PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews are being conducted this week for Infant classes (Kinder-Year2) and next week for Primary classes (Years 3–6). These interviews are an important component of our Reporting to Parents Policy and they strengthen the notion of a ‘Partnership’ between home and school for your child’s education. They provide an opportunity for teachers to share with you results of diagnostic testing and general classroom work habits and behaviour of your child.

SKILL A THON

As this is our major fundraiser for the year, your enthusiastic support would be appreciated.

The Skill A Thon will be held on Tuesday 30th March.

The Skill A Thon involves all students participating in fun ‘sporting tabloid’ activities in the afternoon. Sponsorship cards will be distributed to all students later this week. Sponsorship cards are filled out prior to the Skill A Thon course. 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

14th – 20th March (Week 8)

The annual Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year from 14th - 20th March (Week 8). The theme for 2010 is ‘Open Your minds, Open Your Hearts’.

Important events during this week include:

Wednesday 17th – St Patrick’s Day – Mass & Tweed Regional Pool visit. All students to wear green on this day.

Friday 19th – School Open Day & Bush Dance Night (refer pg. 6)

In preparing for this week we will be having a Working Bee on Saturday 13th March. Details and a return slip can be located on pg. 7 of this newsletter.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Saturday 13th March

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Advertising local businesses within the school newsletter commenced 2 years ago. Ideally, its aim is to promote the businesses of families within the school and those associated with the school. Thank you to those businesses that have advertised and supported our school over the past 12 months. New advertising spaces will commence at the beginning of Term 2, 2010 and run up to the last week of Term 1, 2011. How does it work?

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CLASS CONTACT LISTS – LAST CHANCE

If you would like to have your contact details included on your child’s class contact list please complete the return slip form on page 3 of this newsletter by this Thursday 4th March.

Enjoy your week.

Brendan Ryan (Acting Principal)
ST PATRICK’S DAY

Wednesday 17th March is St Patrick’s Day. The whole school will be attending a Liturgy in Sacred Heart Church at 9.15am. All are welcome to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SR KARAN

Dear Parents,

A Moment with Jesus

One of the ways that disciples of Jesus build up the Church is through the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are described by Jesus in Matthew 25:31–46. Take a moment to slowly and prayerfully read this passage silently to yourself. Ask Jesus to open your eyes so that you may recognize his presence in those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, without basic necessities, sick, or in prison. Ask Jesus for the grace to treat them as you would like to be treated.

God Bless Sr Karan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESOURCES

If you have any cardboard cylinders from gladwrap, foil etc that you are finished with could you please send them in with your child or to the office for the RE resource making that is taking place this Friday 5th March.

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.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK – PRAYERFULNESS

What is Prayerfulness? Prayerfulness can be practiced in many ways. Prayer is talking with God. You can pray in silence or out loud – in any language. You can sing or dance your prayer. God always hears your thoughts and understands your heart. Prayerfulness is living in a way which shows that you are in the presence of your Creator. Prayerfulness is quiet reflection. It is allowing the Great Spirit to speak to you. It is listening and receiving God’s guidance.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2010

Loss and grief are issues which affect all of us at some stage in our life. Learning to deal effectively with these issues is central to personal wellbeing and happiness. Unresolved grief can also affect a student’s learning. This term Mt St Patrick Primary is offering Seasons for Growth, which supports children who have experienced change in the family because of a death, separation or divorce. The program explores issues such as change, loss, managing feelings, coping strategies and support networks. Seasons is an eight session program which concludes with an additional “Celebration” session. (For more information the website is http://goodgrief.aust.com)

We would like to stress that personal information is not discussed during any of the sessions so please know that all is treated with respect and confidentiality.

Seasons will be facilitated by companions who have received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons, please fill in the tear off section below and return to the school by Friday 5th March, (Week 6).

Mt St Patrick Primary is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who are able to be involved.

Philomena Zambelli, Missions and Values Facilitator

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH EDUCATION PROGRAM 2010

I _________________________ give consent for my son/daughter _________________________

to attend the Seasons for Growth Education Program to be held within school hours. Following is a brief reason for this decision.

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Signed ____________________________  (Parent/Guardian Signature)
Due to privacy laws, the school cannot give out phone numbers, however if you volunteer your details they can be distributed. Your details will only be given to parents who have volunteered their details. If you do not volunteer your details you will not receive the contact list.

For those parents who did not give their details at the Parent InformationEvenings and would like to be included on the parent class list could you please complete the form below by this Thursday 4th March (last chance!!!!!)

PARISH SCHOOLS FORUM
Thank you to all parents who attended our Parish Schools Forum AGM last Monday. At the meeting office bearers were elected for the 2010 year.

Chairperson - Nikki Clark               Secretary - Kathryn Leslight
Treasurer - Nell Dare                           Assistant Treasurer - Anni Bossink

I would like to thank our outgoing Parish Schools Forum office bearers: Michelle Stephens (Chairperson), Kirsty McInerney (Treasurer) & Gillian Taylor (Assistant Treasurer) for their hard work and support throughout last year.

The Parish Schools Forum meeting allowed for Class Parent Representatives to meet and discuss their role and possible initiatives for the year. An important role for the Parent Reps will be to coordinate major school events for the year. The list below outlines the school event and class Parent Rep responsible:

**Bush Dance**
- MS-H (Miss. Le Brocq) & MS-S (Mr. Houlahan)
- Liz Chauvier Mandy McCalman Sarah Guinea Anni Bossink
- Narelle Sherrah Jan-Maree Brooks Rebecca Cann

**Skill a Thon**
- MS-C (Mrs Waugh)
- Maureen McDonald Sara Wilkinson Jo Kirk

**Mother's Day**
- Year 2 (Mr. Campbell)
- Year 1 / 2 (Mrs. Trevithick) & Year 1 (Mrs. Dowling)

**Father's Day**
- Year 2 (Mr. Campbell)
- MS-B (Mr. Spiller)

**Golf Day**
- Stage2J (Mr. Forrester) & Stage2A (Mrs. Markham)

**Raffle Fundraiser**
- Stage2M (Mrs. Frost)

**Grandparents Day**
- Year 1 / 2 (Mrs. Trevithick) & Year 1 (Mrs. Dowling)

**World Teacher's Day**
- Stage2J (Mr. Forrester) & Stage2A (Mrs. Markham)

**Christmas Picnic**
- Kinder M (Miss. Mackney) & Kinder J (Miss. Powell)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Parent Assembly - we are still currently seeking 2 parents who would represent our school at Parent Assembly meetings. There are 4 Parent Assembly meetings each year. For further information please contact our School Office.

Thank you to the fundraising efforts last year of the Parish Schools Forum that purchased 2 new Interactive Whiteboards for our school.

CLASS CONTACT LISTS
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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SCHOOL NEWS
KINDER PHOTO
This Friday 5th March, the Tweed Daily News will be here to take class photographs of our two Kinder classes. The photos will be taken in the morning. We ask all Kinder students to wear their correct blue school uniform on this day. Photos will be published in the newspaper later in the year as part of a special souvenir issue.
WEEK 4 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KM - Nicholas Shields  
KJ - Sophie Grinham  
Yr 1 - Corey Grossman  
Yr 1/2 - Indiana Nuspan  
Yr 2 - Emily Ward  
St2A - Jada Langan-Keyte  
St2J - Harris McLean  
St2M - Ena Mitchell  
MSB - Nina Brady  
MSC - Sylvie Kettle  
MSH - Dekota Condon  
MSS - Nicholas Gehan

MOST IMPROVED
KM - Kalyse Hunter  
KJ - Cormack Flannery  
Yr 1 - Amelie Purnell  
Yr 1/2 - Kobe Spry  
Yr 2 - Patrick Wilkinson  
St2A - Harrison Smith  
St2J - Shenaii Matlock  
St2M - Nicholas Bergamin  
MSB - Jake Murnane  
MSC - Hayden Stewart  
MSH - Oliver Twohill  
MSS - Eveena Smith

GOOD SPORT AWARD
Amelie McInerney – Year 1  
Stephanie Guinea – St2M  
Blake McCalman - MSH

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR WEEK 4

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
School Fee Accounts will be sent out this week. We apologise that these fees have not been sent out earlier – we have had a very busy start to the 2010 school year. Thank you to the many families who have paid their Resource Fees which were due on 28th February.
Bank account details are printed on the top right hand corner of your statement if you wish to use internet banking or perhaps direct debit as well as a tear off slip at the bottom of your statement if you wish to pay by credit card – credit card payments are also accepted over the telephone.
Please let us know if we can be of assistance with anything in relation to fees.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR WEEK 5

WEEK 5 AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KJ - Ruby Wilson
KM - Tyler-Rose Ludlow
Yr 1 - Travis Antonelli
Yr 1/2 - Ben Snellgrove
Yr 2 - Anna Smith
St2A - Teleah Lesleighер
St2J - Georgia Buch
St2M - Max Bird
MSB - Isabelle Littlewood
MSC - Rose Bradfield
MSH - Tarlia Brims
MSS - Brayden Slater

MOST IMPROVED

KJ - Bryce Matlock
KM - Charlie Gibbons
Yr 1 - Marton Winnett
Yr 1/2 - Darcy Hannah
Yr 2 - Zac Macartney
St2A - Charlie Browning
St2J - Joel Antonelli
St2M - James Houlanah
MSB - Josh Nuspan
MSC - Jack Orr
MSH - Haydn Campbell
MSS - Skye Thornton

GOOD SPORT AWARDS

Grace Eady – Year 1/2
Hope Andrew – St2A
Darby Waters - MSS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those children who are celebrating their birthdays: Kiara McCarthy, Codie Chung, Will Murnane, Isaac Bergamin, Lewis Hancock, Tom Van Den Broek, Joel Antonelli, Georgia Buch, Nicholas Bergamin, Fynn Campbell, Rose Malouf and Zenthea Walsh.

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/
BUSH DANCE NIGHT

Our school family ‘Bush Dance’ evening will be held on:
FRIDAY 19th MARCH
5:30 – 8:00pm
in the School Basement & Grass Area
LIVE MUSIC – ‘Playing Possum’
- Drinks & Barbeque available on the night
- Jumping Castle
- Dancing demonstrations by students

Thank you to the Parent Reps from MS-S (Mr. Houlahan) & MS-H (Miss. Le Brocq) for their assistance in coordinating this school social event.

SPORT NEWS

We wish the MSP swimmers (Ben & Sarah Chaplemy, Eva & Sylvie Kettle, Grace Smith, Chloe Saddler, Grant Harris, Dominic Morosini, Cooper van der Laan and Reece Robson) all the best at the Diocesan trials on Thursday.

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in the Zone teams –
Hockey – Monique Chauvier, Chloe Saddler and Jake Murnane
Soccer – Dominic Morosini, Ethan Bruggy, Daecian Sparkses Young, Trinity Cooper and Joshua Nuspan
Rugby League – Daryl Brooks, Grant Harris, Reece Robson,

Early payment would be appreciated.

LIBRARY NEWS

‘Mobile Borrowing’ is now underway and seems to be running smoothly – well done to all those keen students who have remembered to bring their bags so far, keep it up! Please help your child by ensuring they have a spill-proof library bag (no plastic shopping bags please), and remind them to bring their bag and books each week on their borrowing day.

Monday – Yr 1, Yr 1/2, Yr 2
Tuesday – St2J, St2M, St2A
Wednesday – KJ, KM, MSB
Thursday – MSS, MSH, MSC

Borrowing each week is expected as it gives the students access to a wide range of reading material to supplement their home reading obligations.

Premiers Reading Challenge

This year’s PRC has commenced and many students have already registered and begun reading their first book. If your child is in Stage 2 or Middle School, would like to take part in the Challenge and has not yet registered, they can see Mrs Spiller or Mrs Withers in the Library on Wednesdays at second half of lunch time, which is where & when PRC borrowing will take place each week.

HELP NEEDED!

We have quite a number of new books ready to be covered – if you can assist with book covering, either at school or at home, please contact Mrs Withers via the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

POSITION VACANT

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

CO-ORDINATOR

Position available for a Coordinator of our ‘Out of School Hours Care’ Program. Applicants must have appropriate Certificate 3 qualifications.

The school will also consider possible tenders for our ‘Out of School Hours Care’ Program. Applications close on Monday 15th March, 2010. For further enquiries or for a prospectus regarding the position please contact our School Office on 02 6672 1821.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY

Recently we updated our School Discipline Policy relating to ‘Suspension & Expulsion’ of students. The addition of ‘Suspension & Expulsion’ of students is aligned to the policies of the Catholic Education Commission.

Parents can access our Discipline Policy through the School Website – School Information – Policies – School Discipline.

MATHLETICS NEWS

All students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 have been issued a Mathletics password and username. Keep your password in a safe place. Names of students who achieve certificates will be written in the newsletter every fortnight. Have fun!

WORLD MATHS DAY

World Maths Day is this Wednesday 3rd March.

Students can participate in this event by logging on using their Mathletics password and username.

In 2009 more than two million students from 204 countries combined to correctly answer 452 681 681 questions. Can we break the record this year?
ST PATRICK’S DAY CONCERT: On Tuesday 16th March at 7:00pm in the Catholic Hall there will be an Irish Concert to celebrate St Patrick’s Day. Thank you to those students from Middle School who will be performing on the night. This is a wonderful family evening. If you would like to attend, the evening is $5 per person or $10 per family. Children performing are free.

ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTH MURWILLUMBAH invites you to their Trivia Night (to celebrate the start of the footy season!) Friday 5th March at 6.30pm in the St Joseph’s Basement. Tables of 6 – 10 people. $10.00 per person. BYO drinks and nibbles. Categories include sport, music, general trivia, planet earth, television and the arts. Contact the St Joseph’s School Office on 66721867 by Wednesday 3rd March. What’s your footy team? Wear your footy gear!

TWEED SHIRE VACATION CARE: Bookings for April holidays open on Monday 15th March. Programs are available for download at www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au or from the School Office. For bookings phone Sue on 0755233708.

MAGIC SCHOOL: Performance, acting, movement, dramatics, fun and more!! Primary school age groups, Murwillumbah. Enquiries to Sophie 0411203508. Improving children’s confidence, self-esteem, voice projection and creative expression.

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-------------------------------PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN-------------------------------

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: _____________________________

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Saturday 13th March
3.00pm – 5.00pm

Jobs to be completed include:

Trimming of trees and shrubs, gardening/weeding and general clean up of grounds/school area.

Please bring gardening equipment (rake, pruners, gloves, chain saw etc) as the school does not have enough to provide for everyone.

Any time that you could make available would be greatly appreciated

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WORKING BEE

NAME _____________________________

[ ] YES I am able to assist at the working bee on Saturday 13th

[ ] NO unfortunately I am unable to assist

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