Mary MacKillop’s motto for life
“Never see a need without doing something about it”

Dear Parents,

CANONISATION OF MARY MACKILLOP

This Sunday, Australia’s first Catholic saint Mary MacKillop (1842 – 1909) will be canonised by Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican. Mary MacKillop’s Canonisation is a milestone in our Australian history, a unique occasion and one of celebration for the Church and the nation. Mary, the Melbourne born daughter of Scottish migrants, was undoubtedly a remarkable woman: she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph, sailed to Rome to secure Papal endorsement of her Order and devoted her life to educating and helping the poor. The Most Reverend Geoffrey Jarrett DD, Bishop of Lismore, has organised for a commemorative prayer card for each student to receive today to honour the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross. Our muti day in the last week of Term 3 raised $347. The money raised has been forwarded onto the Sisters of St Joseph. Thank you to all who contributed. A special commemoration to Mary MacKillop will be presented at Assembly this Friday.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Progress with our building development is still one week ahead of schedule. Term 4 looms as an exciting Term as the 4 new classrooms are completed. At this stage access to these rooms will be early November. Our Stage 2 classes will be moving into these new rooms. The Administration and Library areas will then be closed for redevelopment until mid-January. Consequently the Year 1 class will also relocate to one of the new classrooms. As you can appreciate the logistics of moving classrooms and an Administration will cause some interruption to ‘normal’ school routine. A temporary entrance is currently being used in accessing our administration area. The stairwell will be out of use and all visitors are to use the ramp access just further up the hill from the stairwell. Please note that the gate entrance next to Room 1 (Year 1) is not to be used as a means of accessing the Office at this Stage.

GRANDPARENT’S DAY (Amongst the Mayhem!!!)

Grandparent’s Day is a significant day on our school’s calendar. Despite this day (Friday 5th November) possibly coinciding with classrooms and Administration moving to new locations we value the importance of this day. Amongst the possible mayhem and limitations of space we have planned a program that will allow grandparents and families to enjoy time at our school.

The Grandparents Day program includes:

**Location: Parish Hall**

- 9:15 Each Stage will perform as a Choir led by Beth Brooks
- 10:15 Morning Tea – students whose Grandparents are in attendance will be allowed to visit their Grandparents at this time.
- 10:45 Concert - selected student acts from the Murwillumbah Performing Arts Festival

**Location: Classrooms**

- 11:30 Grandparents/parents welcome to visit classrooms -including new classrooms.
- 12:15 Grandparents/Parents are able to take their child/grand-child to the Murwillumbah Show at the Showgrounds.

Due to space limitations we are unable to provide a sausage sizzle this year.

Enjoy your week,
Mr Brendan Ryan
Acting Principal
**RECENT NEWS**

**RECOMMENDED WEBSITES**

- [Caritas Australia](www.caritas.org.au)
- [Diocese of Ballina-Byron-Berowra](www.byrondiocese.com.au)
- [DEC](www.dec.qld.edu.au)
- [DEC Bulletin](www.dec.qld.edu.au)
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNITS FOR TERM 4**

In Religion this term the stage groups are working on the following topics.

**Middle School**
- 5.6 **Creation**: A change of Heart
- 5.8 **Advent to Christmas**: A Time to Prepare and Celebrate

**Stage 2**
- 4.5 **Mary, Mother of God**: First among the Saints
- 4.8 **Advent to Christmas**: A Time to Journey in Hope

**Stage 1**
- 1.7 **Creator God**: A- In the Beginning
  - B- Sabbath Time
- 1.8 **Advent & Christmas**: A- Mary said “Yes”
  - B- Jesus is Born

**Early Stage 1**
- K.7 **God’s Creation**: A- Praising God
  - B- God’s Promise
- K.8 **Advent & Christmas**: A- Waiting & Getting Ready
  - B- The Christmas Story

The Virtues programme will continue to run this term. The virtues are as follows - Responsibility, Faithfulness, Caring and Forgiveness. These will be explained further in the fortnightly newsletter.

The Stage 2 and Middle school classes will be exploring Scripture further this term through the use of the storytelling resources that have been purchased. The teachers were presented with these on the Staff Development day on Monday. This will provide teachers and students with a greater understanding of the Bible stories in their units of work.

Michelle Mackney
Co-ordinator 2 RE Curriculum

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**SACRED HEART PARISH**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**
- Tuesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
- Wednesday 5.30pm Sacred Heart
- Thursday 9.15am OLPS, Sth M'Bah
- Friday 12.00n Sacred Heart

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

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**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

What is Responsibility?

Being responsible means that others can depend on you. Being responsible means to do something well and to the best of your ability. Being responsible is being willing to be accountable for what you do or not do.

You accept credit when you do things right (humbly, of course!), and you accept correction when things go wrong.

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**PRAYERS FOR HSC STUDENTS**

Your prayers are asked for those HSC students at Mt St Patrick College who are about to commence their exams.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will next be open

- Thursday 4th November
- 8.30 – 9.30am

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**PAKISTAN FLOODING CONTINUES**

“Caritas would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to the Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal - Pakistan. With your support we have so far raised over $1 million to help the millions of people affected by the worst floods the country has ever seen. Our local partner Catholic Relief Services has been delivering shelter and hygiene kits, repairing water supply systems and community infrastructure through Cash-for-Work programs and will continue to provide support for the long term. The Indus River is still flooding, thousands of people are living in makeshift camps and infections and diseases are on the increase. This disaster is massive and our response needs to be massive too.

Please support the people of Pakistan by donating to the Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal - Pakistan. Call 1800 024 413, donate online and www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.”

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**SR KARAN**

Dear Parents,

This term we will have a few thoughts from a lovely book called *Reflecting God’s Presence*.

> “Wise parents do not get too uptight when children are self-centred or self-willed. Ultimately, parents are trying to raise adults, not children, who in turn will raise their own children – aided principally by the modelling behaviour of their own parents!”

God Bless,

Sr Karan

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**Michelle Mackney**

Co-ordinator 2 RE Curriculum
PARENT NEWS

PARENT FORUM
Thank you to our Parent Forum who recently provided $12,696 for the school to purchase resources. These resources include:

- 8 Netbook Laptops $5,480
- New books for our School Library $1,000
- A new Interactive Whiteboard $5,531

Our Monster Raffle last Term raised $12,000 for our Parent Forum school funds.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
New horizontal blinds were installed during the Term break in Rooms 1 – 7.
A recent upgrade of our school computer system enables greater Broadband speed and new Windows 2010 installed.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
It’s World Teachers’ Day on Friday 29th October
Parents and students may wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work of the teaching staff at our school. You may wish to write a letter of appreciation to your child’s teacher or maybe show your appreciation in another creative way.

ASSEMBLIES TERM 4

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NEW STUDENTS
We welcome these new students to our school: Malayna Fletcher (MSS) Sienna Davison (MSC) & Eden Davison (Year 1/2)

Support for Catholic Schools
Stories in the media often lead to confusion about school funding by focusing solely on the Federal government funding. In fact all schools – State, Catholic and Independent – receive funding support from both Federal and State governments.

The difference is that Catholic schools receive the bulk of their funding from Federal government, while State schools’ main source of funding is the State. So, to get the full story, you need to take into account both sources of funding.

When Federal and State funding are combined, the average student in a government school receives considerably more government funding than a student in a Catholic School.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au No. 13

QUALITY EDUCATION COSTS
Political support for Catholic Schools
In Australia, there is unwavering support from the Labour, Liberal and national political parties for the funding of non-government schools and for parental choice in education.

This support from the major political parties is greatly appreciated and recognises the rights of parents to choose how their children are educated. Parents, as taxpayers, are clearly entitled to this support.

Providing quality education is an extremely expensive exercise – but also a crucial investment in Australia’s future.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
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BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS
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WEEK 9 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ    -   Asha Curtis
KM    -   Nicholas Shields
Yr 1   -   Joel Reynolds
Yr 1/2 -   Ben Snellgrove
Yr 2   -   Codie Chung
St2A   -   Zali Zuschke
St2J   -   Sylvia Mair
St2M   -   Brodie Palmer
MSB    -   Samantha Miller-Smylie
MSC    -   Aliesha Kane
MSH    -   Ebony Shields
MSS    -   Hamish Wills

MOST IMPROVED
KJ    -   Bryce Matlock
KM    -   Gabriel Malcolm
Yr 1   -   Patrick Gray
Yr 1/2 -   Grace Eady
Yr 2   -   Emily Ward
St2A   -   Courtney Slater
St2J   -   Drew Clark
St2M   -   Nelson Ewing
MSB    -   Jake Jackson
MSC    -   Lachlan Woodford
MSH    -   Meckenzie Youngblutt
MSS    -   Mya Hurst

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Will Ryan-McGinn - KJ
Phoebe Kirk – St2M
Oliver Twohill - MSH

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KJ – Olivia Graham
KM – Shayah Coyne
Yr 1 – Neave Butler, Sophie Bird, Eva McDonald, Tiani Brooks
Yr 1/2 – Indiana Nuspan
Yr 2 – Hamish Purnell
St2A - Bailey Hayes, Thomas Grinham, Tallis Deale
St2J – Montana Taylor

HONOUR AWARDS
Josh Nuspan – MSB
Savannah Peach - MSB
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 10

WEEK 10 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KJ - Olivia Graham
KM - Keirsten Roach
Yr 1 - Wren Phelan
Yr 1/2 - Vivien Koerner-Straub
Yr 2 - Hayley Smith
St2A - Sarah Littlewood
St2J - Clara Withers
St2M - Milli Rainger
MSB - Bryce Reid
MSC - Dean Kabbout
MSH - Harry Sherrah
MSS - Mya Hurst

MOST IMPROVED

KJ - Charles Warren
KM - Lillyan Charman
Yr 1 - Taliah Boyd
Yr 1/2 - Wraith Dare
Yr 2 - Angus Macfarlane
St2A - Ben Champley
St2J - Thomas Snellgrove
St2M - Milyka Sharp
MSB - Jai Evans
MSC - Ruby Lewis
MSH - Alexander Hunt
MSS - Will McLean

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

Evie Falkner – Year 1
Isabelle Woodford – St2A
Stella Wilson - MSS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Yr 1 – Corey Grossman
Yr 1/2 – Tommy Littlewood
St2J – Lilli Oniper, Harris McLean
MSB – Sarah-Jane Guinea, Sidney Ewing, Isabelle Littlewood
MSH – Georgia Hardy, Eadie Sherrah

HONOUR AWARDS

Sophie Bird – Year 1
Neave Butler – Year 1
Indiana Nuspan – Year 1/2
Grant Harris – MS-B
On Monday 13th September Middle School went on an excursion to Lake Ainsworth. 108 students from Mt St Patrick Primary school attended the camp. There were activities like canoeing, rock climbing, challenge ropes course, sailing, raft building, cookout, archery, bike riding, kayaking and orienteering. We learnt many different skills like co-operation, group work and how to respect others. A special thankyou to Mrs McCalman, Mr Chauvier and Mrs Sherrah who were parent helpers at the excursion. We all enjoyed ourselves, having fun at the activities and being with our friends.

By Alicia Rose & Jasmine Watkins

Peter the Possum’s visit to Horn Island

On the weekend I took Peter Possum for a ride to Vidgen Creek for a swim. We played in the sand and had lots of fun. Later that night me and Peter Possum agreed to go and watch my dad play Volleyball at the Stadium. Me and Peter Possum had an awesome time playing with all the other kids. Then we went home to bed. Thank you for visiting Peter Possum.

Shakita
Year 1/2
Horn Island Primary School

Kinder Chickens

Kindergarten have been learning about growing and changing. As a part of the unit they participated in the Henny Penny Program. Henny Penny dropped in 4 baby chicks and 14 eggs. The children have been involved in the feeding and caring of the chicks as well as experiencing first-hand the hatching of 14 baby chicks. We ended up with 18 very active (and sometimes noisy) baby chicks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching, holding and caring of these very cute chicks. We will soon be finding homes for these chicks.

MURWILLUMBAH SHOW

Show entries need to be given to Mrs Markham or Mrs Trevithick by Friday 22nd October. No late entries will be accepted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays: Ellis Hannah, Spencer Leslight, Amelie McInerney, Emily Ward, Thomas Grinham, Isobela Davis, Mark Jackson, Brennah Mackie, Bryce Reid, Monique Chauvier and Zac Mullington.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 13th to Tuesday 26th October
Melanie Newton – Friday 15th
Jodie Champley & Lynne Eppelstun – Thursday 21st
SPORT

Good luck and best wishes to the Mt St Patrick Primary Football team in Grafton this Friday. Good luck also to Sarah Champley and the junior girls relay team at the State Athletics Championships next week.

Year 2 & Primary students have been given nomination forms for the Primary Swimming Championship Carnival on 30th November. I would appreciate all nominations to be returned by Friday 22nd October.

Elective Sports for Primary students begin next Monday. Students are asked to remember their sport money and necessary gear. Girls may change into navy or black shorts for sport.

Sport for Kinder and Stage 1 students will have a gymnastic focus.

Several teams will participate in the Murwillumbah Netball Gala Day on Wednesday 20th October (Stage 2 & 3 girls). Information will be sent home as it comes to hand.

The 2 week Intensive Swimming Program for our Infant classes will commence on Monday 29th November. Permission note and costing will be distributed to all Infant classes early Term 4.

Agnes Markham
Sports Coordinator

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**Coles Sports for Schools Promotion**

Mt St Patrick Primary School is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Promotion, for the months September and October. When you shop at Coles, every $10 spent earns 1 voucher. These collected vouchers can then be exchanged for sporting equipment.

**The more vouchers the more sporting equipment.**

Vouchers can be placed in the Coles Sports for Schools Promotion Box, located in our school Administration foyer. Encourage friends, neighbours and relatives to save them also.

**REMINDER: This promotion finishes on October 31st.**

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**PERFORMING ARTS TUITION PROGRAM – INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM (eg. Private Music Lessons)**

Students who attend private tutoring for instrumental lessons during school hours, are reminded that it is the parent’s responsibility to inform the music teachers if their child is unable to attend a lesson. For example, if your child may be away sick or if they are away on a school excursion.

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**CYBER SAFETY TALK – MONDAY 25th OCTOBER**

The Parent Assembly would like to invite all parents to an information night focussing on the important issue cyber safety eg. computers, mobile phones etc. Constable Nathan Verinder & Sen. Constable John Grant are Schools Police Liaison Officers from the Tweed Police Area Command. They will be speaking on Monday 25th October at 7:00pm. Further information will be available closer to this date. Both Officers will also be speaking to our Year 3 & 4 then our Year 5 & 6 students on Tuesday 19th October.

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**EARLY TO SCHOOL STUDENT ARRIVALS**

It has been noted a large number of students are present on our school premises early in the morning. A reminder that supervision of the children begins in the morning at 8:20 a.m. Bus supervision ceases in the afternoon at approx 3:45 p.m. Children present at school outside of these hours may be at risk, as no supervision is available.

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**VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER - PARKING ON MURWILLUMBAH SHOWGROUND**

The Murwillumbah Showground Trust have notified our school regarding the unauthorised use of the showground by parents and others associated with Mt St Patrick Primary School, especially for the collection of children after school. The Showground Trust asks that this cease. The parking of vehicles on Murwillumbah Showground, even for a short period when collecting children, is not permitted.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**6-A-SIDE JUNIOR HOCKEY SUMMER COMPETITION:** Summer competition starts 21st October at the Turf at Murwillumbah. Thursdays Comp at 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Make your own team – teams are for 6 – 8 players in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 at primary School. Please try to include new players in your team. Hockey sticks are provided. You will need a mouth guard, shin pads, entry fee of $80. Contact Matt on 0417 946 683 or visit tweedrcd@norex.com.au to obtain entry form.

**HOST FAMILIES WANTED:** World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Secondary Students arriving in February 2011. If you would like more information on becoming a WEP Host Family, please contact Nikki Medwell – Inbound Programs Administrator – World Education Program (WEP) Australia. Toll Free 1300 884 733 Ph: (03) 9568 4733 Fax: (03) 9598 4233 or Email: wep@wep.org.au
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