Dear Parents,

As the Easter season approaches, it signifies the end of what has been a busy Term 1. Reflecting upon the Term there have been many school events:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- School Masses
- Parent Information Nights
- School Forum Meeting
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Family Bush Dance

Many of these school events invite parent participation. Mt St Patrick Primary School values parent participation and we promote community involvement.

**ANZAC DAY MARCH**

Anzac Day is being held on Sunday 25th April (1st Sunday of Term 2 Week 1). Mt St Patrick Primary School has a very proud and long tradition of participating in the Anzac Day march. We are again asking students to volunteer their time and proudly represent our school this year. Students need to assemble from 10:00am (outside LJ Hooker Real Estate Agent). The march will commence at 10:30am and proceed to the Civic Centre for the official ceremony. Students need to be collected from the cenotaph at approximately 11:10am.

**Students are to wear their full school uniform (including hat & drink bottle).**

Could you please complete the ANZAC DAY RETURN SLIP located on pg.7 in this newsletter by Wednesday 21st April.

Your support for the school in this significant community event would be greatly appreciated.

**FAMILY BUSH DANCE**

Thank you to all families who attended our family ‘Bush Dance’ on March 19th. The weather was perfect for the night which allowed for many families to enjoy this social evening. The children are to be commended in joining in the spirit of the night and performing their dances which they had been learning at school. Thank you to our resident band ‘Playing Possum’ for their music during the evening. Thank you also to the Parent Reps from MS-H & MS-S who coordinated this event. To the many parent volunteers who assisted with the evening thank you also for your support.

**STAFFING CHANGES**

Mrs. Leah Dowling commences Maternity Leave at the beginning of Term 2. Mrs. Dowling will be on Maternity Leave until the beginning of Term 4. We wish Leah and her husband Michael our best wishes pending the birth of their first child in May. Mrs. Tania Morosini will be replacing Mrs. Dowling as the Year 1 teacher for Term 2 & 3.

We welcome back Mrs. Jade Afflick-Dixon who will be taking over Mrs Morosini’s duties including Reading Support, Stage 2 Maths Support and Executive Release. Mr. & Mrs. Forrester will be taking Long Service Leave for the 1st 2 weeks of Term 2. During Mr. Forrester’s absence his class will be taken by Mrs. Debra Thiering. Mr. Houlahan will also be taking the 1st week of Term 2 as Long Service Leave. During his absence Mrs. Jo Spiller will be teaching MS-S.

Have a happy and safe Easter with your family.

Brendan Ryan
Acting Principal

Reminder: **ANZAC DAY is on SUNDAY 25th APRIL**
**MONDAY 26th APRIL – ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO MADE THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION LAST THURSDAY NIGHT.

Thank you to the teachers and parents who helped prepare the children for this special sacrament. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.

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The above times are for ordinary weeks throughout the year. The Easter Triduum Mass times are also included on this page.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All classes will be in attendance in the Sacred Heart Church for the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday 1st April at 2:15pm. The Stations of the Cross will be led by students from MS-S. Parents are welcome to attend.

SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate 150 years of Catholic education in the Lismore Diocese there will be a Sesquicentenary Mass on Wednesday 28th April, 2010. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett DD, Bishop of Lismore, at St Carthage’s Cathedral, Lismore beginning at 11:30am. A small number of staff, parents and students will represent our school at the celebrations.

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, South Grafton.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY – 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
followed by Exposition

GOOD FRIDAY – 9:00am OLPS, South Murwillumbah
Stations of the Cross
– 3:00pm Sacred Heart Church
Solemn Celebration Lord’s Passion

EASTER VIGIL – 7:00pm Sacred Heart Church

EASTER SUNDAY – 8:00am Sacred Heart Church
– 10:00am St Columba’s, Uki

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation last Thursday night. Thank you to the teachers and parents who helped prepare the children for this special sacrament. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.

SR KARAN

A Moment with Jesus

Paul teaches that the love of God has been poured out to us through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the source of all love who creates a bond between ourselves and God, like children bound to a father. Even though we are weak, the Spirit helps us live faithfully within our relationship with God. Through the Spirit, we can live in love with all people. Take a moment to ask Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit. Thank the Spirit for helping you live faithfully in relationship with God and others.

God Bless,
Sr Karan

EASTER

Easter or Resurrection Sunday is the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead.

However, Easter itself is a period of time rather than just a day. It is actually a seven-week season of the church year called Eastertide, the Great Fifty Days that begins at Sundown the evening before Easter Sunday (the Easter Vigil) and lasts for six more Sundays until Pentecost Sunday.

The Symbolic colours for Easter Sunday are white and gold, the colours of sacred days throughout the church year. For the Easter season, white symbolises the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death. The gold (or yellow) symbolises the light of the world brought by the risen Christ that enlightens the world, as well as the exaltation of Jesus as Lord and King.

Easter should be the most openly joyful time of celebration of the church year. Celebrated against the background of the shadows and darkness of Lent and Holy Week, this season truly becomes a living expression of the hope that God has brought into the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Wishing you and your families a happy and Holy Easter Season.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

What is Faithfulness?

Faithfulness is being true to someone or something. It is holding to what you believe is important no matter what happens.

Faithfulness is commitment. When you are faithful to your beliefs, such as belief in God, honesty or friendship, others can see your values in the way you act. You ‘walk your talk’. When you are faithful you make your ideals real.
SCHOOL NEWS

FAREWELL
We farewell the Donald family this week (Aidan and Chloe). The Donald family are moving to Penrith. We thank them for their contribution to our school community and wish them well for the future.

SKILL-A-THON
Congratulations to all students who participated in our ‘Skill-A-Thon’ today. Enthusiastic students completed all of the fun tabloid activities. Thank you to Mrs. Agnes Markham for organising the day and thank you to our teaching staff for their coordination of the activities. Thank you also to the Parent Reps from MS-C for their assistance with this fundraiser. Importantly now students need to collect their money raised.

All Skill-A-Thon money needs to be returned to school by Friday 23rd April (Term 2 Week 1). 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos have been booked for Friday 30th April (Term 2; Week 2). Please mark this important date in your diary. Prepaid envelopes to purchase photos were distributed last Thursday. Please return envelopes by Friday 23rd April.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION – UPDATE
On display in the school Administration area are architect designs for the 4 new classrooms and floor plans for our redeveloped Library and Administration area. The $2 million development is close to being finalised. Delay has been caused by initial costing issues. The results of the tender process have been forwarded to the NSW Block Grant Authority and we await their approval. It is anticipated that construction will start during Term 2.

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.

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:
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 8

WEEK 8 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KJ    -     Charles Warren
KM    -     Noah van der Laan
Yr 1   -     Sophie Bird
Yr 1/2 -     Shreeya Singhal
Yr 2   -     Codie Chung
St2A  -     Ellie Cunningham
St2J  -     Felicity Guinea
St2M  -     Gypsy-Rose Gray
MSB   -     Eva Kettle
MSC   -     Ruby Lewis
MSH   -     Blake McCalman
MSS   -     Michelle Stanford

MOST IMPROVED

KJ    -     Malachy Wilkinson
KM    -     Lillyann Charman
Yr 1   -     Marley Rayner
Yr 1/2 -     Camden Mackie
Yr 2   -     Fletcher Condon
St2A  -     Courtney Slater
St2J  -     Cooper Hardy
St2M  -     Tayla Slater
MSB   -     Grant Harris
MSC   -     Ethan Bruggy
MSH   -     Kaitlyn Siddle
MSS   -     Zac Mullington

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

Hannah Whitney - KJ
Teleah Lesleigher – St2A
Grace Smith - MSH

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Year 1 – Sophie Bird and Neave Butler
St2J – Clara Withers
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AWARDS IN WEEK 9

WEEK 9 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KJ - Riley Bull
KM - Hannah Trembath
Yr 1 - Ella Buch
Yr 1/2 - Vivien Koerner-Straub
Yr 2 - Phoebe Naoum
St2A - Chloe Donald
St2J - Montana Taylor
St2M - Phoebe Kirk
MSB - Ryan Clark
MSC - Olivia Kirk
MSH - Niamh Langan-Keyte
MSS - Skye Thornton

MOST IMPROVED
KM - Drae Darragh
Yr 1 - Joel Reynolds
Yr 1/2 - Grace Eady
Yr 2 - Olivia Ryan
St2A - Sarah Littlewood
St2J - Tyrell Winnett
St2M - Byron Browning
MSB - Rick Kelly
MSC - Reuben Mitchell
MSH - Nicholas Macartney
MSS - Will McLean

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Matteo McDermott – Year 1
Clara Withers - St2J
Laurie Pratt - MSS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Year 1 – Paris Ludlow
Year 1/2 – Indiana Nuspan
St2J – Georgia Buch and Thomas Snellgrove
St2M – Ena Mitchell, Brodie Palmer and Erin Van Amstel
MSB – Georgia Freier
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week and during the holidays: Shanae Allsop, Keirsten Roach, Jasmine Watkins, Bryce Matlock, Ruby Wilson, Gypsy-Rose Gray, Jackson Rohwedder, Oscar Vobr, Daryl Brooks, Reuben Mitchell, Brodie Palmer, Nicholas Shields, Eilish Wilkinson, Tyrell Winnett, Tiani Brooks and Brayden Slater.

MATHLETICS AWARDS
Brandon Ewing  Deklan Spry
Chad Huggins  Reuben Mitchell
Ethan Bruggy  Isaac Bergamin
Nicholas Bergamin  Zane Zuschke
Dominic Morosini  Trinity Cooper
Dean Kabbout  Grace Smith
Aaron Turriff

SPORT
Congratulations to Dominic Morosini and Eva Kettle for participating in the Polding Swimming trials last week. It was a great experience for them both. Eva came 2nd in her freestyle and will swim tomorrow in the PSSA trials.

Sport next term will involve practice for the athletics carnival on 25th June.

ST PATRICK’S DAY CONCERT - THANK YOU
Thank you to those Middle School students who formed our school choir to perform at the St Patrick’s Day Concert on Tuesday 16th March. The students are to be commended on their commitment and support for the evening. The overall event was a very successful night raising $1,171. The money raised will be donated to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Thank you also to Mrs. Beth Brooks for her conducting of the school choir and Mrs. Carolyn Waugh for her supervision of the students during the evening.

STAYING SAFE & RESILIENT
Introducing Mrs Agnes Markham
Mrs Markham’s mission is to skill students in resilience, drug and road safety education. Her role is to work with staff and in partnership with parents to ensure the implementation at school level of curriculum based drug and road safety education. Student safety is important to us.

PARENT ASSEMBLY REPS
Thank you to Claire Deale and Mel Rainger for volunteering to be our School’s representatives at the Parent Assembly meetings.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wed 31st March to Tuesday 27th April
Thursday 22nd – Terri Groth
Friday 23rd – Melanie Newton
Tuesday 27th – Moira Cooper

UNIFORM SHOP
The School Uniform Shop, which has second hand uniforms for sale will be opened:
1st Thursday of each month
8:30 – 9:30am
The Uniform shop will next be opened on:
Thursday 1st April
The Uniform Shop will have: Shirts; dresses; jumpers etc for sale at reasonable prices.

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP – LAST CHANCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
New advertising spaces will commence at the beginning of Term 2, 2010 and run up to the last week of Term 1, 2011. If you haven’t already indicated your interest to advertise HERE IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
If you are interested in promoting your business / or would like to renew your previous sponsorship arrangements could you please contact the School Office by this Wednesday 31st March, 2010.

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP
______________________________________ (Name) ____________________________________ (Contact Phone Number)

BUSINESS DETAILS (Please attach a Business Card)
The school will contact you as to determine exactly what you would like to have on your ad / set up etc. Invoice will be sent to you on final approval of the ad

Authorisation by: ___________________________________ Signature: ______________________

Position within the business: ________________________________________________________________
PRIMARY DRAMA HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS: Lachlan Glasby will be holding Drama workshops from April 12th to 14th at the Pavilion Theatre at the Showground from 9.00am to 3.00pm each day. Cost is $80.00 per person. To book a place in this Fantastic Workshop please contact Lachlan on 0432387691 or email lachlanglasby@hotmail.com

EASTER BONNET PARADE
Thank you to all Infant students who participated in our Easter Bonnet Parade. Thank you to the mums and dads who assisted with designing and making the Easter Bonnet with their child/ren.

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS
Thank you to our SRC students who ran our Easter Raffle. The SRC raised $265.90. Congratulations to those students who won an Easter prize.

1st James Houlahan 2nd Tom Van Den Broek
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11th Corey Grossman 12th Grace Smith
13th Tiani Brooks

EASTER WEEKEND 2010: Inter-Action Experiential Learning are holding a fantastic, affordable fully catered Easter Weekend 2010 offer for you! Bookings are now being taken for this relaxing, stress free weekend. Call on 66797395 or 0429872386 or email familyfun@interactional.com.au to make a booking. Weekend includes camping fees, all meals from Good Friday lunch to breakfast on Easter Monday, fully supervised adventure activities, bush dance, etc.

OSHC
Mrs Vicky Lack recently handed in her resignation as coordinator of our OSHC. I would like to thank Vicky for her coordination of the OSHC over the past 2 years. As announced last week – Mad Sports will take over the running of the OOSH program commencing 1st day of Term 2. All enquiries and bookings for OSHC can be made to Mad Sports on 0266190420 or 0434612339.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
ANZAC DAY MARCH – ATTENDANCE SLIP
STUDENT NAME: ________________________________  CLASS: __________

[ ] YES we are able to attend the ANZAC DAY MARCH on Sunday 25th April, 2010

[ ] NO unfortunately we are unable to attend

Parent Signature: ________________________________

TWEED VALLEY KINGS HOLIDAY CLINICS: The Tweed Valley Kings School Holiday Clinic is a soccer development initiative aimed at identification and development of both boys and girls aged 5 – 14 years. These clinics will be held from Wednesday 7th April to Friday 9th April from 9am to 12noon for the 8 to 11 years or 1pm to 4pm for the 12 to 14 years. The clinics will be held at Kingscliff District Soccer Club. To book a place please phone 0434668560 or send an email to development@tweedvalleykings.com.au to obtain a registration form.

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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 $20 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.
SDK 8 Bobcat with Tilt Bucket, 1 Tonne Mini Excavator, Spreader Bar, Ripper Bar, Laser Level, Forks, 5 Metre Tipper

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