Dear Parents,

**BANANA FESTIVAL:** Thank you to all the students who represented our school in the Banana Festival Parade. Our theme of ‘All Countries Coming Together’ was part of the Festival’s ‘Olympic Carnivale’ theme and was a colourful and fun display. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for joining in the parade. Hopefully you had an opportunity to view our shop window display at Anderson’s Treasure Store. A big thank you to Mrs Jade Dixon & Mrs. Jodie Allen for their decoration of the shop window.

**EXCELLENCE ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS: MRS WHITNEY NADIN**
The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Lismore, seeks to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution of staff who are committed to a Christ-centred learning community and who deliver exceptional teaching, support and service to students and parish school communities.

This year Mrs. Whitney Nadin (Year 2 teacher) was successful in being shortlisted in the category of Early Career Teacher. This nomination is a wonderful acknowledgement and endorsement of the outstanding qualities that Mrs Nadin brings in her classroom. Mrs Nadin fulfilled the criteria including: high expectations for student achievement, the ability to provide quality learning experiences for students and initiative, excellence and a commitment to improving the life within the school. Congratulations Mrs. Nadin!

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** Thank you to all parents who were able to meet with their child’s teacher last week. The interviews are an important component of our reporting policy and allow for quality time to discuss your child’s progress.

**MONSTER RAFFLE:** Tickets will be hopefully be distributed this week. A list of the major prizes are located on page 3. Your support for our second major school fundraiser would be appreciated.

**ENJOY YOUR WEEK!**

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**NAPLAN RESULTS IN YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5 TO BE CELEBRATED!**

Our School’s NAPLAN results are very encouraging. Students were above the state averages in all areas in both Year 3 and Year 5– Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. Also Students in the top 2 bands - bands 5 and 6 in Year 3- were above achievement levels in the state within those bands ( 5 and 6 –Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy.) Students in the top 2 bands - bands 5 and 6 in Year 5- were at or above achievement levels in the state within those bands ( 5 and 6 –Reading, Spelling, Writing Grammar and Punctuation.)

Staff will be involved in NAPLAN analysis to further assist with areas for further improvement as we strive to deliver a robust curriculum, improve student outcomes and ensure all our children reach their potential.

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**SCHOOLWORX UPDATE RE STUDENT ABSENCES**
The procedure in place re students absent on a school day include an SMS being sent if the school has not received notification. It has come to our attention that some parents have sent in a text but the system has not received the message. We are currently investigating this glitch. Part of the follow up is a letter sent home. We do apologise if you have sent in a text but while we address this issue if you could still fill in the form and return to school for our records.

**MATHEMATICS INFORMATION SESSIONS FEEDBACK**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Mathmatic Information sessions last week. We will keep you up to date with initiatives in mathematics including suggestions made regarding maths resources for parents to access at home via Moodle. e.g templates and examples of some strategies we use in the classrooms.

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**STAFFING NEWS:** Congratulations to Leah and Michael Dowling, who welcomed their third child Cruze Hunter Dowling into the world last week. A baby brother for Harrison (KW) and Belle. Mother and baby are both doing well.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**SACRED HEART PARISH**

**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)
- Sunday 10:00am 1st Uki
  - 2nd & 4th OLPS – South Murwillumbah
  - 3rd Burringbar

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**MINI VINNIES NEWS**

We are busy raising money for Fred’s Place. This is a drop-in centre for the homeless people in the Tweed Valley. We are selling tickets in the Father’s Day Raffle.

The raffle has three prizes filled with Dad friendly goodies. Tickets are 50c each or three for $1.00. So far we have sold more than $30.00 worth of tickets.

We will draw the winners at the assembly on Friday.

Thank you for all your support of this worthwhile charity.

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**EXURO—YEAR 5**

**Exuro** is a gathering for selected Year 5 students from Parish Primary Schools based in regions of the Diocese to celebrate their faith. The Gathering will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practise 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 5 students. The gathering will be a one day experience that will allow students to build relationships with other students from throughout their region of the Diocese as well as a chance for students to talk and share about their faith journey.

**When:** Tuesday 25th October 2016
**Where:** Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Murwillumbah

More information regarding this will be given to Year 5 students over the coming weeks.

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**HEART & PRIDE**

**TERM 3 FOCUS WEEK 10 - CONFIDENCE**

At the beginning of the term we focused on the value ‘Courage’. We had a great time reading stories together, learning all about how we can show courage just like Jesus. We will now be exploring the value ‘Confidence’ for the rest of the term.
MONSTER RAFFLE—MAJOR PRIZES

- **MANTRA on SALT BEACH**: One night accommodation for 2 people in a One bedroom Spa Suite at Mantra on Salt Beach — Inclusions: Breakfast for 2 at Surge Restaurant and Bar.

- **WIN A MUSTANG CRUZE!!** Cruze at your leisure from your home to Coolangatta (and return) in a **CLASSIC RED 69 FORD MUSTANG** with three family members or friends! Includes lunch @ BELLAKIA, Marine Parade, Coolangatta. Total value $400. Valid till 14th Dec, 2016. Donated by Anderson Family, Cabarita Beach.

- **FAMILY PASS TO DREAMWORLD**: A seven day family pass with access to Dreamworld, White Water World & Sky Point Observation.

- **BUNNINGS**: $100 gift voucher at Bunnings South Tweed.

- **FLIP OUT**—3 x 1 hour FAMILY FUN PASSES

- **TIMEZONE**: 2 hour fun pack at Time Zone Coolangatta.

- **iPAD APPLE Mini Standard 16GB**

Raffle ticket booklets for our Monster Raffle will be distributed in the coming weeks. Our school runs two major fundraisers throughout the year, the Skill a thon & our Monster Raffle. As well as the wonderful prizes on offer listed above, the class that raises the most money wins a pizza party. Every $20 raised gives each family a ticket into the draw to win an iPAD Apple Mini 16GB. Raffle drawn Friday 23rd September at Assembly 2:30pm.

FATHER’S DAY STALL:
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 1st September**. Gifts will be on sale for **$7.00**. We have some wonderful gifts available for the children to buy for dad. Thank you to the Parent reps from Year 1J & Year 1T. A special thank you to Donna Wilson for coordinating and purchasing the Father’s Day gifts. I hope all dads have a wonderful day on Sunday 4th September.

*A special invite to all dads to attend our Kinder Assembly on Friday 2nd September.*

Mount St Patrick College also will have a Father’s Day breakfast BBQ on Friday 2nd September at the Gilbey Centre starting at 7:30am.

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK—SELF PORTRAITS

- **GRACE WOLFE**
  Yr 6D
  ‘Floating Dreamily’

- **CARLA GAVEN**
  Yr 1
  ‘In the Garden’

MT ST PAT’S HAS GOT TALENT !!!

**AUDITIONS**
Auditions will take place on **Friday 2nd September** (acts) will be informed of their Audition time.

**PERFORMANCE**
After the auditions, certain acts will be selected and asked to perform at our school Assembly on **Friday 16th September**.

BIRTHDAYS
Kate Pryke, Billy Campbell, Will Walker, Ricky de Vellis, Chris Biskup, Will Grant, Kaleb Yeares, Ky Andrews, Ariana Brown, Nicholas Males, Tahlia Males,

**ASSEMBLIES: commence at 2:15pm in the Parish hall**
- **Week 7** (2nd September) KINDER—FATHER’S DAY
- **Week 8** (9th September) AWARDS ONLY
- **Week 9** (16th September) Mt St Pat’s Has Talent
- **Week 10** (23rd September) MONSTER RAFFLE
TERM 3 Week 5

INFANTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Year KM    Paige Scoble, Willow Seamer
Year KW    Hector Purcell, Joseph Hanrahan
Year 1 J    Charlie Lesleighter, Stephan Pelikan
Year 1T    Hayden Charman, Chase Thornton
Year 2N    Oliver Buchanan, Delilah Dargan
Year 2P    Keesia Close, Miley Field

PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Year 3M    Jaxon Thomas, Ella Ewing
Year 3W    Lara Willis, Cody Taylor
Year 4D    Hollie Mason, Charlie Toms
Year 4M    Sienna Reid, Amanita Barnaby-Bowe
Year 5F    Lara-Grace Ewing, Mason McInerney
Year 5Y    Danny Madden, Jayda McDermott
Year 6D    Angie Gatt, Cormack Flannery
Year 6H    Bryce Matlock, Joshua Stebbing

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
Kinder: Kenesha Dargan
Year 1: James Wemm
Year 2: Max Palmer
Year 3: Wyatt Balgowan
Year 4: Byron Randall
Year 5: Jai Taylor
Year 6: Will Ryan-McGinn

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
INFANTS: Kaylis Heterick, Rhet Balgowan
YEARS 3 & 4: Charlie Toms, Hollie Mason
YEARS 5 & 6: Cooper Shields, Ruby Cummins

MATHLETES OF THE WEEK
Annie Fay Butt, Taylor Anderson, Samuel Cooper, Jade Folkers, Sky Morton, Caitlyn Bice, Amanita Barnaby-Bowe, Michael Lack, Jayda McDermott, Abbey Bevan, Drae Darragh
TERM 3 Week 6

INFANTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Year KM  John Kent, Maddy Lamberth-Rosenberg  
Year KW  Arliah Taunton, Tylah Whittington  
Year 1 J  Ethan Stepto, Billy Miller  
Year 1T  Georgia Lever, Rhet Balgowan  
Year 2N  Grace Toms, Maia Moore  
Year 2P  Mikayla Smith, Tully Fitzpatrick

PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Year 3M  Rachael Devoy, Freda Biles  
Year 3W  Alexia Adams, Haylen Fox-Duong  
Year 4D  Yvette Lapworth, Alira Heterick  
Year 4M  Keira Lesleigher, Enya McCarthy  
Year 5F  Bailee Pedlow, Neo Willis  
Year 5Y  Ayla Fing, April Parnaby  
Year 6D  Hannah Trembath, Billy Campbell  
Year 6H  Amelie Lapworth, Drae Darragh

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
Griffin Bull, Jaimie Smith, Sonny John, Summer Benard,  
Brooke Madden, Isabelle Bice, Annabelle O’Grady,  
Saffron McIennan, Trei Heterick, Neve Trembath, Selam  
Dietrich, Tahlia Males, Hollie Mason, Alexis Pelikan,  
Jessica Minahan, Charlize White, Vienna Lazaredes,  
Lincoln Newell, Bronson Hockley, Finlay Purnell,  
Jai Taylor, Cormack Flannery, Max Morton-Rowthorne,  
Malachy Wilkinson, Lucy Jones, Charlie Gibbons,  
Caitlin Wallace, Shayah Coyne

GOOD SPORTS AWARD
Kinder: Isaac Buchanan  
Year 1: Hayden Charman  
Year 2: Taylah Dawes  
Year 3: Alexander Dowling  
Year 4: Tahlia Males  
Year 5: Millie Davidson  
Year 6: Gabe Malcolm

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD
INFANTS: Aiden Jones, Amelia Blofield  
YEARS 3 & 4: Billi Hutton, Byron Randall  
YEARS 5 & 6: Wyatt Gradisnik, Cashlin Townsend

MATHLETES OF THE WEEK
Wren Hynes, Bailey Newell, Marcus Mason, Will  
Ryan, Jessica Minahan, Nathan Willis, Noah Smith,  
Nick Shields, Sean Carney
20th Annual Les Peterkin Portrait Prize  Me Myself & I

Over 3000 students from 37 schools in the region had entered this year’s prize. An amazing array of subject choice was presented, ranging from characters in contemporary popular culture through to traditional fairy tales.

The first list is the major prize winners whose artwork will be displayed on the gallery walls.

Elizabeth Warne (Under Water) - Friend’s Encouragement Award
Wren Hynes (Me In My Made Up World) - Encouragement Award (5-7)
Enya McCarthy (Crazy Cat Lady) - Friend’s Encouragement Award
Charlie Leslighter (Night time Surprise) - Les Peterkin’s pick 5-7

The second list is names of the winners who will have their artworks displayed in one of three folders in the gallery space.

Billy Campbell (What Was That?)  Grace Wolfe (Floating Dreamily)
Finlay Purcell (Nightmare)   Jedd Walker (Hello Shadow)

YEAR 1 EXCURSION
‘Macadamia Castle’

In Year 1 we have been learning about the life cycles of living things. We got to go on an excursion to Macadamia Castle to learn about the life cycles of lots of reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals. We listened to an expert and went on an adventure around the castle interacting and feeding the animals. It was a great day!

MATT OTTLEY—Author Visit ‘Years 4, 5 & 6’

On Wednesday 24 August, Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to an engaging and entertaining visit from Matt Ottley - musician, composer and award-winning children’s author/illustrator. Matt amazed us all with his numerous artistic talents including the ability to transform scribble and simple shapes into a variety of animals and characters. He also demonstrated and explained some of his painting techniques as well as the process he uses to create musical melodies from a sketch.

During his visit, Matt not only inspired our students to tap into their imagination and creativity, but through his personal anecdotes about being colour blind and being told at school that he would fail, he reinforced the importance of persevering and finding ways to overcome obstacles we are inevitably faced with in life.
DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Congratulations to all the students who represented Mt St Patrick. They all performed really well and enjoyed their experience. Many were placed 4th, with the junior boys relay coming 3rd, after an exciting photo finish! Special congratulations to Elizabeth Warne, 3rd 800m, Evan Buch 2nd shot put and the senior boys relay 1st (Noah Carroll, Evan Buch, Malachy Wilkinson & Cormack Flannery). They now represent the Lismore Diocese in the Polding Athletics carnival next week. Good luck!

- Thank you to Levi Van Rosi who will now join the senior boys relay team in Newcastle.

DIOCESAN FOOTBALL & NETBALL COMPETITION: We wish both MSPP netball and football teams all the best in the competition which they played today. Many thanks to Miss Peate and Mr Forrester for their time in coaching the teams and for their enthusiasm and encouragement.

BLAST INTO CRICKET GALA DAY: On Monday 12th September Stage 2 will be participating in the Blast into Cricket Gala Day. The next few PE lessons will focus on cricket skills in preparation for the day. The consent form will be sent home next week. We hope they enjoy the experience.

Mrs. Agnes Markham—Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST: Mount St Patrick College will be running a Father’s Day breakfast on the Friday 2nd September. The breakfast will consist of bacon and egg rolls and very short formalities. The start time 7.30am and finish at 9am. Primary students and their dad’s or any other significant male in their lives are welcome.

Were you ever a part of Mt St Patrick Parents & Friends Association?

We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Mt St Patrick Parents & Friends Association

Following 5:30 pm Mass in Sacred Heart Church Murwillumbah, we will gather at the Gilbey Centre for light supper and drinks on Friday 16th September 2016

RSVP by Friday 9th September 2016 to P&F Secretary, Mary-Ann Thackray
02 6672 1118 or shpmbah@norex.com.au

Congratulations Dylan Bath-Dunne (Year 5) named Prince of Banana Festival 2016

BANANA FESTIVAL 2016

CONGRATULATIONS TALYN NIX (YEAR 5)

Congratulations on Talyn’s recent horse riding achievements. Talyn has qualified for the Qld state championships to be held this Sunday. This is a 160km race, he will start at midnight on Friday night and is hoping to finish by 8pm the next night. He will be competing in the under 18s category.

Riders compete individually; however, the best 4 riders from NSW and QLD are selected in a state of origin competition where the best 3 times are taken from each team. The NSW team was recently announced which included Talyn. He will most likely be the youngest rider ever to be selected on a state team.

YOUTH MUSIC NIGHT

ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT
FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE—NO BYO

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