Dear Parents,

The school 2010 school year concludes with many achievements, special events and significant building developments. We have many things to celebrate as a school. In particular I would like to thank the parent community for their wonderful support throughout the year and to the teaching and support staff of Mt St Patrick Primary, who through their dedication, professionalism and commitment to Catholic Education provide an outstanding environment for effective teaching and learning.

A special thank you to our wonderful Office staff who do an outstanding job all year (even in a temporary Office location!).

We wish all those students who are leaving the very best in their endeavours and trust they will always regard Mt St Patrick Primary as ‘their school’. To our Year 6 students in particular, for many of these students have spent the last 7 years at this school and have developed life long friendships. I trust they leave with fond memories of Mt St Patrick Primary.

There are a number of families who end their association with Mt St Patrick Primary at the end of this year.


I would like to thank these families for their support and loyalty to the school, which for some families has been over many years.

### 30 NEW NETBOOK LAPTOPS

Our school has recently purchased 30 new Netbook laptops. Some of these Netbooks have been purchased from funds raised by our Parent Forum during this year. These Netbooks will be distributed across various classrooms in 2011. As a school we are very thankful to the Parent Forum fundraising efforts and initiatives this year.

### CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR 2011

- **Kindergarten**: Miss. Michelle Mackney & Miss. Justine Powell
- **Year 1**: Mrs. Leah Dowling
- **Year 1 / 2**: Mrs. Mary Trevithick
- **Year 2**: Mr. Peter Campbell
- **Stage 2**: Mrs. Agnes Markham; Mrs. Merilyn Frost
- **Middle School**: Miss. Stacie Prichard; Mrs. Carolyn Waugh
- **Mr. Bernard Spiller; Mr. Scott Houlanhan**

Your child will receive the name of their teacher for 2011 with their school report next Tuesday. A full outline of all Support Staff and Administration Staff will be provided at the beginning of the school year in 2011.

### BURSAR POSITION 2011

Mrs. Emma Butler has recently been employed as our school bursar commencing in 2011. We welcome Emma to this financial Administrative role. Emma has children Neave (Yr 1) and Meghan (Kinder 2011) at our school.

Finally, I am very thankful for the opportunity of being Acting Principal this year. I look forward to resuming my role as Assistant Principal in 2011. As a school community we welcome back Mr. Brian Laybutt who will resume as School Principal of Mt St Patrick Primary next year.

To our school community I wish you all the blessings of Christmas and trust that the New Year brings great happiness and good health.

Mr. Brendan Ryan - Acting Principal
Once again our 2010 Christmas Carnival and Tableau provided a memorable start to the season of Advent leading to Christmas, and it was a wonderful community occasion. The change of venue, though challenging, didn’t diminish the joyful and prayerful atmosphere. Indeed Jesus was a very accommodating and honoured guest and host. Our Parish schools are to be congratulated on their excellent music, singing and presentation of the Tableau. Sincere thanks to the students, staff and parents involved. Thank you also to those who attended the Carnival, donated items to the stalls, participated in the parish raffle, worked on the night or at the working bees or in any other way contributed to the overall success of the occasion. The first Christmas Carnival and Tableau was held in 1961 and over the years it has become an important event in the life of not only our parish and schools but the broader community, with the Tableau reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas. Funds raised support the parish in its mission, which includes the provision of our three schools: Mt St Patrick College, Mt St Patrick Primary School and St Joseph’s Primary School South Murwillumbah. Thank you – and best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year. Looking forward in anticipation to the 50th Anniversary of our Christmas Carnival and Tableau in 2011.

Fr David Gilbey, Parish Priest – on behalf of Sacred Heart Parish and the Christmas Carnival Committee

MINI VINNIES – CHRISTMAS APPEAL
The St Vincent de Paul Society’s Christmas Appeal will once again address the reality that many families won’t be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus as we will, with presents and a special meal. Across NSW 20,000 volunteers work over the festive season to ensure families will have a dignified and joyful Christmas along with the rest of us. The Society asks for donations of cash, clean summer clothing, toys, small gifts and non-perishable food. These can be left at the Vinnies shop, Monday to Friday, 9:30 until 4pm or until 12 noon on Saturdays. All of the things we donate are used to help local people in need.

As Christians, Advent is a time for taking stock of our relationship with God and each other. We get ready to celebrate the birth of our Saviour by reflecting on how we’re going in life. One aspect of this is the way we care for those less fortunate and more vulnerable than ourselves. The Christmas Appeal gives an avenue to address this.

As a Mini-Vinnies group our last fundraiser enabled us to donate $350.00 to Assist-A-Student. This will assist 5 students in Africa, India or the Pacific to be educated for one year each. We thank the children from our school and the College for helping out during our lucky-dip fundraiser. Our next project is making Christmas cards for the elders at the Murwillumbah Aged Care facility. As a group we’ve had lots of fun whilst helping others. What more could you ask!

Mrs. Philomena Zambelli

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ADVENT
Advent is the season right before Christmas when, as Christians, we can prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Christ. Because the date of Christmas changes according to the calendar, so does Advent. This year the Advent 2010 season began on November 28, 2010, the first Sunday of Advent.

During the Advent season it is a time to prepare for Christmas. Begin now to gather the things you need to direct your family’s hearts toward heaven. Let this season of Advent fill your home and your life.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Friday 24th December
6.30pm – Sacred Heart Church
8.00pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah

CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday 25th December
8.00am – Sacred Heart Church
MAJOR SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 8th December

GRADUATION MASS
Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held in Sacred Heart Parish Church commencing at 12:00pm.

Monday 13th December

YEAR 6 TREAT DAY
Our Year 6 students will be travelling by bus to the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta Ten Pin Bowling. A permission note was distributed to all Year 6 students yesterday outlining details for this day. In line with our ‘Discipline Policy’ – any Year 6 students who have not received three detentions this Term will be eligible for this excursion.

Tuesday 14th December

PRESENTATION NIGHT @ 7:00PM
The Presentation Night is the culmination of the 2010 school year. The night will include the presentation of awards as well as performances by all class choirs. To ensure that uniforms are clean on the day of the Presentation Night students come to school on this day in Mufti (street clothes). On the night of the Presentation, all students must wear full school uniform. It is a very clear expectation that **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS EVENING.**

Wednesday 15th December

END OF TERM TREAT DAY
In line with our ‘Discipline Policy’ each Term, students who have not received three detentions in one Term will be eligible to attend the ‘End of Term Treat’. This Term, the treat will be held at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre. Students will attend the pool in the morning, returning to school by lunchtime. The students will then spend the afternoon in class with their teacher and the school year will conclude at 3:15pm Wednesday 15th December. Students will need to pay for entry to the Pool – if any students have an annual Pass they need to present this on the day to receive free entry to the Pool.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY - due to current building developments and restrictions to ground areas we will be unable to hold our school Christmas Party this year.
WEEK 7 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KJ    -    Ellis Hannah
KM    -    Angus Ward
Yr 1    -    Kiara McCarthy
Yr 1/2  -    Eden Davison
Yr 2    -    Olivia Ryan
St2A    -    Kalindi Lathouras
St2J    -    Montana Taylor
St2M    -    James Houlahan
MSB    -    Isabelle Littlewood
MSC    -    Rose Bradfield
MSH    -    Niamh Langan-Keyte
MSS    -    Lillian Guinea

MOST IMPROVED

KJ    -    Charles Warren
KM    -    Nicholas Shields
Yr 1    -    Amelie McInerney
Yr 1/2  -    Oliver Parsons
Yr 2    -    Georgia Felton
St2A    -    Isaac Bergamin
St2J    -    Cooper Leslight
St2M    -    Rose Malouf
MSB    -    Jake Jackson
MSC    -    Hayden Stewart
MSH    -    Nick Macartney
MSS    -    Eveena Smith

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

Vivien Koerner-Straub – Yr 1/2
Stephanie Guinea – St2A
Daniel Siddle - MSC

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

KM – Jack Gracie, Charlie Gibbons, Tyler Hanrahan
Yr 1/2 – Oliver Parsons
St2A – Jordan Tilsley, Teleah Lesleigher
St2J – Mark Jackson
St2M – Brandon Ewing, Isabelle Macfarlane,
        Max Bird, Josephine Bruggy,
        Milli Rainger
MSB – Eva Kettle, Riley King
MSC – Aaron Turriff
MSH – Georgia Hardy, Matteo Caridi,
      Daecian Sparkes-Young
MSS – Jessica Owen, Laurie Pratt, Brayden Slater

HONOUR AWARDS

Ben Snellgrove – Yr 1/2
Shreeya Singhal – Yr 1/2
Charlotte Morosini – St2J
    Nelson Ewing – St2M
Brannon Ewing – St2M
Brennah Mackie – MSB
Chloe Ryan – MSB
Marcus Bossink – MSS
Mya Hurst - MSS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR WEEK 7

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MOST IMPROVED

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

HONOUR AWARDS
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR WEEK 8

WEEK 8 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ – Sophie Grinham
KM – Hannah Trembath
Yr 1 – Neave Butler
Yr 1/2 – Darcy Hannah
Yr 2 – Zac Macartney
St2A – Brooke Saddler
St2J – Mark Jackson
St2M – Angus Stratton
MSB – Jacinta Martin
MSC – Jack Orr
MSH – Matteo Caridi
MSS – Sarah Champley

MOST IMPROVED
KJ – Cormack Flannery
KM – Lincoln Taylor
Yr 1 – Joel Reynolds
Yr 1/2 – Olivia Flannery
Yr 2 – Georgia Felton
St2A – Bailey Hayes
St2J – Joel Antonelli
St2M – Sarah Guinea
MSB – Georgia Freier
MSC – Sienna Davison
MSH – Meckenzie Youngblutt
MSS – Michelle Stanford

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Anna Smith – Year 2
Felicity Guinea – St2J
Haydn Campbell - MSH

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KM – Angus Ward, Lillyan Charman, Bailey Reid, Charli Miller-Smylie
Yr 1/2 – Eden Davison, Vivien Koerner-Straub
St2A – Jada Langan Keyte, Harrison Smith, Alexander Flannery, Isaac Walford
St2J – Montana Taylor, Charlie Eady, Harris McLean, Shenaii Matlock, Abigail Stratton, Jackson Rohweder
MSC – Joshua Nuspan, Sage Coleman, Ruby Lewis, Trinity Cooper, Lilly McDonald, Shaniee Thompson, Ethan Bruggy, Dominic Morosini, Benjamin Wolff, Alicia Rose, Alesha Kane, Lachlan Woodford,
MSH – Monique Chauvier, Grace Smith, Blake McCalman, Harry Sherrah, Nicholas Macartney, Shanane Allsop, Grace Waters, Tom Boyd.
MSS – Marcus Bosink, Mya Hurst, Daryl Brooks, Chloe Saddler

HONOUR AWARDS
Charlie Gibbons, Tyler Hanrahan – KM
Jordan Tilsley, Teleah Lesleighter – St2A
Mark Jackson – St2J
Isabelle Macfarlane, Milli Rainger – St2M
Aaron Turriff – MSC
Ashton Wilson - MSH
BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS
Visit www.murplism.catholic.edu.au and go to the BER Building Photos link for latest images of the building development.

Completion of the refurbished Administration & Library will be mid-January 2011.

Our new buildings
Thank you for your support

You may not know that we take out a loan in order to build.

I take this opportunity to thank families for paying the annual building levy ($240)

We are grateful to the State government for subsidising the interest on the loan.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au No. 21

DEPARTING FAMILIES & STUDENTS
If your child will not be re-enrolled at Mt St Patrick Primary School in 2011 (except current Year 6) – please advise the School Office either in writing or by telephone ASAP.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays during the coming weeks: Tyler Hanrahan, Tyler-Rose Ludlow, Charles Warren, Sophie Grinham, Christian Lollback, Cormack Flannery, Hayley Smith, Macauley Wells, Jayden Carpenter, Niamh Ryan-McGinn, Sarah Guinea, Annalise Mackie, Savannah Peach, Jack Orr, Grace Smith, Courtney Ward and Eveena Smith.

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ORIENTATION DAY FOR NEW STUDENTS: YEARS 1 – 6, 2011
On Monday we welcomed those students who are enrolled Mt St Patrick Primary from Years 1-6 in 2011. The students spent the day a tour school familiarising them with the school environment and making new friends.

We welcome the following students:

KINDER – ATTENTION PLEASE
Any unused play items that are in good condition are required for Kinder play based activities for 2011. Eg. Puzzles, toys, water play equipment, construction materials, lego, building blocks, doll house, home corner (toy kitchen).
Please note these donations will become the property of the school. It would be helpful to have these by the end of the year in preparation for next year.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR NEW YEAR 1 – 6 STUDENTS
SPORT
We were blessed to have a fine day for our school swimming carnival. The house captains were fantastic leaders, ensuring great team spirit with their house area decorations and war cries. The response to the races, both competitive and non competitive was excellent. Several comments were passed on to me by parents that in spite of the fierce competition there was great sportsmanship displayed by the swimmers, especially among the seniors.
A very appreciative thank you from me to all the staff, parents and captains that assisted in making the day such a success.
Congratulations to everyone, including the record breakers and age champions and of course Dalton (Gold) the champion house!
Records broken;
Clara Withers 10yr 100m Freestyle, Dominic Morosini 11yr 50m Backstroke & Butterfly, Grant Harris Senior 100m Freestyle.
Age Champions

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents for encouraging your child to participate at any level of sport, both at school and representative level, as well as your continued support at Mt St Patrick’s sporting events throughout the year. It is highly appreciated.
Agnes Markham - Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY TENNIS: Learn to play tennis in the holidays! Beginner’s Classes 17-21 January 8am to 9am $15 per lesson or $60 per week. More advanced classes also available 17-21 & 24-28 January and Adult Beginners class Friday 21 & 28 January 6.30 - 7.30 $15. ½ hour private trial lesson for next year’s classes $10. Classes re-start 31st January 2011. All classes held at Murwillumbah Tennis Club, Knox Park, Murwillumbah. For bookings or more information please contact Carolyn on 0400244457 or carolyntett@bigpond.com

RELAY FOR LIFE: The Relay For Life will be held next year on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th 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 1300360744. Let’s make this an event to remember!!!