Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011 school year.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of holidays is looking forward to them and, for children, the prospect of the Christmas holidays offered a large amount of enjoyment. So, here we are at the beginning of another school year, wondering whatever happened to them. Fortunately, coming back to school is a little coming to “home away from home” for we reunite our family with the broader family of the school community.

One of the exciting things about a school is that its “life” never grows old; it undergoes a transfusion or replenishment at the beginning of each year. So a warm welcome to our new families and a “welcome” back to the “old” students and families who are our living school.

We also welcome new staff members: Miss Stacie Pritchard (MS P), Mrs Tania Morosini (St 2 T), Mrs Jade Afflick-Dixon (Yr. 2) and Mrs Emma Butler (School Bursar).

As you would now be aware our school building project is nearing completion. We are now occupying all new buildings and the process of establishing ourselves is well and truly up and running. The only remaining aspects of the building program is in regard to signage, some interior painting, furniture attending to “building defects” and landscaping. All of which will happen in the upcoming months. Our official opening date has been confirmed for the 17th March 2011 (more details to follow).

On a personal note it is a privilege to be back at Mt St Patrick Primary, I look forward to meeting new families and re-acquainting myself with the old!

Brian Laybutt
PRINCIPAL

Photographs of our newly furbished Library and our hardcourt surface area on the playground
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

During Term 1 the classes will be studying these topics in Religion:

Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten
K.1 Welcome
K.2 Lent and Holy Week
Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2
2.1 Images of God
2.2 Lent and Holy Week
Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4
3.1 Created By God – A Gift to Share Reconciliation
4.2 Lent
Stage 3 – Middle School
6.1 The Reign of God
6.2 Lent

As part of the Religious Education Curriculum each of the stages will prepare and celebrate a mass this term as part of the units of work they are studying.
The dates for these special celebrations are-
Week 4 (Friday 18th February)- Middle school
Week 5 (Friday 25th February)- Stage 2
Week 10 (Friday 1st April)- Stage 1

Please note that all parents and friends and parishioners are welcome to join us for these Masses which will be held in the Sacred Heart Church at 12pm.
There will be other liturgies and masses throughout the term that the whole school will attend. These will be advertised in the school newsletter as the time approaches.
This Friday 11th February the Beginning School mass will be held at 12pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to join us at this celebration where the school leaders will be inducted into the various leadership roles for 2011.
The virtues for the term are as follows- Courtesy, Forgiveness, Prayerfulness, Service and Faithfulness.

MINI VINNIES

Welcome back to school!! I hope your holidays were relaxing and filled with valuable memory-making family time. Our first Vinnie’s meeting for 2011 will be held at lunchtime in Mr Houlahan’s room on Tuesday 15th February. The students from Middle School are welcome to come along and see what we do at these meetings. There will be a commissioning ceremony at the Friday Parish Mass (date to be announced).
Fredric Ozanam, the founder of the society, realised that talk alone would never give full witness to the truth that Jesus taught. Our actions must mirror our words if we are able to be real. Jesus said to look after the poor and weak. The society of St. Vincent De Paul aims to do just that and we at Mini-Vinnies at Mt St Patrick Primary follow their footsteps. If you think you would be interested in getting together with others who feel like this come along to Mr Houlahan’s room on Tuesday 15th February.
Philomena Zambelli, Mini Vinnie’s Facilitator

SR KARAN

Dear Parents,

Christmas is the revelation of God’s divine mystery. Christ the Word made flesh enters the world which he created to reclaim us as God’s children. The Creator of the Universe lies here in the poverty of the cave, helpless and dependent, relying on others to feed, clothe and sustain him. And why?
The answer has to be love.
His tiny arms, reaching out to embrace, are not strong enough to harm anyone though they are the arms of God.
Can this God will anything but our good?

God Bless,
Sr Karan

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – COURTESY
WHAT IS COURTESY?
Courtesy is to be polite and to have good manners. It is to be considerate of others. It is a way of speaking and acting with people which gives them a feeling of being valued and respected. “Please”, “Thank you”, “Excuse me”, and “You’re welcome” are courteous expressions which let people know you appreciate them and care about their feelings. Being courteous to elders, parents and teachers is a good way to show respect.

SACRED HEART PARISH WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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God Bless,
Sr Karan
SCHOOL NEWS

STAFFING 2011
Fr David Gilbey – Parish Priest

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM
Mr Brian Laybutt – Principal
Mr Brendan Ryan – Assistant Principal
Miss Michelle Mackney – CoRE (Religious Education – Curriculum)
Mr Scott Houlahan – CoMin (Religious Education – Ministry)
Mrs Carolyn Waugh – Curriculum Coordinator

POSITION OF LEADERSHIP
Mrs Agnes Markham – PD/H/PE Coordinator

TEACHING STAFF
Infant Classes
Kinder – Miss Powell & Miss Mackney
Year 1 – Mrs Dowling
Year 1/2 – Mrs Trevithick
Stage 2 Classes
Year 2 – Mrs Dixon
Middle School Classes
Mrs Markham Mrs Frost Mrs Morosini Mr Forrester
Miss Prichard Mrs Waugh Mr Houlahan Mr Spiller
Specialist Teachers
Art – Mrs Forrester Music – Mrs Brooks Library – Mrs Spiller
Support Staff
Additional Needs – Mrs Shirley Library Assistant – Mrs Withers Technology Support – Mr Logan
School Chaplain – Mrs Zambelli Spiritual Support – Sr Karan
Administration Staff
School Secretary - Mrs Heath School Bursar – Mrs Butler
Ancillary Staff
Mrs Akehurst, Mrs Cantrill, Mrs Reynolds

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be members of the SRC:
School Captains: Sylvie Kettle & Ethan Bruggy
School Vice-Captains: Lilly McDonald & Alex Hunt
Class Representatives:
MSH - Shanae Allsop
MSP – Ryan Clark, MSS – Mackenzie Youngblutt, MSW – Daryl Brooks
St2A – Angus Stratton, St2J – Ena Mitchell, St2M – Georgia Buch, St2T – Zane Stewart

PARENT FORUM MEETING
MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY @ 7:00 pm in SCHOOL LIBRARY
ALL PARENTS are welcome to attend our first Parent Forum meeting for the school year. The Parent Forum allows parents to be informed of school initiatives and have input into the role of the Parent Forum during the year. Election of Office Bearers will also take place at this meeting.

PARENT REPS
At upcoming Parent Information Nights teachers will be asking for parents to become Class Reps. Role and expectations for Parent Reps will be outlined at these meetings. You may wish to consider becoming a parent Rep for your child’s class.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS
Over the next two weeks Stage Level Parent Information Nights will be held. These meetings will allow you the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and gain a greater understanding of the expectations and day to day running of the class. It can never be understated the importance of parents taking an active participation in your child’s education. If your son or daughter sees that you value their education and take an active role in it, it will reinforce the importance of education and inevitably have a positive effect.
The dates for these evenings are:

**Tuesday 8th February**
(Miss. Prichard, Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Houlahan & Mr. Spiller)

**Wednesday 9th February**
(Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Trevithick & Mrs. Dixon)

**Thursday 10th February**
(Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Morosini & Mr. Forrester)

**Tuesday 15th February**
(Miss. Mackney & Miss. Powell)

Please note that these meetings are to provide parents with a general overview of the class and year. Individual one on one parent teacher interviews will be held later in Term 1. If you have any concerns or issues you would like to raise with your child’s teacher please make an appointment via our School Office.
Welcome to our new Kinder students

**KINDER J**
Evan Buch  
Michael Lack  
Kianna McCabe  
Georgia Lollback  
Noah Clark  
Jayda McDermott  
Kendall Wells  
Noah Carroll  
Cooper Kennedy  
Danny Madden  
Finn Byrnes  
Miguel Andrew  
Alexis Sutton  
Phoebe Sykes  
Milla Pearson  
Sienna Smith  
Tabitha Stratton  
Indigo Barter  
Lakota Barter  
Joseph Colnan  
Renzo Walford  
Matthew Guinea  
Dylan Dunne

**KINDER M**
Meghan Butler  
Jack Devoy  
Jarrah Fitzpatrick  
Mason McInerney  
Cooper Shields  
Millie Davidson  
Ayla Fing  
Ashley Gray  
Elsie Biles  
Wyatt Grady  
Jamie Cotelli  
Lara-Grace Ewing  
Ebony Morneast  
Sophie Charman  
Blake Cracknell  
Mitchell Grossman  
Mahli Coyne  
Jorja Smith  
Kyan Rech  
Noah Smith  
Tilly Lewis  
Archie Lamb
WELCOME NEW STUDENTS 2011

Year 1
Billy Campbell  Jennavieve Martin
Angelique Gatt  Abbey Bevan

Year 1 / 2
Matthew Colnan

Year 2
Vance Madden  Siennah Nottle
Zoe Gatt  Mariah Ouwerling

Stage 2A
Zane Patience

Stage 2J
Zane Burke  Chandelle Nassner  Kiara Woodward
Tarvah-Lee Nottle  Andrew Ridgway
Josef Leslight

Stage 2M
Aria Moore  Charlie Priest  Sophie Stoneman,
Daniela Ouwerling  Harrison Myler
Connor Pearson  Bailey Stewart

Stage 2T
Marshall Peach  Maxine Sutton  Grace Stewart
Jayden Woodward

MSH
Jesse Gatt  Jayden Brown

MSP
Luke Bagnall  Summer Clausen
Keeley-Louise Dickinson  Isobel Waugh

MSS
Dylan Chalk  Eden Folkers, Maria Moore

MSW
Noah De Valence  Lucas Pearson  Caleb Purdy

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Sylvie Kettle
Ethan Bruggy

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS
Lilly McDonald
Alex Hunt

SRC TERM 1 & 2
Stage 2A  Angus Stratton
Stage 2J  Ena Mitchell
Stage 2M  Georgia Buch
Stage 2T  Zane Stewart
MSH  Shanae Allsop
MSP  Ryan Clark
MSS  Mackenzie Youngblutt
MSW  Daryl Brooks

SPORT CAPTAINS
Dalton
Dominic Morosini & Dekota Condon

MacKillop
Lillian Guinea & Haydn Stewart

Nagle
Daecian Sparkes-Young & Chloe Saddler

Doyle
Ellish Wilkinson & Noah De Valance
Mt St Patrick Primary School promotes the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can. Tallis Deale in MSH & Michael Lack in KinderJ are two severe anaphylaxic students in our school, They are allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, sesame seeds, eggs, shellfish, kiwifruit, mango, lychee, passionfruit and maple syrup. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person’s breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of food allergy can include:
Mild to moderate symptoms
- Hives or welts
- Swelling of the lips, face, eyes
- Abdominal pain and vomiting
- Tingling in the mouth

Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction)
- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

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 3:45 pm 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.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP – PARENT HELPERS NEEDED
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.

CANTEEN ROSTER
A copy of the new canteen price list is included with this newsletter. Carmel is also looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. 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. ROSTER: 10th Feb – Lyn Eppulstun 16th Feb- Jodi Champley

Dear Carmel,
I would like to volunteer to work in the canteen and am available on
Monday [] Tuesday [] Wednesday [] Thursday [] Friday []
Name______________________________________ Phone No:_____________________

PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN.
SPORT
We wish our 32 students representing MSPP at the Zone Swimming Carnival all the best next Monday. I would appreciate any outstanding notes or levy to be brought in by tomorrow to enable me to finalise the car pool.

The flyer for the ‘Milo in 2 Cricket’ accompanies the newsletter. This is a perfect opportunity for your child to participate in cricket and activities in their lunchtime. It is available for Kinder to Year 6 (not just Year 4 stated on the brochure). Registration is online, not via the school.

Murwillumbah Netball Association is conducting a free Gala Netball Day on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March for primary students. Please complete the form & return it to school by Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} March. Parent helpers will be required on the day to enable us to attend.

Agnes Markham - Sports Coordinator

Dear Agnes

My daughter __________________ Class ___________ wishes to participate in the Gala Netball Day on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March.

( ___ ) She has played competition netball
( ___ ) I am able to manage a team
( ___ ) I am able to walk to the courts with the teams

Signed ____________________________
Contact Phone Number ________________________________

COMMUNITY NEWS

MURWILLUMBAH VULCANS AFL CLUB are looking for players aged 7-13 yrs (boys & girls) in 2011.
Sign On Days: Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} February (11:00am – 1:00pm) Rabjones Oval, Cricket Clubhouse, Elizabeth St. (behind hockey fields) Cost: $100 incl. training shirt. Enquiries to Judi Lee 02 6672 2930 Dom Trevaskis 0408 118 551

MURWILLUMBAH REDBACKS HOCKEY CLUB Sign On's Wednesday 16th February 4pm and every Wednesday after with training starting 23rd Feb. Sign on at Murwillumbah Hockey Fields. Contact Chloe 0432166823

MURWILLUMBAH COLTS JRL
Sign On Days: Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} February (11:00am – 1:30pm) Clubhouse – Dorothy St, Murwillumbah. All new players need to provide Birth Certificate and Medicare Number. Enquiries to Brendon Hill (President) 0409 611 580

LIL’ SHAMROCK – OUT OF SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM 2011 The Lil’ Shamrock program runs at the school from 3.30 – 4.30 on Mondays for Senior Primary (Yrs 4, 5, 6) and Thursdays for Junior Primary (Yrs 1, 2, 3). The cost of the program is $110 per term. Expressions of interest forms are available from the front office or send teacher Lachlan Glasby an e-mail – lachlanglasby@hotmail.com or phone on 0432387691.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The Relay For Life will be held next year on Saturday 5\textsuperscript{th} and Sunday 6\textsuperscript{th} March. A special children’s program will be run on the Saturday afternoon between 4pm and 7pm with many activities organised for their enjoyment. They are also hoping to have a mascot race, a walk-a-thon and a fireworks display with the assistance of sponsorship from local businesses. This fireworks display will be held after the Hope Ceremony - for a gold coin donation on the day an electronic candle will be put in the bag and then placed around the walking track. Further details can be obtained from your school administrators or you may contact The Murwillumbah Relay committee members, Helen Swift or Toni Anstiss on 1300380744. Let’s make this an event to remember!!!

TWEED COAST SLAMMERS BASKETBALL CLUB Sign On Day: 8\textsuperscript{th} February 5.30-6.30pm (NSW time) Location ‘The Centre’, on the corner of Leisure & Woodlands Drive, Banora Point. Girls and boys teams from u12 to u18. Playing basketball with the Tweed Slammers in the Gold Coast Competition is a great way to stay healthy, form community awareness, grow friendships and develop a spirit of good sportsmanship.
For further information contact Shaun on 0408 138 849 or Lisa on 0410 790 190 Or email tc_slammers@hotmail.com

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