Dear Parents,

SCHOOL REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS

Next Tuesday, Semester 1 Reports and Student Portfolios will be distributed. Years 1 – 6 students have received grades for all KLA’s (Key Learning Areas) and outcomes that have been taught this semester. On page 7 of this newsletter, I have included a table that sets out the official descriptors to each A to E grade and to assist in the interpretation of these grades - a ‘user friendly version’ is included.

MURWILLUMBAH FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS

School choirs from each of the Stages will be performing at the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts during Week 11. Thank you to Beth Brooks for her preparation and coordination of all students for this festival. A permission note for those students who are performing as part of school choirs will be distributed this week.

Monday 28th June
- Primary Choir (selected students from Middle School classes)
- Junior Primary Choir (selected students from Stage 2 classes)
- Combined Vocal / Instrumental (selected students from Stage 2 classes)
- Action Choir (selected students from Stage 2 classes)

Thursday 1st July
- Infants Choir
- Infants Action Choir
- Infants Untuned Percussion

‘YEAR OF THE PRIEST’ MASS

Last Thursday our Middle School students attended a special Mass dedicated to acknowledging ‘The Year of the Priest’. Priests and students from Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in the Tweed Region celebrated the Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. A special gift of a stole will be presented to Fr. David on behalf of the Murwillumbah Catholic Schools.

‘SO YOU’RE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL’

Recently the Catholic Education Office sent us copies of a new booklet that acts as a friendly guide to the Catholic Tradition. The book entitled ‘So You’re Sending Your Child to a Catholic School’ is available to borrow from the school for your perusal. The book is a gentle introduction to a few of the beliefs and values which make Catholics tick. It is a modest overview for people coming in touch with the Church, perhaps for the first time, or refreshing your acquaintance with Catholic tradition.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs. Beth Brooks will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 3. In her absence Mrs. Carly Riordan will be teaching Music on Wednesdays. Also, Mrs. Louise Shirley will be taking Long Service Leave commencing next week. Mrs. Shirley will return to school at the beginning of week 2 in Term 3.

Good luck to our own Mt St Patrick Primary Socceroos who play St John’s, Mullumbimby this Thursday at 12:00pm.

Brendan Ryan
Acting Principal
VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
HONESTY

What is Honesty?
Being honest is being sincere, open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to cheat, steal, or lie. Honesty is telling the truth no matter what. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don’t make false promises – you do what you said you would do. Your actions match your words.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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SACRED HEART PARISH
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
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Thursday 9.15am OLPS, Sth M’Bah
Friday 12.00n Sacred Heart

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 6:00 pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 8:00 am Sacred Heart
10:00am 1st Uki
2nd & 4th OLPS – Sth M’bah
3rd Burringbar

THANK YOU
Many thanks to all those who gave so generously to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Any further donations need to be made directly to St Vincent de Paul or a charity of your choice.

MINI VINNIES COLOURING COMPETITION
And the winner is… …Early Stage 1 – Hayden Mansfield, Stage 1 – Mahli Groth, Stage 2 – Montana Taylor and Middle School – Bella Groth. Highly commended were Monique Chauvier, Eva Kettle, Katie McCarthy, Kobe Spry and Will Ryan McGinn. Congratulations to all who participated.

SR KARAN
Dear Parents,
A Moment With Jesus
During the Middle Ages, the Church often served as a beacon of light in the darkness. Jesus told his followers: “You are the light of the world … your light must shine before others.” (Matthew 5:14,16)
Take a moment to thank Jesus for these words. Ask him for the strength you need to be a light to others who are experiencing darkness.

God Bless, Sr Karan

FATHER TELESFORE ZENDA VISIT
Father Telesfore Zenda, from Tanzania visited our school on the eighth of June. He spoke to the children in the Mini-Vinnies Conference about his parish in Songea, which has 16,000 parishioners. They are very poor, with no running water and not even a lot of clean water! Their main food is cornmeal. Occasionally they have rice which is a luxury.

Many of the children are orphans because their parents have died of AIDs. Father runs a hostel for girls who are either orphaned or whose parents are too poor to feed and clothe them.

Tanzania is a peaceful country. There are no wars and the Christian people are on very friendly terms with the Muslims.

Fr Telesfore is in Australia to attend the ordination to the priesthood, of his friend Joseph Guinea. The children at Mt St Patrick Primary make rosary beads on Mondays at lunchtime, for Fr Telesfore. The Legion of Mary in our parish send them to Tanzania for Father to distribute to his parishioners. They are very grateful because they love to pray the Rosary.

Coincidentally, their parish is named the same as ours, the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
**Investing in Australia’s Future**

**Did You Know?**

78% of the total bucket of state and government education funding goes to government schools but only 22% goes to non-government schools.

We need our politicians to ensure ongoing commitment and support.

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Note: Non-Government schools include Catholic and other Independent schools.

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**Building our schools for the future**

Building the Education Revolution program has injected significant capital resources into primary level education and our communities are very appreciative. The move towards an Australian curriculum is proceeding rapidly.

The Catholic education sector, particularly parents, needs to be aware of the support and changes happening in education now.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS**

The suspended slab is being poured this week. In light of the second tree having to be removed, taskforce approval specifies “compensatory planting” for all trees removed. Visit [www.murplism.catholic.edu.au](http://www.murplism.catholic.edu.au) and go to the BER Building Photos link for latest images of the building development.

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**SCHOOL FEE REMINDER**

As we near the end of Term 2 – a reminder to any families with outstanding fees, if they could be finalised before the holidays. If you have any concerns regarding payment of fees – please contact our School Office.

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**FRIDAY ASSEMBLY – TERM 2**

- Week 10  
  Athletics Carnival – NO ASSEMBLY
- Week 11  
  Pupil Free Day - NO ASSEMBLY

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**WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO**

On Thursday 10th June a whole school photo was taken. Pixie Photos wish to advise any families wishing to purchase this photo, that envelopes are available from our school Office.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Roach & Hanrahan families on the safe arrival of their new baby boys.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays in the coming weeks and during the holidays: Paris Ludlow, Angus Stratton, Isabelle Macfarlane, Chloe Rechichi, Nelson Ewing, Brandon Ewing, Dakota Hayes, Isabella Dusi, Matteo McDermott, Sarah Hill, Mahli Groth, Hope Andrew, Holly Rainger, Taleigha Garbett, Chloe Ryan, Georgia Freier, Blake McCalman, Kaitlyn Siddle, Shayah Coyne and Gabriel Malcolm.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will next be open on Thursday 1st July  
8.30 – 9.30am
WEEK 8 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ - Sophie Grinham
KM - Lillyan Charman
Yr 1 - Joel Reynolds
Yr 1/2 - Jya Fing
Yr 2 - Fletcher Condon
St2A - Georgina Moore
St2J - Lilli Oniper
St2M - Annalise Mackie
MSB - Tyler-Shai Tolmie
MSC - Eilish Wilkinson
MSH - Shanae Allsop
MSS - Forest Rousell

MOST IMPROVED
KJ - Cormack Flannery
KM - Nicholas Shields
Yr 1 - Patrick Gray
Yr 1/2 - Tommy Littlewood
Yr 2 - Phoebe Naoum
St2A - Thomas Grinham
St2J - Harris McLean
St2M - Fynn Campbell
MSB - Isabelle Littlewood
MSC - Ruby Lewis
MSH - Blake McCalman
MSS - Sam Naoum

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Tyler Hanrahan - KM
Jack Prichard – St2A
Darby Waters - MSS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KJ – Charles Warren, Ellis Hannah, Malachy Wilkinson
Yr 1 – Neave Butler
Yr 1/2 – Oliver Parsons, Wraith Dare, Vivien Koerner-Straub
MSB – Brannah Mackie, Jacinta Martin
MSC – Dominic Morosini
MSH – Chloe Rechichi, Courtney Ward
MSS – Delani O’Brien, Brayden Slater, Michelle Stanford

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 8
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 9

WEEK 9 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ - Olivia Graham
KM - Lola Eady
Yr 1 - Amelie McNerney
Yr 1/2 - Grace Eady
Yr 2 - Angus Macfarlane
St2A - Hope Andrew
St2J - Cooper Hardy
St2M - Sarah Guinea
MSB - Jake Jackson
MSC - Chad Huggins
MSH - Oliver Twohill
MSS - Hamish Wills

MOST IMPROVED
KJ - Bronte McLean
KM - Grace Wolfe
Yr 1 - Amelie Purnell
Yr 1/2 - Jya Fing
Yr 2 - Finn Whitney
St2A - Tom Van Den Broek
St2J - Zane Zuschke
St2M - Brayden Andrew
MSB - Nina Brady
MSC - Ethan Bruggy
MSH - Eadie Sherrah
MSS - Deklan Spry

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Hudson Bosnich - KJ
Jackson Rohweder – St2J
Ryan Clark - MSB

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KJ – Dakota Hayes, Olivia Graham
KM – Jack Gracie, Angus Ward, Drae Darragh
Yr 1 – Travis Antonelli
Yr 2 – Olivia Ryan, Kaytlin Harris, Macauley Wells, Fletcher Condon
St2A – Isobela Davis, Jada Langan-Keyte, Katie McCarthy, Charlie Browning, Tom Van Den Broek
St2J – Callum Baker
St2M – Milli Rainger
MSB – Jake Jackson, Joshua Nuspan, Savannah Peach
MSH – Grace Waters, Kaitlyn Siddle, Daecian Sparkes-Young
MSS – Nicholas Gehan, Eveena Smith, Jessica Owen
**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to Lilith Malcolm 10th, Stella Wilson 11th, Hayley Smith 16th, Deklan Spry 18th and Ben Champley 22nd for a great effort in freezing cold conditions and tough competition (over 40 in each race) at the Polding cross country. Special congratulations to Sarah Champley 2nd and Grant Harris 4th who will now compete in the PSSA trials.

We wish Reece Robson (rugby league) and Jake Murnane (hockey), all the best for their PSSA trials. It’s fantastic to see so many students qualifying for state trials!

Congratulations to Trinity Cooper, Joshua Nuspan and Daecian Sparkes Young for their experience and participation in the PSSA football trials. The 3 boys will join their school team in the 2nd round of the Paul Wilson Cup this Thursday 24th June for their game against St John’s, Mullumbimby at Jim Devine Field, Murwillumbah. Come along and cheer the team!

Our school athletic carnival is this Friday. Information was listed on the permission notes. Please note that all students (except house captains) must come to school as usual. If your child is unable to participate in any events a note is required. Come along and enjoy the day – bring your joggers! There are still vacancies for timekeepers & judges! A program is attached.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Dear Agnes,

I am able to assist as

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Name_____________________________________    Child’s Class____________________________________

Signed____________________________________
SCHOOL REPORTS  A – E MARKING
This is a required marking system for Years 1 to 6

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT KEY
- COMMON GRADE SCALE

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<th>The student has extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.</th>
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<td>The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
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<td>The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
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<td>The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.</td>
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| USER FRIENDLY VERSION |
| A. All the time  |
| Always independent (no teacher direction)  |
| Accurate  |
| Applies learnings to new situation  |
| B. By themselves  |
| Independent but makes a few errors  |
| Beyond expectations of Foundation Statements  |
| C. Consistent  |
| Working well  |
| Coping well  |
| Capable (grade given to most students)  |
| D. Direction needed  |
| Developing new skills (but going OK)  |
| E. Encouragement needed (experiencing difficulty)  |

STUDENT EFFORT SCALE IN KEY LEARNING AREAS

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MUMS NIGHT OUT
Tuesday 25th of May saw a wonderful group of 18 mums from school who got together and enjoyed a delightful meal at the Balcony Restaurant, Murwillumbah. All of the ladies had a great night meeting new faces & catching up with others. Along with the ‘die-hard regulars of these social outings’, we had 4 ‘brand new mums’ to the school, along with some mums who have been part of the school community for a while but have not been to a ladies night previously. We had a number of happy winners of ‘lucky door prizes’ and in particular Kellie Gray who won our ‘major’ prize & enjoyed her meal for free, courtesy of the Parent Forum. The evening was a wonderful success & even though numbers were a little low compared to last year, all of those who attended, had a great night full of fun & lots of laughter with several requests made by those present for the forum to organise another get-together a little later in the year – which we will do, with pleasure.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are required to cover books for the school library. If you are available could you please contact Alice Withers at school.

UPDATE OF PARENT INFORMATION
If any of your details have recently changed eg phone numbers, home address, emergency numbers etc. could you please notify the School Office so that changes can be placed into our database.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MURWILLUMBAH JOEY SCOUTS now have positions available for 6 – 7½ year olds, as well as adult leaders. Scouts provide children with the opportunity for self expression, fun and adventure in a nurturing environment that’s affordable. Meeting Wednesday nights at Murwillumbah Scout Hall at 5pm finishing 6pm. For further inquiries please contact Judith McAndrew on 0266791006.

FORMULA ONE TENNIS: Learn to play tennis in the holidays. Lessons for absolute beginners are being held from Monday 12th to Friday 16th July from 8.30 – 9.30am. Classes for the more advanced students are also being run that week. Trial lessons for those interested in regular weekly classes are available during the first week of the school holidays. For more information please contact Carolyn Tett on 0400244457 or at carolyntett@bigpond.com

GIRLS FOOTY FESTIVAL: Sports on offer: Soccer, AFL, Rugby Union (modified) and Rugby League. The object of this day is to provide a basic understanding of each football code and increase the interest of girls in what are considered traditional male sports. The day will be held at Dave Burns Field, South Tweed Heads on Wednesday 14th July from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Cost will be $10 and the day is open to girls aged 10 – 12 years.