans, Bryce Reid, Imogen Cunningham, Joshua Nuspan and Oscar Vobr

MSC
Georgia Wisemantel and Georgia Gibson

MSH
Matteo Caridi

MSS
Conor Purnell and Deklan Spry
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Monday to Friday
3:20pm – 5.20pm

Childcare Benefits apply

For further details contact the
School Office - 66721821

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 3:45pm 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.

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop will be coordinated by Jo Kirk and Sara Wilkinson again this year. The ladies have requested that any school uniforms no longer needed could please be donated to the School Uniform Shop to be resold.

Our first Uniform Shop will be held on
THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2010
8:30 – 9:30am

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JEWELLERY
Wearing of jewellery should be kept to a minimum for both safety and security reasons. Thus, the following **ONLY** is acceptable.
- watch
- signet ring
- studs or sleepers – one pair in lower ear lobe only (for girls)
- chain with crucifix or religious medal
- bangle (for girls)

Plastic, leather, ceramic etc. necklaces and chains are not permitted. Hair ribbons should be blue.

HAIR
Hair should be neat and tidy and appropriately cut. Extremes in style, cut or colour are unacceptable.

Girls and boys who have shoulder length or long hair **must** have it tied back at all times with a navy ribbon, band or ‘scrunchy’.

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MATHLETICS

Welcome back everyone!
In 2010 Stage 2 and Stage 3 will continue using the Mathletics program.

During Term 1 every student will be issued their username and **new** password.

A reminder that mathletics is part of our maths program. The expectation is that students are to complete weekly tasks set as part of homework.

We will acknowledge students who have achieved certificates in Mathletics each newsletter.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LIL’ SHAMROCK - THE OUT OF SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM 2010: The Lil’ Shamrock program runs at the school from 3.30 – 4.30 on Mondays for Senior Primary (Yrs 4, 5, 6) and Thursdays for Junior Primary (Yrs 1, 2, 3). The cost of the program is $100 per term. Expressions of interest forms are available from the front office or send teacher Lachlan Glasby an e-mail – lachlanglasby@hotmail.com or phone on 0432387691. 

SPORT SIGN-ONS

MURWILLUMBAH DISTRICT AFL CLUB are looking for boys or girls aged 5 - 14 interested in playing AFL to go to Rabjones Oval, Murwillumbah (Cricket Club) on Sunday 7th, 14th & 21st February from 12n – 2pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided. On Tuesday 9th February between 4 – 6pm players from the new Gold Coast AFL Club will be attending this special sign on between 4 – 5pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided. For further information please phone Dom on 0408118551 or 66725421 or Judi on 0402158755.

MURWILLUMBAH UNITED HOCKEY CLUB junior sign on Saturday 6th February (from 10am to 12n) and every Thursday afternoon (from 5 – 6pm) in February at Murwillumbah Hockey Fields in Brisbane Street. Contact Carl on 0431190119 or Ray-Maree on 66723698. Boys & girls aged 5yrs to 16yrs welcome.

MURWILLUMBAH COLTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE sign on will be held on Saturday 6th & 13th February at the Murwillumbah Leagues Club in Dorothy Street, from 10am to 2pm. All new players must supply a Birth Certificate and Medicare Number. Players turning 5yrs to 16yrs welcome. Any enquiries please call Darin on 66725058 or 0407218080.

TWEED COAST RAIDERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB are holding their sign on at Les Burger Field, Coast Road, Cabarita Beach on Saturday 6th & 13th February from 9am to 1pm. Players from under 7 to Under 16s welcome. Please call Tania on 0409 998681 for further information. Please bring birth certificate and medicare number to sign on.

PALM BEACH CURRUMBIN ALLEYGATORS RUGBY UNION CLUB will hold their sign on at Bienvenue Drive, Currumbin Waters on Friday 5th & 12th (4.30 – 6pm), Saturday 6th & 13th (10.30am – 12.30pm) and Sunday 7th & 14th (10.30am – 12.30pm). Under 7s to Under 18s players welcome.
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