Dear Parents,

I trust the start to the school year has been a smooth and successful one. As you can see from the copy of this week's newsletter the school is a "hive of activity". Recently we had our opening school mass, where our Leaders were presented with their badges and were inducted into their roles. Parent Teacher Information nights were held over the last two weeks, I thank all those who attended. In particular I thank those parents who have nominated themselves as "parent reps". This is a vital component of our school and I look forward to talking with you soon.

In addition to this, students from the school represented us at the Zone Swimming carnival last week, our lunchtime clubs have resumed and our school band has commenced rehearsals every Friday morning (8.30am – 9.30am) in the school library. The Band is always looking for new members, if your son / daughter is interested in becoming a member please let me know.

Last Sunday the Kindergarten Family picnic day was held at Hastings Point, again a great day was had by all. This coming Sunday (27th Feb) the Stage 1 classes (Yr 1, Yr 1/2, Yr 2) will be having their Family Picnic Day. Again I encourage families to attend, it is a great opportunity for children to establish friendship groups as well as for parents to reacquaint themselves with "old" families and to meet new ones.

The official date for the opening of our new school buildings has been confirmed for THURSDAY 17th MARCH. The opening will be combined with that of the College, details will be forwarded through at a later date. With respect to the new buildings we are nearing completion. Most recently we have commenced our tree planting program and some additional landscaping will begin shortly. The school has scheduled a Working Bee for Saturday 5th March. If you are able to spare a couple of hours Saturday afternoon, it would be greatly appreciated.

As well as school activities the teaching staff have also been very busy with ongoing training and Professional Development. This includes 11 staff currently completing a 10 week Web 2 Tool course. Staff have received training in the Best Start program (Kindergarten Screener), Quick Start training (Upper Primary School Maths intervention program), New Scheme Teachers program as well as six staff having been registered for inservice days related to numeracy and literacy. This clearly reflects the professional commitment of the teaching and ancillary staff of the school.

Again I thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Laybutt
PRINCIPAL

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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.
**SACRED HEART PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**
- **Parent Meeting** – Tuesday 1st March
- **Retreat Day** – 9:30-12 noon Thursday 31st March
- **II Rite of Reconciliation** – Thursday 31st March

**FIRST EUCHARIST**
- **Parent Meeting** – Tuesday 31st May
- **Inscription Ceremony** – 4th & 5th June (all weekend Masses)
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist** – Sunday 26th June

**CONFIRMATION**
- **Parent Meeting** – Tuesday 9th August
- **Inscription Ceremony** – 13th & 14th August
- **Retreat Day** – 9:30 – 2:30pm Friday 9th September
- **Sacrament of Confirmation** – Friday 9th September

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

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**ST PATRICK’S DAY CONCERT**

**THURSDAY 17TH MARCH**

**PARISH HALL**

7.30 p.m. -- 9.00 p.m. (promptly)

Irish Dancing, Choirs, Orchestra…. Lots of Fun!!!!

$5.00 per person, $10 per family.

Includes concert and a light supper.

All funds raised donated to St Vincent DePaul Flood Appeal

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**LITURGICAL SEASON**

We are in the season of Ordinary time. Ordinary time is the name given to the thirty-three weeks in the course of the year outside of the seasons of Lent/Triduum/Easter and Advent/Christmas. During ordinary Time, no particular moment or aspect of the Christian mystery is celebrated or commemorated.

The colour used in Ordinary time is green. Green is the colour of growth and reminds people of hope, life and faithfulness.

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**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS**

Many thanks to those who joined us for our beginning school mass last Friday.

Congratulations to all our school leaders who were inducted into their important leadership roles for 2011. We wish them well for the school year.

Michelle Mackney
Coordinator RE Curriculum

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**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – FORGIVENESS**

**WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?**

Being forgiving, is overlooking the mistakes of others and loving them just as much as before.

You can even forgive yourself when you do things that you are sorry for. Forgiving yourself means to stop punishing yourself or feeling hopeless because of something you did.

It is moving ahead, ready to do things differently, with compassion for yourself and faith that you can change.
SCHOOL NEWS

VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS LEGISLATION
In accordance with the Violence in Schools legislation and the schools “discipline policy” the following procedures must be and will be strictly adhered to by the school Principal.

“Any student who is physically violent, resulting in pain or injury, or who seriously interferes with the safety and wellbeing of other students, staff or other persons, is to be suspended immediately.”

For further information refer to the school’s discipline policy located on the school website.

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CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES
Thank you to the following parents who have nominated to be class parent representatives for this year.

KINDER M (Miss Mackney)
Kelly Northeast
Emma Butler
Naomi Smith
Cathy Drummond (Charman)

KINDER J (Miss Powell)
Deanne Buch
Erica Wells
Maria McCabe
Vicky Lack
Donna Cox
Sarah Guine

KINDER J (Miss Powell)

YEAR 1 (Mrs Dowling)
Jenny & Jo Gatt
Nerida Hunter
Kym & Neil Flannery

YEAR 2 (Miss Dixon)
Jan Maree Brooks
Deanne Buch
Kym & Neil Flannery
Jenny & Jo Gatt
Sarah Guine

YEAR 2 (Miss Dixon)

STAGE 2A (Mrs Markham)
Deanne Buch
Sarah Guine
Paul & Kathryn Leslight

STAGE 2J (Mr Forrester)
Maureen & Jason McDonald
Leah Sheldon
Megan Oniper
Darren & Siobhain Woodward

STAGE 2M (Mrs Frost)
Deanne Buch
Mel & Shane Rainger

STAGE 2T (Mrs Morosini)
Darren & Siobhain Woodward
Erica & Rod Wells
Vanessa Strickland

MS H (Mr Houlahan)
Bec & Wayne Bird
Bec Cann
Maureen McDonald

MS S (Mr Spiller)
Cheryl Jackson
Jodene Kay

MS S (Mr Spiller)

MS P (Miss Prichard)
Sarah Guine
Michelle Stephens
Stephen Purnell

MS W (Mrs Waugh)
Jan Maree Brooks
Sara Wilkinson
Jo Kirk
Sarah Guine

If any other parent would like to nominate as a Class Parent Representative please contact your child’s teacher or the school Office.

CLASS CONTACT LISTS
Again this year we will endeavour to distribute class contact lists. Due to privacy laws, the school cannot give out phone numbers, however if you volunteer your details they can be distributed. Your details will only be given to parents who have volunteered their details. If you do not volunteer your details you will not receive the contact list.

For those parents who did not give their details at the Parent Information Evenings and would like to be included on the parent class list could you please complete the form attached below by this Friday 25th February so that lists can be distributed as soon as possible.

CLASS CONTACT LIST - please return by Friday 25th February
I wish to have my contact details included on the Class Contact List and I give permission for it to be distributed to other parents within my child’s class.

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Parent’s Name ___________________________ Preferred Contact Number ___________________________ Parent Signature ___________________________
WEEK 4 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER M - Millie Davidson
KINDER J – Alexis Sutton
YEAR 1 – Jennavieve Martin
YEAR 1 / 2 – Matthew Colnan
YEAR 2 – Corey Grossman
STAGE2A – Indiana Nuspan
STAGE2J – Georgia Felton
STAGE2M- Connor Pearson
STAGE2T- Annalise Mackie
MS H- Sienna Davison
MS P- Kelley-Louise Dickinson
MS S- Meckenzie Youngblutt
MS W- Max Bird

MOST IMPROVED

KINDER M - Cooper Shields
KINDER J – Dylan Bath-Dunne
YEAR 1 – Billy Campbell
YEAR 1 / 2 – Nicholas Shields
YEAR 2 – Caleigh Kennedy
STAGE2A – Brandon Ewing
STAGE2J – Thomas Grinham
STAGE2M- Angus Macfarlane
STAGE2T- Kobe Spry
MS H- Sidney Ewing
MS P- Luke Bagnall
MS S- James Houlanhan
MS W- Eilish Wilkinson

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

INFANTS- Kendall Wells
STAGE 2- Eden Davidson
MIDDLE SCHOOL- Tallis Dele
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KJ – Dylan Bath-Dunne

KM – Ebony Northeast, Meghan Butler

Year 1 – Drae Darragh, Angus Ward, Hayden Mansfield, Lola Eady

Year 1-2 – Jack Gracie, Hudson Bosnich, Olivia Graham, Grace Wolfe, Eva McDonald

Year 2 – Layla Anning, Jya Fing, Vance Madden

St2 A – Katie McCarthy, Montana Taylor, Brock Youngblutt

St2 J – Grace Eady, Tayla Slater, Ben Champley, Zane Burke, Josef Leslight

St2 M – Brooke Saddler, Kalindi Lathouras, Ben Snellgrove, Anna Smith, Daniela Ourwerling

St2 T – Courtney Slater, Fletcher Condon, Zali Zuschke

MS-H – Jake Jackson, Lilly McDonald, Drew Clark, Malayna Fletcher, Joshua Pemen, Bronte Simpson-Hay

MS-P – Milyka Sharp, Georgia Wisemantel, Keeley-Louise Dickinson, Harrison Smith, Isobel Waugh

MS-S - Eden Folkers, Dylan Chalk, Eden Folkers, Will McLean, James Houlahah

MS-W – Darby Waters, Elanora Cunningham, Isla Walford

STAGE 1
(Yr1, Yr 1 / 2 & Yr 2)

FAMILY PICNIC DAY
HASTINGS POINT
SUNDAY 27th February

Family fun day, bring lunch, drinks, bbq facilities available.
Great day for parents and students to meet socially.
Starting at 10.30a.m. to …..?
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**UNIFORM POLICY**
Parents and students please read over our school Uniform Policy regarding Jewellery & Hair:

**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**
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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**SCHOOL WORKING BEE**
**SATURDAY 5th MARCH**
2.30 – 5.00p.m.
General maintenance & gardening
*All Helpers Welcome*

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Congratulations to Mrs Cheryl Forrester (Art Teacher) who was selected for the Queensland Dragon Boat Team for her age Division!
*Well Done and good luck at the National Titles.*

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**LEAVE EARLY & LATE TO SCHOOL**
To ensure that the school complies with State Legislation the school has a Leave Early slip and a Late slip. The late slip must be filled in by either the parent/child if arriving late to school. Students who arrive late to school WILL NOT be allowed to enter the class unless they present the class teacher with a late slip. Students who arrive late to school must first report to the office and must not be taken straight to class.

The leaving early slip must be completed by the parent/guardian before a student can be taken from the school. The parent/guardian will then proceed to their child’s classroom and present the class teacher with a leaving early slip. The forms are located in the office. Essentially these forms are kept as a record of when students arrive and leave the school outside normal hours.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

If there are any parents willing – even for an hour – could you please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.

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PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN
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**CANTEEN**

Dear Carmel,
I would like to volunteer to work in the canteen and am available on
Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday [ ]
Name ___________________________________________ Phone No: _________________________
SPORT
Mt St Patrick’s swimming team is to be congratulated on their great behaviour as well as their tremendous efforts, with many personal best times being swum, at the Zone swimming carnival last week. I appreciated all the parents that assisted with transport and timekeeping. Thank you! Mt St Patrick finished 5th overall and has 8 competitors travelling to Kempsey next week. The junior boy’s relay race was extremely exciting as they held off fast finishing teams to finish second. The junior girls relay came 3rd but unfortunately didn’t qualify for Kempsey. We wish the following students who have been selected to compete in Kempsey all the best – Grace Eady 3rd, Eden Davidson 2nd, Hayley Smith 3 x 3rd, Darby Waters 3rd, Angus Stratton 2nd plus relay, Ben Champley, Harris McLean & Brock Youngblutt relay.

Winter Sport Trials
Extremely competent Year 5 and Year 6 students who wish to nominate for the trials for the Zone teams in netball, hockey, football, rugby league & rugby union must see Mrs Markham by Wednesday this week. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to zone trials (Tweed) as well as Diocesan trials (Grafton) if their child is selected.

Rugby League Challenge
The Tweed Byron primary Schools Rugby League Challenge will be held on Tuesday 25th March at South Tweed. Please complete the form if your child is interested in participating in a school team. Parent assistance will be required for this event to take place.

Hockey -The Fitzpatrick Shield
The annual school hockey carnival is on Friday 25th March at Murwillumbah. Shin pads and mouthguards are compulsory for all players. Please complete the form if your child in Middle School is interested in participating in a school team. Parent assistance will be required for this event to take place.

Information for the Netball Gala day will be sent home this week.

Dear Agnes
My son _________________________ Class_______ would like to participate in the Rugby League Challenge on the 25th March 2011.
[ ] He has played competition rugby league.
[ ] I am a Modified Games RL Coach
[ ] I am a League Safe accredited person

Signed __________________________

COMMUNITY NEWS
GET ACTIVE at TWEED HEADS PCYC gymnastics (beginners to levels), basketball (U8’s, U10’s, 12’s & 14’s), hip hop dance, martial arts (aikido, daito ryu & judo), boxing & more. Something for all ages. Ph: 07 5599 1714
LIL’ SHAMROCK – OUT OF SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM 2011 LIL’SHAMROCK AND INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS ARE OFF WITH A BANG! Lil’Shamrock- the out of school Drama Program has started the year extremely well, with students looking at reactions and expressions and starting work on Duologues and poems in Pairs- very exciting work! We are heading towards a concert in Week 10, with everyone invited to come along and view the amazing work that is being showcased by the students. Individual and Duo students (in-school) are going just as well! We have started work on poems and prose work that will be necessary for not only the end of term performance, but also for the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts in June. There are still a few spots within the Individual and Duo in school classes, anyone interested should please contact Lachlan on 0432387691, or via email to lachlanglasby@gmail.com

MURWILLUMBAH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION inc.
The new season for 2011 will start on the 7th of March at the Seven Day Adventist Hall, Racecourse Road Murwillumbah. We will play on Mondays and Tuesdays. Registration for 6-11 yrs is $20.00 plus $4.00 every week. Registration for 12-15 yrs is $25.00 plus $5.00 every week. For further information, please contact Catia McDermott on 02 6672 3631 or email mbahbasketball@gmail.com

RELAY FOR LIFE: The Relay For Life has a new date change. The Relay For Life will now be held on 3rd & 4th of September. Further details can be obtained from your school administrators or you may contact The Murwillumbah Relay committee members, Helen Swift or Toni Anstiss on 1300360744. Let’s make this an event to remember!!!

MURWILLUMBAH REDBACKS HOCKEY CLUB Training starting 23rd Feb. Contact Chloe 0432166823

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED - UNIFORM SHOP
We are again seeking at least 2 parent helpers to coordinate the school uniform shop this year. Please contact our school Office if you are able to assist. The Uniform Shop is open once a month from 8:30 – 9:30am. Any school uniforms no longer needed could please be donated to the School Uniform Shop to be resold.
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