**SCHOOL INDUCTION MASS**

Last Friday we celebrated our School Leaders Induction & Beginning School Year Mass. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as school leaders by their peers.

**School Captains**
Grace Smith & Trinity Cooper

**Vice Captains**
Sarah-Jane Guinea & Joshua Northeast

**SRC – Terms 1 & 2**
- MS B Savannah Peach
- MS C Dominic Morosini
- MS H Eadie Sherrah
- MS S Shelley Stanford
- St2A Lewis Hancock
- St2J Harris McLean
- St2M Max Bird

**House Captains**

- **NAGLE** (Blue) Reece Robson
  Delani O’Brien
- **McKILLOP** (Red) Sarah Champey
  Grant Harris
- **DALTON** (Gold) Harry Sherrah
  Eva Kettle
- **DOYLE** (Green) Reuben Mitchell
  Sage Coleman

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our recent Parent Information Nights. Hopefully these evenings provided you with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding into the workings of your child’s classroom and the expectations that we have for the students.

**SCHOOL PARISH FORUM**

All parents are welcome to attend our first School Parish Forum meeting on Monday 22nd February at 7:00pm in Room 8 (Mrs Waugh’s Room). The 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.

**PARENT REPS**

At the recent Information Nights we asked for parents to become Class Parent Representatives. Thank you to all parents who have nominated. A complete list of Parent Reps can be located on page 3 of this newsletter. Class Parent Reps are invited to attend our School Parish Forum meeting on Monday 22nd February. This meeting will allow for representatives to discuss the role of the Parent Rep and discuss some initiatives for the coming school year.

**CLASS CONTACT LISTS**

Again this year we will endeavour to distribute class contact lists. For those parents who did not attend the Parent Information night and would like to be included please complete the return slip form on page 3 of this newsletter.

Enjoy your week.
Brendan Ryan (Acting Principal)

**SCHOOLS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION SURVEY – SPANS**

Classes invited to participate: Kinder, Yr 1, Yr 2, Stage2J, Stage2M, MS-H & MS-B
The tests will take place on Thursday 18th February. Further details on page 6. All students to wear Sports Uniform this Thursday.
RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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The forty days of Lent prepares us for the great feast of Easter. In Lent the Liturgical colour is purple and the symbol is the cross. On Wednesday we receive the ashes on our forehead as a reminder of the season we are now in.

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SACRED HEART PARISH

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – FORGIVENESS

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS? Being forgiving is overlooking the mistakes others make and loving them just as much as before. You can even forgive yourself when you do things that you are sorry for. Forgiving yourself means to stop punishing yourself or feeling hopeless because of something you did. It is moving ahead, ready to do things differently, with compassion for yourself and faith that you can change.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RECONCILIATION

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 23rd February
Sacrament of Penance – Wednesday 24th March

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 11th May
Inscription Ceremony – 15th & 16th May
Retreat Day – Friday 4th June
Sacrament of First Eucharist – Sunday 6th June

CONFIRMATION

Parent Meeting – Tuesday 3rd August
Inscription Ceremony – 7th & 8th August
Retreat Day – Wednesday 1st September
Sacrament of Confirmation – Wednesday 1st September
Parents of any new students who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please contact Mr Houlanah at the school.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESOURCES

Thank you to the generous parents who are coming together every fortnight to make RE resources. These puppets will be used in the Infants classes to help tell the bible stories.

HELP NEEDED

Any parents able to donate their time **this Friday** would be very much appreciated by Deanne Buch who is coordinating the making of new Religious Education Resources for the classrooms. Parents will be making resources in the Staffroom from 9.30am.

MINI VINNIES

On the 10th January at the 8am Mass Fr David blessed 400 sets of very colourful rosary beads which were then posted to Fr Yelds on the island of Kirabati (“Kirra-bye”). We are looking forward to another year of beading from our diligent and creative beadies.

Thankyou students.

The rosary beading table is outside KM on Mondays at lunchtime.

SR KARAN

**Dear Parents,**

**A Moment with Jesus**

As a baptised member of Jesus’ Church, you are being called to share in Jesus’ mission. Jesus does not expect you to personally go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Gospel. He is, however, calling you to do so in your own community – at home, and in your neighbourhood.

Pause for a moment to thank Jesus for calling you to share in his mission. Ask him for the grace you need to share his Good News with others through you words and actions.

Ask him to help you be a good member of his Church.

**LENTEN PROGRAM**

**An Invitation**

As a little something special you might like to do this year in Term 1, come along for a short time on a few Monday mornings to join in a Lenten program which I will be offering for parents of our schools. It will be held in the meeting room behind the Church at St Joseph’s, South Murwillumbah, for six Mondays from 10am-11am. It would be lovely to see you there. You will be most welcome. If you would like to attend please contact St Joseph’s School Secretary on 66721867.

God Bless
Sr Karan.
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CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to the following parents who have nominated to be class parent representatives for this year:

KINDER M (Miss Mackney)
Louise Shields
Neah Eady
Nerida Hunter

KINDER J (Miss Powell)
Kym Flannery
Paul & Kathryn Leslight
Jody McLean
Matt & Tanya Grinham

YEAR 1 / 2 (Mrs Trevithick)
Sarah Guinea
Nell Dare
Kym Flannery

YEAR 1 (Mrs Dowling)
Jan-Maree Brooks
Emma Butler
Deanne Buch
Lynne Eppelstun

YEAR 2 (Mr Campbell)
Erica Wells
Danielle Naoum
Deanne Buch

STAGE 2A (Mrs Markham)
Rachael Carpenter
Jodie & Ray Champley
Tanya Grinham
Catherine Hayes

STAGE M (Mrs Frost)
Sara Wilkinson
Jo Kirk
Steve & Sarah Guinea

MS B (Mr Spiller)
Sarah Guinea

MS S (Mr Houlahan)
Sarah Guinea
Anni Bossink
Jan-Maree Brooks

STAGE J (Mr Forrester)
Paul & Kathryn Leslight
Michael & Deanne Buch
Steve & Sarah Guinea
Emma Ryan-McGinn

MS C (Mrs Waugh)
Jo Kirk
Sara Wilkinson
Maureen McDonald

If any other parent would like to nominate as a Class Parent Representative please contact your child’s teacher or the school Office.

We still require at least 2 more Parent Representatives for MS B.

A reminder that all Class Parent Representatives are invited to attend our School Parish Forum meeting on Monday 22nd February at 7:00pm (in Room 8 – Mrs Waugh’s Room).

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I wish to have my contact details included on the Class Contact List and I give permission for it to be distributed to other parents within my child’s class.

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Parent’s Name | Preferred Contact Number | Parent Signature
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR WEEK 2

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KM - Layla Falkner
KJ - Bronte McLean
Yr 1 - Kiara McCarthy
Yr 1/2 - Jya Fing
Yr 2 - Angus Macfarlane
St2A - Alex Flannery
St2J - Abigail Stratton
St2M - Brodie Palmer
MSB - Storm Haglund
MSC - Jasmine Watkins
MSH - Eadie Sherrah
MSS - Delani O'Brien

MOST IMPROVED
KM - Tyler Hanrahan
KJ - Riley Bull
Yr 1 - Patrick Gray
Yr 1/2 - William Townsend
Yr 2 - Hayley Smith
St2A - Zali Zuschke
St2J - Callum Baker
St2M - Fynn Campbell
MSB - Jai Evans
MSC - Reece Robson
MSH - Matteo Caridi
MSS - Laurie Pratt

GOOD SPORT AWARD
Tyler Rose Ludlow – KM
Isaac Walford – St2A
Josh Nuspan - MSB

FLOOD PROCEDURES
In light of the amount of rain we have had recently, I would like to remind you of our flood procedure. The bus companies keep any eye on the flood level and advise us if they have to collect the children early. You need to be aware that children, during flood time, may have to leave school before the normal departure time. You need to make arrangements to have him/her supervised if you are unable to be at home. It is a good idea to make plans with your child in the morning before they leave for school if it looks like flooding. It is impossible to telephone every parent individually to let them know what is happening, therefore it is necessary for parents to keep in contact with the school. Please make the calls as brief as possible as it becomes very hectic in the office.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR WEEK 3

WEEK 3 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KM - Keirsten Roach
KJ - Spencer Leslight
Yr 1 - Ary White
Yr 1/2 - Lara Lewis
Yr 2 - Elise Lack
St2A - Jordan Tilsley
St2J - Jackson Rohweder
St2M - Aidan McDonald
MSB - Imogen Cunningham
MSC - Chad Huggins
MSH - Cameron Larkin
MSS - Darby Waters

MOST IMPROVED
KM - Angus Ward
KJ - Asha Curtis
Yr 1 - Tiani Brooks
Yr 1/2 - Tommy Littlewood
Yr 2 - Hamish Purnell
St2A - Chloe Donald
St2J - Holly Rainger
St2M - Sarah Guinea
MSB - Aidan Phelan
MSC - Sandon McCarthy
MSH - Shanae Allsop
MSS - Emily Sheppard

GOOD SPORT AWARDS
Ellis Hannah – KJ
Bronte Simpson Hay – St2J
Georgia Wisemantel - MSC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted over a two week period this Term. Due to the difficulty of aligning siblings meetings with each class teacher it was decided by staff to hold Infant & Primary Interviews over separate weeks. Interview days and times for parents to meet their child’s teacher will be distributed this week for Infant classes and next week for primary classes.

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SCHOOLS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION SURVEY – SPANS

Our school has been chosen with over another 100 schools in NSW to participate in the Schools Physical Activity & Nutrition Survey (SPANS). This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in important research about children’s sedentariness, physical activity, food habits and fundamental movement skills. Teachers seconded and trained as research officers will conduct the survey components in schools.

All students from classes: both Kinder classes, Year 1, Year 2, Stage2J, Stage2M, MS-H & MS-B (please note students in Year 1, 3 or 5 in these classes are still eligible to participate) have been asked to participate. Students have brought home an envelope containing information about the study and a consent form. Some classes also received a parent questionnaire. Please note that participation in this research is optional.

Students in these classes can only participate in the testing if the consent form has been returned to school. The tests will take place on Thursday 18th February.

Students are to wear their Sports Uniform this Thursday. Various measures will be collected on students depending on their age. All students will have their height, weight and waist circumference measured. In addition, some of the students will have their fundamental movement skills and fitness assessed. MS-H & MS-B students will complete a questionnaire asking about their physical activity and food habits.

If you or your child have any special concerns or requests, please do not hesitate to contact the Research Officer Paola Espinal on 02 9036 3133.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Ebony Shields & Alex Hunt for their participation in the Polding tennis trials in Newcastle last week. Although they missed further selection they gained valuable experience.

The Mt St Patrick swimming squad did themselves proud, coming 3rd overall. Many competitors swam personal best times and were proud of their efforts even though they didn’t qualify for the zone team. Congratulations to all of them for their good sportsmanship, team support and good behaviour. The relays were very exciting with MSP winning both senior relays. Grace Smith was senior champion. Dominic Morosini was equal 11yr champion. Many thanks to all the parents in supporting the team, driving and officiating. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Special congratulations to the following competitors who will compete at Kempsey on 4th March.

- Eva Kettle 1st 50m freestyle & breaststroke & relay
- Grace Smith 1st butterfly & relay, 2nd 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle & 200IM
- Sarah Champley 2nd breaststroke & 1st relay
- Madeline Northeast 3rd freestyle
- Sylvie Kettle 2nd breaststroke
- Grant Harris 2nd 50m freestyle, 3rd 100m freestyle, butterfly, backstroke, 200IM & 1st relay
- Dominic Morosini 1st backstroke, 2nd freestyle, breaststroke & butterfly & 1st relay
- Cooper van der Laan 2nd breaststroke & 1st relay
- Chloe Saddler & Reece Robson 1st relay
PANDEMIC (H1N1) 2009 AND INFLUENZA (SWINE FLU)

Swine flu activity has dropped significantly in NSW over recent months, but continues to have a heavy impact in many Northern hemisphere countries. It remains to be seen what the impact in Australia will be as we move into next winter, although an early start to the 2010 influenza season is likely and a resurgence of pandemic influenza activity is possible.

A vaccine is now available to protect adults and children over the age of six months from swine flu. The vaccine, called Panvax®, has been approved by Therapeutic Goods Administration. NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax® vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Local public health units can provide more information about how to access Panvax® in your area.

It is important that information about the availability of Panvax® continues to go out to schools and the broader community. Immunising a high percentage of the school not only protects those individuals who receive the vaccine, but also reduces the chance that any students or staff with a weakened immune system (for whom the vaccine may not work as effectively) will be exposed to the infection. Further information can be obtained through the following links.


MATHLETICS
Stage 2 and 3 Maths classes are underway for Term 1. Students should be issued their mathletics passwords later this week. Please put your usernames and password in a safe place.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE ADDRESS
Our school website address has changed, with the full stop between our school name and lism being taken out. The domain has changed from: murp.lism.catholic.edu.au/ to murplism.catholic.edu.au/

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 17th February to Tuesday 2nd March
Thursday 18th – Jodie Champley
Thursday 25th – Lynne Eppelstun

WORLD MATHS DAY
For 2010 will be held 3rd March.
We have registered as a school to participate in this event. More information will follow.
Mrs Waugh

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIL’ SHAMROCK - THE OUT OF SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM 2010: 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 $100 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.


SPORT SIGN-ONS
MURWILLUMBAH DISTRICT AFL CLUB are looking for boys or girls aged 5 - 14 interested in playing AFL to go to Rabjones Oval, Murwillumbah (Cricket Club) on Sunday 21st February from 12n – 2pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided. For further information please phone Dom on 0408118551 or 66725421 or Judi on 0402158755.

UKI PYTHONS SOCCER CLUB sign on will be held on Saturday 20th February from 9 – 11am at Uki Sportsground, Wednesday 24th February from 3-4pm in park opposite Uki School and Saturday 6th March from 9-11am at Uki Sportsground.
WHOLESALE ONLY

Jutta Straub & Ulrich Koerner
Lot 3 Wallaroo Drive,
Burringbar NSW 2483

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