Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the beginning of Term 2. As you may have noticed, temporary fencing has been erected on the playground indicating that our building development is soon to begin. Weather permitting, earth moving equipment should arrive during the week. The construction of the 4 new classrooms is first priority followed by redevelopment of the Library and Administration. During construction, revised playground areas have been put in place for the students. Parents need to be aware that parking availability may become more limited, particularly in the afternoons. It is an exciting time for our school and we look forward to watching the building take shape over the next two Terms.

SESQUICENTENARY MASS
Some representatives from our school community including staff, parents and students will be attending a Mass tomorrow at St Carthage’s Cathedral to celebrate 150 years of Catholic education in the Lismore Diocese. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett DD, Bishop of Lismore at 11.30am.
The first Catholic School in the Diocese of Lismore was founded in 1860 and conducted by Mr. Edward Tracey in St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Stl. Grafton.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
This Friday 30th April
All students to wear blue school uniform. Girls who have shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back with a navy blue ribbon, band or scrunchy.

Boys are now able to wear Long Navy Pants during Term 2 & 3. These pants are available from ‘Work’n’ Country’ for $29.95 as of the 5th May. Please note: These navy blue pants must be ‘Stubbies’.

Particular reminders:
- cargo shorts are not permitted for boys
- sports shoes are to be predominately white
- Boys hair is to be clean and neatly cut, off the collar, of natural colour and even grade and all extreme styles avoided.

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An outline of our day blue school uniform requirements is listed on pg. 6 of this newsletter.

ANZAC DAY
Thank you to all those students and staff who were able to participate in the ANZAC DAY march last Sunday. To have around 80 students represent our school was a wonderful display of school spirit and understanding of the importance of this day.

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS
Our new school sponsorships are printed in this edition. Thank you to all who have advertised this year and those who have advertised over the past 12 months. We encourage all in our school community to support those businesses that support our school.

Enjoy your week! Brendan Ryan

PARENT FORUM MEETING
Monday 3rd May @ 7.00pm in Room 8 (Mrs. Waugh’s Room)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – UNITS OF WORK

In Religion this term the stage groups will be working together on the following units of work:

ES1 K.3 – The Easter Season – He is Risen
- Jesus is Alive
K.4 – Belonging to God’s People – we visit the church
- We gather for Mass
S1 1.3 – Easter – The Easter Season – Alleluia, Jesus is Alive
- The Ascension
- The Holy Spirit comes
1.4 – Nourished by God – Together at Mass
- To Love and Serve
S2 4.3 – Easter – A time to live the Good News
Eucharist Unit
S3 5.3 – Easter – A time for Hope and New Life
5.7 – We Celebrate the Sacraments Part 1

We will continue with the virtues programme this term. There is a different virtue each fortnight. The following virtues are focused on this term – Love, Reverence, Reliability, Consideration and Honesty.

Year 6 will be busy preparing for the RE test this term which is in Week 9, Wednesday 16th June.
We wish these students all the best during this time.
In Stage 2 the Year 3 children will be preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist which will be held in Week 7. Please keep these special people in your prayers at this time.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
LOVE

What is Love?
Love is caring for someone, wanting to be near them, and wanting to share with them. Love is a special feeling that makes you want to do nice things for people. It means treating them with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. You can show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking or a hug. Love is treating other people just like you would like them to treat you.

Dear Parents,
This term we continue the short meditations offered in the first term. Hope you find them valuable.

God Bless,
Sr Karan

A Moment with Jesus
To survive the struggles of the early centuries, the Church put its total trust in God. To trust in God is to know that God will be with you and will help you no matter what the future may hold.
Take a moment to thank Jesus for always being with you. Ask him for the strength and courage of the Holy Spirit so that you can stand firm in your faith even in the face of challenge. Pray the words of this Psalm:
God alone is my rock and salvation,
My secure height; I shall never fall.
Psalm 62:3

SACRED HEART PARISH WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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FIRST EUCHARIST

Tuesday 11th May – Parent Meeting
Catholic Hall – 7pm
15th & 16th May – Inscription Ceremony at all weekend Masses
Friday 4th June – Retreat Day
Sunday 6th June – First Eucharist
8am Mass - Sacred Heart Church

MOTHERS DAY LITURGY

Next Friday 7th May the whole school will be celebrating Mother’s Day with a special Liturgy in the Sacred Heart Church at 9.15am. All are welcome, especially mothers and grandmothers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays:
SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY
Recently we updated our School Discipline Policy relating to ‘Suspension & Expulsion’ of students.
“Principals must suspend immediately and consistently with these procedures, including any student who:
− is physically violent: 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. The matter may need to be reported to the NSW Police Force.”
The addition of ‘Suspension & Expulsion’ of students is aligned to the policies of the Catholic Education Commission.

INTERNAL SUSPENSION
- Parents / Caregivers are contacted by Principal
- Child is withdrawn from class. This withdrawal results in:
  * Normal class work being completed, however there is no interaction with other children.
  − After a minimum period of three days withdrawal, the Principal in collaboration with the classroom teacher will allow the student back into class for a short time. If positive behaviour is maintained gradual integration back into the ”mainstream” will occur.
Parents can access our Discipline Policy through the School Website – School Information – Policies – School Discipline.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 6th May. Students will be able to purchase gifts on this day – the cost of each gift will be $7. The stall will also be available on the Friday if any students are unable to purchase gifts on this day.
Thank you to the Parent Reps from Year 2 (Mr. Campbell) for organising this year’s Mother’s Day stall.

TERM 2 ASSEMBLY DATES – CLASS PRESENTATIONS
| Week 2 – No Assembly – School Photos | Week 3 - No Assembly | Week 4 – KINDER M |
| Week 5 – KINDER J | Week 6 – STAGE 2M | Week 7 – STAGE 2J |
| Week 8 – Primary Choirs | Week 9 – Infant Choirs | Week 10 – Athletics Carnival |
| Week 11 – Pupil Free Day |

KINDER ENROLMENTS & INTERVIEWS
Interviews for all new Kinder enrolments for 2011 will commence from mid May. Our School Office will contact those families who have completed enrolment forms for an appointment. If any existing families at Mt St Patrick have yet to complete an enrolment form for their child starting school, please contact our School Office.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE – MAD SPORTS
‘Mad Sports’ have commenced coordinating our Out of School Hours Care. ‘Mad Sports’ combines a healthy, active sports program, with a whole heap of fun. The focus is on participation. Our activities are non threatening and totally interactive. Participants are engaged for the whole session. ‘Mad Sports’ aims to foster the love of sport for those that are MAD about it and confidence in others to participate. ‘Mad Sports’ operates Monday – Friday from 3:15 – 6:00pm. All enquiries and bookings can be made to ‘Mad Sports’ on 02 6619 0420 or 0434 612 339.

SKILL-A-THON
All Skill-A-Thon money needs to be returned to school by Friday 30th April (Term 2 Week 2). All Skill-A-Thon forms also need to be returned to school.
Donations are gratefully accepted. All money raised will be spent on the students this year. By raising money for the school you are assisting your child’s education.

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE – ENROLMENTS 2011
Enrolments are now being accepted for 2011. The closing date for receipt of Enrolment Application Forms for students wishing to enter Year 7 or 11 in 2011 is Friday 21st May, 2010. Enrolment packages were distributed last Friday to our current Year 6 students. Anyone with enquiries about vacancies in Year 7, 11 or any other year is asked to contact the Mt. St Patrick College Office.

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE – OPEN DAY
Prospective parents and current families of students at Mt St Patrick College are invited to the College Open Day to be held on Thursday 29th April, 2010 from 9:30am to 11:30am and from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
WEEK 1 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ - Christian Lollback
KM - Bailey Reid
Yr 1 - Ella Buch
Yr 1/2 - Darcy Hannah
Yr 2 - Olivia Newell
St2A - Zayne Stewart
St2J - Thomas Snellgrove
St2M - Coby Lewis
MSB - Sidney Ewing
MSC - Emma Hancock
MSH - Alex Hunt
MSS - Brayden Slater

MOST IMPROVED
KJ - Isabella Dusi
KM - Lincoln Taylor
Yr 1 - Lachlan Andrew
Yr 1/2 - Vivien koerner-Straub
Yr 2 - Will Murnane
St2A - Georgina Moore
St2J - Charlie Eady
St2M - Josephine Bruggy
MSB - Riley King
MSC - Reuben Mitchell
MSH - Harry Sherrah
MSS - Will McLean

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Kobe Spry – Year 1/2
Aidan McDonald – St2M
Rick Kelly - MSB

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
KJ – Malachy Wilkinson, Bronte McLean
KM – Tyler Hanrahan
St2J – Montana Taylor
St2M – Gypsy-Rose Gray, Phoebe Kirk, Fianna Wilkinson
MSB – Savannah Peach, Josh Nuspan, Ryan Clark, Imogen Cunningham
MSH – Tarlia Brims, Matteo Caridi, Ashton Wilson, Eadie Sherrah, Tom Boyd, Oliver Twohill

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 1

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MOST IMPROVED

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
EASTER BONNET PARADE

ANZAC DAY MARCH
NAPLAN – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY & NUMERACY 2010

In May 2010 the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in all government & non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State & Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background & Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

- **Tuesday 11th May** Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar)
- **Writing**
- **Wednesday 12th May** Reading
- **Thursday 13th May** Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function & pattern, Measurement, Chance & Data and Space)

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:


SCHOOL POLICY

**DAY UNIFORM - GIRLS**
- Short sleeved blue striped blouse with navy collar and contrast navy trim on sleeves.
- Concealed centre front opening.
- Navy skirt with 4 knife pleats back and front, elastic waistband, side zippered pocket.
- Navy socks with 2 sky blue bands - either long or short.
- Shoes - black lace-up leather school shoes or leather look-alike school shoes, definitely not suede.
- Shoes above the ankle are not permitted.
- Navy V-neck cardigan or jumper. (optional school crest in gold)
- Navy tights, stockings or leggings may be worn in winter. (Tracksuit pants are not part of the girl's day uniform)

**DAY UNIFORM - BOYS**
- Sky blue ‘Midford’ style short sleeved shirt.
- Navy long leg wash’n wear shorts i.e. Stubbies, Ruggers or Tab Shorts.
- Not Cargo Shorts.
- Navy socks with 2 sky blue bands - either long or short.
- Shoes - black lace-up leather school shoes or leather look alike school shoes, definitely not suede.
- Shoes above the ankle are not permitted.
- Long Navy blue pants ‘Stubbies’ may be worn during Term 2 & 3.
- Navy V-neck cardigan or jumper. (optional school crest in gold)
- Navy Tracksuits may be worn in Term 2 and 3 but the uniform should be worn underneath. Track pants are not to be worn without its matching top.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school cross country last Term. Thank you to the parent helpers and staff. 50 students will compete in the Zone Cross Country on Thursday. We wish them all the best.

Chloe Saddler, Jake Murnane, Daecian Sparkes-Young, Joshua Nuspan, Trinity Cooper, Ethan Bruggy, Grant Harris & Reece Robson participated in the Polding Winter Trials at Tamworth last week. They all enjoyed their experiences. Special congratulations to Trinity Cooper, Joshua Nuspan, Jake Murnane & Reece Robson for their selection in their respective teams for the State carnival.

Three school rugby league teams will participate in the Tweed Goodwill & Legends Challenge on Wednesday. We hope they enjoy the day. Many thanks to the team managers Mr.Logan, Mr.Houlahan and the parents for driving the students.

The school soccer will have their first training session with Mr.Young on Friday at 1pm. We appreciate Mr. Young for giving his time.

SPORT NEWS

**AFL AUSKICK**

An AFL Auskick program is to run at your school in Term 2 2010. Come enjoy this program introducing children to the skills of AFL. Children will improve coordination, increase social skills and learn to participate in a team environment. All activities and games are non-contact modified rules. All boys and girls, Kindy to year 6 are welcome.

Participants receive an NAB Auskick back pack, Sherrin AFL football, footy socks, caps, AFL Wall Target, CD-Rom and a $10 NAB bank voucher and many extras including giveaways and prizes throughout the program. Cost is $60 all inclusive and sessions are held on your school oval on Wednesday lunchtime beginning on the 5th May. Children will receive a registration form from school in week 2 of Term 2 or to register online go to aflauskick.com.au. For all enquiries please contact Brent Kelly AFL Development Manager on 0420980496 or AFL Queensland on 0755273564. Come and Learn to Fly.
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOST FAMILIES WANTED: In June/July 2010 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will welcome a new group of international exchange students to Australia. These students will live with a host family and attend school for 3, 5 or 10 months. If you are interested in becoming a host family please phone 1300 135 331. Please note that host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES IN MAY: Do your kids know how to press your buttons? (These workshops will help you in your role as a parent and elsewhere, to better manage your own anger and anxiety. These workshops will be held at Uki from 7 – 9pm on Thursdays May 6, 13, 20 & 27. Cost is $15 pr night or $25 per couple. To register please email heather@otherwisetherapy.com or leave a message on Heather McLelland of Otherwise Therapy’s phone 0266795603.

SENIOR FIRST AID: This Surf Lifesaving NSW course in Senior First Aid is approved by Workcover NSW (FAO4151) and delivers the essential principles, skills and knowledge for you to manage emergency first aid situations until professional medical support is available. The course will be held at Cabarita Beach SLSC on Saturday 24th April and Wednesday 28th April. 8.30am sign on 9am start – 4pm. All enquiries and registrations to des@mondogroup.com.au before Friday 16th April.

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK will be held on Sunday 16th May at Jack Bayliss park, Kingscliff commencing at 9am. Entrance fee will be $10 per dog and handler, $5.00 for child & dog and $20.00 for Family Group and dog.

FAMILY FAITH GATHERING

A family life and faith enriching opportunity

All parents and care givers of children in Parish school are invited to join together for an exciting time to strengthen family life.

Guest Speaker: Sr Lynette Toohey rscj
Sr Lynette Toohey, rscj is a trained Spiritual Director. She will provide a program similar to that being offered to parish school staff throughout the diocese.

Topics: “GOD AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS.”
“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHILD OF GOD?”
“REVISITING SIN AND FORGIVENESS”

This Gathering is a family activity. The younger family members will have the opportunity to share in similar faith activities. Families will also have time to share their faith journey.

Toonumbar Recreation & Conference Centre (30km west of Kyogle)
Saturday 22nd May (midday) - Sunday 23rd May (afternoon)
Valla Beach Resort
Saturday 26th June (midday) - Sunday 27th June (afternoon)

Cost: A donation from each family will help cover the costs for accommodation and meals. Accommodation limited. Bookings essential.

To register please phone 1300 557 874. Registration forms will be forwarded after registration. For more information please contact your Parish School Parent Representative or Jo Kelly, Education Officer, Parent Assembly on 0407706454 (m) jokelly@lism.catholic.edu.au

SPEECH & DRAMA REPORT
This term, individual students and Lil' Shamrock students are gearing up for the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts, with individual students working on Mime and Characterisations and the Lil' Shamrock students preparing their DEVISED theatre work for the group day. Last term was a fantastic success, and I have a feeling that this term will be even better. I would like to welcome all new students to the programs, and welcome all students and families back to Speech and Drama this term. T-shirts are being printed as we speak for the Drama students. Please note that I have an opening for THREE students in the THURSDAY Lil' Shamrock class (3.30-4.30) which caters for years 1, 2 & 3. If you are interested in your child undertaking Lil' Shamrock, please let me know on 0432387691 as soon as you can. I would like to remind all parents of Speech and Drama students that fees are due by end of Week Four this term. I would also like to mention that this year, in Term Three, we will be celebrating 5 years of Lil' Shamrock. But more on that as the time draws nearer. Thank you and remember Perfect Practice produces perfect Performers! Lachlan