Dear Parents,

Last week was significant for our school as our Stage 2 and Year 1 classes moved into the newly built classrooms. We also vacated our School Administration and Library areas as refurbishment started yesterday with completion due by mid-January 2011. Thank you to our staff and students from both the Primary and College for their assistance and cooperation with the moving last week. **Please note that School Administration is now located in Room 1 (formerly Year 1 class – Mrs. Dowling’s Room).**

Amongst all this moving of classrooms and Admin we also celebrated Grandparent’s Day.

**GRANDPARENT’S DAY**

Thank you to all the grandparents and parents who came along to our ‘Grandparents Day’ last Friday. Many grandparents travelled many kilometres to visit their grand-children. The children certainly appreciate having the opportunity to show their classroom and school work with their grandparents. Thank you to the Parents Reps from Year 1 & Year 1 /2 for their organisation of the morning tea. See photos of ‘Grandparents Day’ on page 5 of this newsletter.

**STAFFING APPOINTMENTS 2011**

Recently we advertised for new teaching positions. I would like to announce those successful applicants who will join our teaching staff in 2011.

**Miss. Justine Powell**

Justine has taught Kindergarten this year at Mt St Patrick. Justine is an excellent teacher and she has made a significant contribution to our school this year. We are delighted to have Justine join our staff on a permanent basis.

**Mrs. Tania Morosini**

Tania has been involved in many aspects of teaching at Mt St Patrick over the past few years. Her appointment is indicative of her commitment and professionalism at our school.

**Miss. Stacie Prichard**

Stacie is a graduate teacher who recently has been teaching casually at St Anthony’s Kingscliff. Stacie is a former Mt St Patrick Primary & College student, who was highly recommended to us during the interview process. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching will make him an asset to our teaching staff.

**Mr. Peter Campbell**

Peter has taught Year 2 this year at Mt St Patrick. He has developed a wonderful rapport with the students in his class. His contribution to our school has made him a valuable staff member this year.

On a sad note, Miss. Heidi Le Brocq (MSH) has decided to return home to her previous school, St. Edwards Tamworth in 2011. Heidi has been an excellent teacher this year. Her quality of teaching and the wonderful rapport with the students in her class has made her highly respected by our school community.

**KINDERGARTEN 2011 ORIENTATION**

A reminder that our two Orientation days for Kinder take place on Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th November. The Orientation days are held from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

**Day 1 – Monday 15th November**

Children are encouraged to wear their ‘I’m Off to Big School Next Year’ t-shirt if possible. The children will spend time with the current 2010 Kinder teachers as well as other support staff. Current Mt St Patrick Primary School parents do not need to stay for the duration of the Orientation. However **new parents** to Mt St Patrick Primary School will be required to attend a meeting in the Parish Hall from 9:00am – 11:45am.

**Information Evening – Monday 15th November**

An Information Evening for **all** Kinder parents will be held in the **new classrooms** at 7:00pm.

**Day 2 – Tuesday 16th November**

All parents are to drop off their children and return to Mt St Patrick at 11:30am for a 30 min summary and presentation by the Kinder teachers.

**Morning Tea** – students in current Kinder classes are asked to bring a plate of food along on Monday 15th November for the Parent Morning Tea. If any Kinder parents would like to assist with morning tea (around 11:00am) please notify the School Office.

Enjoy your week
Mr. Brendan Ryan
Acting Principal
CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & TABLEAU
The Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Carnival and Tableau will be held on Saturday 27th November commencing at 5:30pm.
Children who are involved in the Tableau performance are looking forward to starting rehearsals.
Donations of saleable items such as cooking, craft, pot plants, items for the bottle stall, second hand books etc would be very much appreciated. These donations may be sent into school or taken straight to the Parish Office.

We would encourage you to come along and join us in this special Parish event.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
CARING
What is Caring?
Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people you say and do things that help them. When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort. Caring comes from within. It is a sign of love. When you care for someone, you notice how they feel and what they need. Caring is a special way of paying attention.

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Dear Parents,
“Every family needs a good dose of ‘f’ words – not the swearing variety by forgiveness, forgetting annoyances, friendship, fun and the freedom for children to make mistakes, knowing that they will be supported and their feelings respected…..Help us to forgive others so that they might forgive.”

God Bless,
Sr Karan

MINI VINNIES NEWS
Minnie Vinnie’s Raffle – Lucky Dip
This term Minnie Vinnie’s is holding a lucky dip for a small cost of 50c per ticket.

What To Do
All money goes to ‘Assist a Student’ which is a charity that assists kids in poor countries to get a good education.
You pay 50c
Then you draw out a ticket it might say you have won a lollypop or you have won the daily prize.
Please come along and support Vinnies!

Thank you
Sarah & Shelley

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Originally called Armistice Day, this day commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with ‘no known grave’.
After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.
In October 1997, then Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, issued a proclamation declaring: 11 November as Remembrance Day and urging Australians to observe one minute’s silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day each year to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts.

SR KARAN

MUFTI DAY
On Thursday 25th November our School will have a Mufti Day. A gold coin donation will be asked from each student to assist with raising funds for the Parish Bottle Stall for the up and coming Christmas Carnival to be held on Saturday 27th November.

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

THANK YOU
Recently, Hunter Leslight (younger brother of Spencer (Kinder) & Cooper (St2J) had to be in intensive care at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane after a fall. Fortunately Hunter has made a significant recovery and positive indications are that he will not have any permanent damage. Kathryn & Paul Leslight would like to thank our school community for their prayers and messages of support during this time. Both Kathryn & Paul are in no doubt that the prayers and support helped Hunter in his recovery during this time.

HEALTH ALERT: WHOOPING COUGH IN NSW SCHOOLS
NSW Health is warning school communities that there has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) cases amongst children at school, especially in primary schools.

Whooping cough starts with a runny nose and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection is spread to others nearby by coughing. It is a very serious disease in young babies, and has caused two recent deaths in newborns in Australia.

If your child has a cough it is very important to keep them away from babies. If your child has symptoms of whooping cough, including a persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor.

Antibiotics given early in the illness can prevent spread to others. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.


MURWILLUMBAH SHOW
Congratulations to all students who contributed entries to the Murwillumbah Show. Over 100 students entered in many different sections at this year’s show. The large number of students who won prizes for their entries was indicative of the excellent contribution and effort of all students.

Thank you to Mrs Mary Trevithick & Mrs Agnes Markham for her coordination of the student’s entries for the Murwillumbah Show this year. Thank you also to Bec Bird, Emma Butler, Donna O’Brien and Alice Withers who assisted in assembling and disassembling our school display at the show.

ITEMS UP FOR GRABS
After our recent moving of Administration, Library and classrooms, there are a number of items that are no longer needed by the school. The motto ‘One person’s trash is another person’s treasure’ may ring true here. In our basement there are many items no longer required. If you would like to take any of these items feel free. Please notify our Office prior to taking items. Thank you.

NB: There are some selected items that will still be required to be kept by the school that are in the basement.

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.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS
Visit www.murplism.catholic.edu.au and go to the BER Building Photos link for latest images of the building development.
WEEK 3 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ    -    Christian Lollback
KM    -    Grace Wolfe
Yr 1    -    Caleigh Kennedy
Yr 1/2    -    Sarah Hill
Yr 2    -    Will Murnane
St2A    -    Teleah Lesleigher
St2J    -    Matthew Mullington
St2M    -    Fynn Campbell
MSB    -    Isla Walford
MSC    -    Aliesha Kane
MSH    -    Harry Sherrah
MSS    -    Delani O’Brien

MOST IMPROVED
KJ    -    Hayden Mansfield
KM    -    Angus Ward
Yr 1    -    Ella Buch
Yr 1/2    -    James Guinea
Yr 2    -    Macauley Wells
St2A    -    Jada Langan-Keyte
St2J    -    Coogan Cooper
St2M    -    Annalise Mackie
MSB    -    Nina Brady
MSC    -    Dominic Morosini
MSH    -    Sam Felton
MSS    -    Will McLean

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Lillyan Charman - KM
Isabelle Woodford – St2A
Tom Boyd - MSH

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KJ – Isis Heterick, Will Ryan-McGinn
KM – Keirsten Roach
Yr 1 – Ella Buch
Yr 1/2 – Kobe Spry
Yr 2 – Bryson Buch, Olivia Ryan
St2J – Cooper Leslight
St2M – Aidan McDonald, Byron Browning
MSB – Ryan Clark, Nina Brady
MSH – Niamh Langan-Keyte, Maddison Mumford, Grace Waters, Harry Sherrah
MSS – Sarah Champley, Stella Wilson, Nick Gehan

HONOUR AWARDS
Darcy Hannah – Yr 1/2
Lara Lewis – Yr 1/2
Sarah-Jane Guinea – MSB
Ebony Shields - MSH

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 3

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MOST IMPROVED

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

HONOUR AWARDS
I’m not sure who had more fun, kids or the dads! The boys ran around most of the afternoon having fun whilst the dads relaxed. A game of tip-and-run cricket was entertaining for all involved. On the lower paddock a game of touch footy proved that old age and cunning beats youth and speed every time; the score was 3 -1.

Talking to a few of the dads, we enjoyed seeing the boys of different ages all playing together. It is one thing for a school to announce that it has a friendly and supporting culture, but a completely different thing to see those values exemplified by the kids.

Apparently most of the mums thought the father son camp was great too, as the mums could have a short break while all the boys were out of the house.

It was a pleasure to attend the father son camp and meet a few other dads, relax and have a good time. It’s easy to see why the attendance numbers have grown each year – we’ll be back again in 2011.

Regards,

Karl Grossman
The Adventures of Peter Possum in Murwillumbah

On Monday I took Peter home on the bus. When I got home I took Peter in my pram down to the playground. I took Peter on the slide and the tunnel. When it was starting to get dark, me and Peter headed up.

By Lara - Year 1/2

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO FANTASTIC MR FOX

On Friday 29th October KM and KJ went to the stage show ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ put on by the Murwillumbah Theatre Company at the Civic Centre. First we walked down and enjoyed a lovely morning tea in the park. Then we were ready to go to the show. We got to sit in the front rows and there were lots of other schools there. The show was really funny and we even spotted some children from our school that were in the show. The children thoroughly enjoyed it. They were talking all about it on the walk home. We even got to meet the characters at the end. Thank you to those parents that helped by walking with us and thank you to Mrs Waugh for organising this fantastic excursion.
SPORT

Mt St Patrick entered two relay teams in the Murwillumbah Show Interschool Relay race on Friday. Sarah Champley, Chloe Saddler, Reuben Mitchell & Daecian Sparkes Young had a convincing win. They won $125 which will be used to purchase sport equipment. Emily Sheppard, Ebony Shields, Reece Robson & Sam Naoum ran as our 2nd team and came a commendable 4th. Well done to both teams. Many thanks to Jodie Champley for supervising the teams.

This week was the last week for primary elective sports. The primary students will begin swimming for sport next week in preparation for the swimming carnival on Tuesday 30th November. They will need to bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen, $2.50 or their season pass. Stage 2 will swim between 11.30am and 1pm and Middle School after lunch.

MATHLETICS

Awards achieved for week 4:

- Daryl Brooks
- Eveena Smith
- Paige Waters
- Sarah Guinea
- Tarlia Brims

Sienna Davison
Niamh Langan-Keyte
Bryon Browning
James Houlanah
Brennah Mackie

- Malayna Fletcher
- Lilly McDonald
- Ellie Cunningham
- Jackson Rohweder
- Jessica Owen
- Felicity Guinea
- Bailey Hayes

Week 5:

- Tealeah Lesleigher
- Paige Waters
- Tarlia Brims
- Eva Kettle

Sienna Davison
Charlie Browning
Alex Hunt

MATHLETICS TOP FIVE CONCEPT MASTERS

- Taleigha Garbett
- Dominic Morosini
- Brayden Slater
- Darby Waters
- Lilith Malcolm

CYBER SAFETY FACEBOOK FACTS

It was recently outlined at the Parent Assembly ‘Cyber Safety’ meeting that a person needs to be at least 13 years old to legally have a Facebook page.

The internet is an important and valuable learning tool for all students, it is vital that as educators and parents we inform our children to the appropriate use of Internet, mobile phones & make them aware of the consequences of misuse of such technology.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays: Asha Curtis, Bailey Reid, Charlie Gibbons, Riley Bull, Ella Buch, Taliah Boyd, Vivien Koerner-Straub, Zayne Stewart, David Macartney, Coogan Cooper, Emerald Haglund, Eva Kettle, Chad Huggins, Grace Waters, and Cameron Larkin.

CANTENE ROSTER

Wednesday 10th to Tuesday 23rd November

Friday 12th – Melanie Newton
Tuesday 16th – Jenni Van Den Broek
Thursday 18th – Jodie Champley
Tuesday 23rd – HELPERS NEEDED

COMMUNITY NEWS

MURWILLUMBAH SWIMMING CLUB INC welcomes new and existing members for 2010 – 2011 Season. The season commenced on Friday October 15th at 5pm. If you are interested in joining please phone Janet on 0407781373 or Ron 0266791098.

GET ACTIVE AT TWEED HEADS PCYC – hip hop dance & new urban contemporary classes, akido for kids, judo & other martial arts, boxing, music tuition, fitness and activities for all ages. Phone Tweed Heads PCYC on 0755991714.