Dear Parents,

As Term 3 comes towards an end, it has certainly been a busy and exciting Term for our school community. Some significant events this Term included:

- Sacrament of Confirmation
- Stage Class Masses
- Peter Kearney Concert
- Public Speaking Competition
- Byron Bay Writers Festival
- Banana Festival
- Middle School Excursion
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Father’s Day Stall
- Monster Raffle
- Dress Up Day / Book Week
- Zone/Dio/Polding Athletics
- Infants/Stage 2 Gala Sport Day

I would like to thank our school staff for their continued dedication and enthusiasm for supporting so many school initiatives. I also thank the many parents who have contributed to the many school activities this Term. I wish each family a safe and happy Term break.

NAPLAN RESULTS

All students in Year 3 & 5 will this week receive their NAPLAN results (Year 3 – Tuesday; Year 5 – Friday after their excursion). NAPLAN is a national testing procedure that assesses the performance of all Year 3 & 5 students across Australia. We were very pleased with our overall school results with NAPLAN. Our staff will have opportunities in the near future to dissect data from the testing to assist with their classroom teaching.

TEMPORARY ENTRANCE TO ADMINISTRATION

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. Thank you for your cooperation during this time of construction.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Currently I am with our Middle School students on their 4 day excursion to Lake Ainsworth. Students are involved in various outdoor adventure activities including: high ropes course, wall climbing, sailing, archery etc. Importantly the food at Lake Ainsworth is excellent. Students and staff will return to school Thursday afternoon. I would like to thank all teachers and parents for their giving of their time in attending the excursion.

Enjoy your week,
Mr Brendan Ryan
Acting Principal

MADSPORTS – SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

‘Mad Sports’ are again running a School Holiday Program at Mt St Patrick Primary over the Term holiday break. The School Holiday Program includes: Zumba, Barefoot Bowls, Laser Skirmish, Disco, Cooking Classes and many more exciting activities. Please refer to the enclosed flyer with today’s newsletter outlining the Mad Sports Holiday Program.

MADSPORTS OSHAP (Outside School Hours Activity Program)

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* less any Federal Government Child Care Benefit deducted immediately from OSHAP fee.
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Phone: 6674 4487
Mobile: 0433 691 316
Email: oshap@madsports.com.au
Website: www.madsports.com.au
Location: Mt St Patrick’s Primary School, 30 Mooball Street, Murwillumbah
Enrolment: Email or phone for enquiries and enrolment forms.
CANONISATION OF MARY MACKILLOP

MUFTI DAY FOR ALL MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY STUDENTS – GOLD COIN DONATION
THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

October the 17th is a very important date in the Australian Church Calendar as it is the day that Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XV1 will Canonise Mary MacKillop as the first Australian Saint. This is a significant event in the development of the Catholic Church in Australia. Over coming months we will share with you the story of Mary MacKillop and the events leading to her canonisation.
As a lead up to this important celebration the Sisters of Saint Joseph have asked for the financial support from every Catholic School across Australia. The funds raised will go towards the development and distribution of educational material as well as to assist with events held throughout Australia and Rome. Our school will be having a mufti day on Thursday 23rd September.

YEAR 6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENT RESULTS

Earlier this Term all Year 6 students completed a Religious Education Test. The results achieved by our Year 6 cohort was excellent. Below are a list of names of those students who achieved a High Distinction or Distinction mark.


STAGE MASSES FOR TERM

• Stage 2 Tuesday 14th September

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."

SACRED HEART PARISH

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

FLEXIBILITY

What is Flexibility?

Flexibility is being open to the need for change. It means not always having to have your own way – you are open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility you are willing to change your mind.

If something doesn’t work, you try a new way. Flexibility means getting rid of bad habits and learning new ones. Making changes doesn’t mean you are losing yourself, only that you are becoming better.

Dear Parents,

A Moment with Jesus

No single image of Jesus contains everything there is to know about him. Pause for a moment and reflect on your favourite image of Jesus. What does that image of Jesus tell you about who God is? In your own words, ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you in a deeper way. Then thank Jesus for teaching you about God the Father.

God Bless, Sr Karan

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will next be open
Thursday 2nd November
8.30 – 9.30am
SCHOOL NEWS

STAFFING NEWS
Mrs. Merilyn Frost (St2M) is currently on Long Service Leave for the last 2 weeks of Term 3. In her absence Mrs. Deborah Thiering is teaching the St2M class. Mr. Scott Houlahan (MSS) is taking Leave also for the last two weeks of Term 3. Mr. Peter Campbell is currently on the Middle School excursion with MSS. In Week 10, Mrs. Jo Spiller will be teaching MSS. In Term 4 Mrs. Leah Dowling returns from her Maternity Leave to teach her Year 1 class. Mrs. Dowling will teach 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs. Dixon will teach the Year 1 class on Friday’s. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Tania Morosini for her teaching of the Year 1 class during Terms 2 & 3. I am very appreciative of Mrs. Morosini’s professionalism, commitment and efforts with the students in Year 1. Mrs. Morosini will resume her role as Reading Support, Stage 2 Maths support and Executive Release during Term 4.

Coles Sports for Schools Promotion
Mt St Patrick Primary School is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Promotion, for the months of 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.

Our Monster Raffle was drawn on September 3rd at Assembly. Thank you to all families for the tremendous support for this school fundraiser. A final tally of money raised will be provided early Term 4. Although no Mt St Patrick family won any of the first 3 major prizes, we still had a number of other prizes that were won by students and families at our school. Please refer to the enclosed flyer with today’s newsletter for a full list of prize winners. Congratulations to Isabella Groth and the Groth family who won the Netbook Laptop prize for selling the most raffle tickets.

1st Prize  Mantra at Salt – 2nights accommodation & breakfast  WINNER
2nd Prize  Children’s Toy Motorbike – Paul O’Brien Motorcycle Clinic  S. Potter
3rd Prize  Cash Passport (Visa Debit Card – Southern Cross Credit Union  B. Waters

ASSEMBLIES TERM 3
Week 9 No Assembly
Week 10 Assembly 2:30pm

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher Interviews are being conducted this week for: Week 9 (13th – 17th Sept) All Infant Classes (except Year 2). I invite all parents to attend their Parent/Teacher Interview as they provide an opportunity to continue the open line of communication between school and home.

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.

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.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS
Visit www.murplism.catholic.edu.au and go to the BER Building Photos link for latest images of the building development. Work on the new ramp entrance to School Administration and Lift Access for O’Rourke Building is taking place.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 15th to Friday 24th September
Thursday 16th – Jodie Champley
**WEEK 7 AWARDS**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**
- KJ: Dakota Hayes
- KM: Layla Falkner
- Yr 1: Ailish Eppelstun
- Yr 1/2: Lara Lewis
- Yr 2: Zac Macartney
- St2A: David Macartney
- St2J: Charlie Eady
- St2M: Alana Hurst
- MSB: Samantha Miller-Smylie
- MSC: Lilly McDonald
- MSH: Kaitlyn Siddle
- MSS: Bevan Wuyts

**MOST IMPROVED**
- KJ: Cormack Flannery
- KM: Shayah Coyne
- Yr 1: Lauchlan Andrew
- Yr 1/2: Jya Fing
- Yr 2: Olivia Ryan
- St2A: Jada Langan-Keyte
- St2J: Montana Taylor
- St2M: Brandon Ewing
- MSB: Georgia Freier
- MSC: Aaron Turriff
- MSH: Tarlia Brims
- MSS: Marcus Bossink

**GOOD SPORT AWARDS**
- Anna Smith – Year 2
- Lewis Hancock – St2A
- Rick Kelly - MSB

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**
- Yr 1/2: Layla Anning
- Yr 2: Hayley Smith, Hamish Purnell
- St2A: Jordan Tilsley, Teleah Lesleighter
- ST2M: James Houlahan
- MSB: Sarah-Jane Guineea, Josh Pemen
- MSC: Lilly McDonald, Eilish Wilkinson, Dominic Morosini
- MSH: Cameron Larkin, Tarlia Brims, Tom Boyd

**HONOUR AWARDS**
- Clara Withers – St2J
- Aidan McDonald – St2M
- Ena Mitchell – St2M
- Erin Van Amstel – St2M
- Isla Walford – MSB
- Imogen Cunningham - MSB

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 7**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**MOST IMPROVED**

**GOOD SPORT AWARDS**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**HONOUR AWARDS**
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 8

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ - Malachy Wilkinson
KM - Charlie Gibbons
Yr 1 - Jye Kane
Yr 1/2 - William Townsend
Yr 2 - Anna Smith
St2A - Stephanie Guinea
St2J - Holly Rainger
St2M - Rose Malouf
MSB - Oscar Vobr
MSC - Sandon McCarthy
MSH - Nicholas Macartney
MSS - Daryl Brooks

MOST IMPROVED
KJ - Isabella Dusi
KM - Charli Miller-Smylie
Yr 1 - Joel Reynolds
Yr 1/2 - Kobe Spry
Yr 2 - Fletcher Condon
St2A - Isaac Walford
St2J - Ada Vobr
St2M - Brayden Andrew
MSB - Ryan Clark
MSC - Georgia Wisemantel
MSH - Georgia Hardy
MSS - Harley Anning

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Layla Falkner - KM
Georgia Buch – St2J
Hamish Wills - MSC

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KJ – Charles Warren, Isabella Dusi
KM – Grace Wolfe
Yr 1 – Ailish Eppelstun, Amelie McInerney
Yr 1/2 – Jya Fing
St2A – Kalini Lathouras, Zayne Stewart
St2J – Abigail Stratton, Jackson Rohweder
St2M – Aidan McDonald, Fianna Wilkinson, Byron Browning
MSB – Josh Nuspan, Savannah Peach, Grant Harris
MSC – Reece Robson, Rose Bradfield
MSH – Tom Boyd, Blake McCalman, Nicholas Macartney, Drew Newton, Courtney Ward, Shanae Allsop
MSS – Mya Hurst, Deklan Spry
**SPORT**

The students that competed at the Polding Athletics on Friday were amazed at the high standard of competition. They enjoyed the opportunity to participate. Special congratulations to Sarah Champley for 2nd in the 200m & 800m (breaking the record in the 800m) & the Junior relay (Clara Withers, Zenthea Walsh, Isabelle Macfarlane & Brooke Saddler) also came 2nd. They will travel to the state carnival next term.

Next Wednesday 22nd September the school football Team, as Tweed Zone winners, will compete in the Diocesan Final at Grafton. We wish them all the best. Many thanks to Mr Forrester & Mr Young for their work with the team.

A reminder that the ES1 and Stage 1 St Joseph Games Day (Thursday) and Stage 2 Games Day & Hockey Gala (Friday) are on this week. Students should come prepared in school sports uniform, sunscreen, water & lunch. Parents are welcome to join us, please consider walking down with your child’s class!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays in the coming weeks: Isabella Sutton, Fianna Wilkinson, Travis Antonelli, Finn Whitney, Jacinta Larkin, Lachlan Woodford, Eadie Sherrah, Harry Sherrah, Caitlyn Mullington, Liam Deale, Tarlia Brims, Thomas Littlewood, Callum Baker, Cooper Leslight, Jada Langan-Keyte, Brayden Andrew, Erin Van Amstel, Jye Kane, Isaac Walford, Alesha Kane, Shenai Matlock, Madelene Northeast, Ruby Lewis, Imogen Cunningham, Aidan McDonald, Isabelle Littlewood, Dekota Condon, Hannah Trembath, Angus Macfarlane, Coby Lewis, Aidan Phelan, Lincoln Taylor, Deanna Larkin and Harris McLean.

**ICAS ENGLISH AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results in the recent ICAS English Assessment.

**DISTINCTION**
- Elanora Cunningham (Yr4)
- Matteo Caridi (Yr5)
- Imogen Cunningham (Yr6)

**CREDIT**
- Ben Champley, Kalindi Lathouras, Annalise Mackie, Rose Malouf, Ena Mitchell, Jordan Tilsley (Yr3)
- Teleah Leslighter, Brodie Palmer, Niamh Ryan-McGinn, Erin Van Amstel (Yr4)
- Sidney Ewing, Alex Hunt, Dominic Morosini, Isla Walford, Courtney Ward, Darby Waters (Yr5)
- Marcus Bossink, Sarah-Jane Guinea, Blake McCalman, Reuben Mitchell, Alicia Rose (Yr6)

**FAMILY PICNIC**

A family picnic has been organised for Sunday 19th Sept. at the Tyalgum showground. BYO picnic lunch, drinks and blanket or chairs. There is plenty of room for games, so bring a ball and bat, frisbee, coits or some potato sacks. Please label all items so they can be returned at the end of the day.

For more information contact Sarah Guinea on either 66793496 or 0422826241.

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**Peter Possum visits Horn Island**

I was very happy to have Peter Possum with me for the weekend. I live at the Airport at Horn Island. We took Peter Possum fishing at the wharf and we showed Peter Possum our swimming hole at Vidgen Creek.

Thanks Peter Possum,
I hope you had as much fun as we did.
*Giles - Year 1/2 - Horn Island.*
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

DEADLY DAYS FESTIVAL 2010

On Wednesday 1st September, Caitlyn Mullington (MSS), Maryanne Rudman, Mr Logan, and Mrs Cantrill attended the Deadly Days Festival at Casino. Deadly Days is a cultural festival and careers expo. There were many stalls offering information on careers and many hands on activities for the students, including Aboriginal Art and Hip Hop Dancing. Nathan Blacklock was throwing the footy around, Wendell Sailor was there signing autographs and Stan Walker gave a superb performance.
A great day was had by all.

CYBER SAFETY TALK – MONDAY 25th OCTOBER

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CABARITA BEACH SLSC JUNIOR SIGN ON:
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