Dear Parents,

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Parent–Teacher interviews are a wonderful opportunity for you to develop a real understanding as to where your child is, both academically and socially. I encourage all parents to make an appointment to meet with their child’s teacher over the coming weeks.

NEW COMPUTERS STAGE 3: Recently our school purchased 40 HP Netbook computers. These have been issued to our Stage 3 classes which enables teachers to have one computer between two students at this Stage level. We have also recently installed new Interactive Whiteboards in two classrooms. This ongoing maintenance and re-supply of technology in our school is a necessary significant financial investment to ensure the school provides resources for the 21st century learner.

MONSTER RAFFLE: Families today received their Monster Raffle books. I encourage all families to sell at least one raffle book (= $20). The Monster Raffle is only one of two major fundraisers in the school year. Thank you to those who have donated prizes: Mantra @ Salt, the Haven Restaurant, the Good Guys & Anderson family.

PRAYERS & THOUGHTS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL COMMUNITY….
Mrs Carolyn Waugh’s father, John Whelan—passed away on Sunday evening. Mr Whelan had been in intensive care over recent weeks in Sydney. I extend on behalf of our school community our sincere thoughts and prayers to Carolyn, Tim and Isabelle at this time.

Brendan Ryan Principal

LATE NOTICE: ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY WILL BE HELD ON THE HARDCOURT AREA (NOT IN THE HALL) DUE TO A PARISH FUNERAL
CONFIRMATION
Thank you to all those who were involved in the Confirmation liturgy; all families, teachers, altar servers, musicians, parishioners and, of course, Father Anthony Lemon and Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett. It was a beautiful ceremony and made the Parish and School community very proud of our Confirmed Candidates. We wish them every blessing for their future lives as committed Christians.

Above: Violin group performing at the Sacrament of Confirmation

Above: Group photo of Confirmation candidates along with Father Anthony Lemon and Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett.

Please note that the Stage 3 Mass for Friday 21st August has been cancelled due to a funeral in the Sacred Heart Church.

EXURO—YEAR 5
Exuro is a gathering for selected Year 5 students from Parish Primary Schools based in regions of the Diocese to celebrate their faith. The Gathering will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practise their faith. The activities will be a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating a Liturgy together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of these Year 5 students. The gathering will be a one day experience that will allow students to build relationships with other students from throughout their region of the Diocese as well as a chance for students to talk and share about their faith journey.

When: Tuesday 20th October 2015
Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Murwillumbah

More information regarding this will be given to Year 5 students over the coming weeks.

EXURO—YEAR 5

PRAYER TO BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
On September the 8th it is the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We remember Mary as we pray this prayer to our Lady.

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help. Or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we turn to you, O Virgins of virgins, our Mother.

To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise our petitions, but in your mercy hear us and answer us.
MONSTER RAFFLE—MAJOR PRIZES

Raffle ticket booklets for our Monster Raffle were distributed TODAY. All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned to school before Friday 11th September.

- MANTRA on SALT BEACH: One night accommodation for 2 people in a One bedroom Spa Suite at Mantra on Salt Beach — Inclusions: Breakfast for 2 at Surge Restaurant and Bar
- WIN A MUSTANG CRUZE!!! Cruze at your leisure from your home to Coolangatta (and return) in a CLASSIC RED 69 FORD MUSTANG with three family members or friends! Includes lunch @ BELLAKIA, Marine Parade, Coolangatta. Total value $400. Valid till 14th Dec, 2015. Donated by Anderson Family, Cabarita Beach.
- FAMILY PASS TO DREAMWORLD: 3 Days access to all of Dreamworld, WhiteWater World and SkyPoint Observation Deck
- THE HAVEN RESTAURANT: Family dinner voucher to the value of $100 to enjoy.

Our school runs two major fundraisers throughout the year, the Skillathon & our Monster Raffle. As well as the wonderful prizes on offer listed above, the class that raises the most money wins a pizza party. Every $20 raised gives each family a ticket into the draw to win an iPad Apple Mini2 16GB. Raffle drawn Friday 11th September at Assembly.

WHOLESCHOOL PHOTO: Monday 24th August

All students are to wear their blue day uniform for this day. The photo will be taken during the morning. School jumpers will not be required for the photo.

STUDENT PORTFOLIOS: Your child’s Portfolio has been sent home today. This portfolio provides a snapshot of assessment items for the first half of Term 3. Please take time to look at the portfolio with your child and discuss the assessments. All portfolios are to be returned next week to school.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ruby Cummins (Stage2LD) who recently came second place in her Stage section of the Tweed Catholic Primary Schools Public Speaking competition. Ruby presented an entertaining speech titled ‘Goodnight Boys & Girls’. The competition brings together the best public speakers from the eight Catholic Primary Schools in the Tweed. The quality of all the speeches were outstanding. The students were marked on pronunciation, expression, content & timing.

SCHOOL DESKS

We have some school desks (one owner only) for sale. For a small cost of $5 you can purchase a desk for home eg study. Please enquire at our School Office for further details. FIRST IN / FIRST SERVED !!

LUNCH TIME PASSIVE PLAY

Passive Play, Library Club and Study Club are all held in the Library at lunch time. Many of the Passive Play children play games but others are now doing French Knitting, Pom Poms and Friendship Bracelets. The children are really enjoying being creative. Some of their finished products will be used for entries to the show. Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

KINDER GARDENS

Thank you to Kisa Baldwin who generously gave of her time to replenish and plant some new flowers and seeds in our Kinder gardens. Thank you to Vincent Stepto, Hayley John & Peta Devoy for their assistance also. The students in the coming weeks will enjoy watching the flowers grow.
Term 3 Week 4 AWARDS

INFANTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
KM  Zara Anglim, Peter Wolfe
KW  Bon Lang, James Wemm
1J  Luca Stuart, Miley Field
1T  Alexis Lazaredes, Jack Thornton
2N  Neve Tremadeg, Jaxon Thomas
2Y  Rhys Charman, Flynn Jones

PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
S12SS  Ava Price, Kendall Wells
S12LD  Jamie Cotelli, Blake Cracknell
S12MM  Yvette Lapworth, Elsie Biles
S12TM  Lily Cronly, Harrison Bugg
S13JF  Jesse Hutton, Ality Wightley
S13JD  Lilly Charman, Lincoln Taylor
S13SH  Areana Twohill, Hudson Bosnich
S13SP  Leila Parnaby, Tyler Hanrahan

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Harrison Wood, Millie Ewing, Billy Miller, Rosie Stewart-Walker, Keelia Close, Madalyn Hazzard, Isabella Ouwerling, Sid Longhurst, Byron Randall, Jessica minahan, Phoebe Sykes, Sophie Bruhn, Mahli Coyne, Shayah Coyne, Vance Madden, Olivia Flannery, Jesse Hutton, Catia Stebbing, Darcy Reinke, Tylenah Mitchell, Amanita Barnaby Bowe, Ruby Cummins, Alira Heterick.

GOOD SPORTS AWARDS
Infants  Isabel Lazaredes
Stage 2  Peri Hynes
Stage 3  Charlotte O’ Keefe

CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS
Infants  Keelia Close, Luca Stuart
Stage 2  Kai Mumford, April Parnaby
Stage 3  Chloe Hillcoat, Olivia Flannery

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 3
Week 6: Awards only (Hardcourt Area—NOT Hall)
Week 7: Year 1J (Mrs Jansson)
Week 8: Father’s Day—Kinder classes
Week 9: Mt St Pat’s Has Talent
Assemblies commence @ 2:20pm
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**TERM 3 WEEK 5 AWARDS**

**INFANTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

KM  Brooke Maden, Oskar Fitzmaurice
KW  Summer Benard, Mia Martain
1J  Max Palmer, Skye Ayres
1T  Mikayla Smith, Coby Williams
2N  Jessica Moore, Haylen Fox-Duong
2Y  Zarli Hughes-Davies, Anna Davidson

**PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

St2SS  Mitchell Grossman, Lilly Wolfe
St12LD  Kaitlyn Antonelli, Nathan Willis
St12MM  Kaleb Veares, Maya Sutton
St12TM  Lily Yates, Wyatt Gradisnik
St13JF  Layla Falkner, Connor Foreman-Keenan
St13JD  Hannah Trembath, Imogen Sykes
St13SH  Grace Wolfe, Reef Sommerville
St13SP  Morgan Burgess, Chloe Hillcoat

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Danielle Grant, Bodhi Wilson, David Adams, Ava Kirby, Jack Jarman, Sonny John, Amelia Drew-Perkiss, Kate Pryke, Taylor Anderson, Sophia Berger, Lucy Grant, Eboni Rawson, Oliver McKay, Marcus Mason, Alexia Adams, Jaxon Thomas, Eliza Wightley, Freda Biles, Enya McCarthy, Noah Smith, Sophie Buchanan, Ned Rogers, Sienna Reid, April Parnaby, Izaac O’Keefe, Hazel Cunningham, Isabella Sutton, Gabe Malcolm, Ben Longhurst, Nicholas Buchanan, Morgan Burgess

**GOOD SPORTS AWARDS**

Infants  Keira Hair
Stage 2  Kaleb Veares
Stage 3  Will Ryan McGinn

**CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS**

Infants  : Maia Moore, Anna Davidson
Stage 2:  Milla Pearson, Michael Lack,
         Abbie Thomas
Stage 3:  Alyssa Carney

**BIRTHDAYS**

We wish the following children a Happy Birthday!

Layla Falkner, Finn Byrnes, Emelia Thompson, Mikayla Smith, Luca Stuart, Alex Wellm, Amelia Drew-Perkiss, Mia Harvey, Noah Cormack, Grace Toms, Sophia Cronly, Izaac O’Keefe, Noah Smith.
WEEK 5
Claudia Larkin, Freda Biles, Finn Byrnes, Sophie Charman, Sienna Reid, Tabitha Stratton, Molly Lazaredes, Amelie McInerney, Corey Grossman, Angie Gatt, Tahlia Males, Abbey Bevan

STAGE 2 INCURSION: ASTRONOMER
Last week Stage 2 went up to the Library to listen to a talk from an Astronomer called Jonti. It was very interesting and the photos were amazing. He talked to us about planets, phases of the moon and how day and night happens. He talked about his childhood and said he was always interested in space. Our favourite photo was of Saturn but all the other photos were just as good. He talked to us about the years, life and how humans would cope on that planet. He said Mars is the planet most similar to earth. We’re sure all of the others kids loved it too.

By Lucia and Hollie
COMMUNITY NEWS

IGA has started a customer loyalty program that will benefit our school. The program works across both the Murwillumbah IGA and Tweed Valley IGA.

Customers initially receive your MY IGA card at the checkouts before purchasing goods and then you need to register online. Once you are registered they can start shopping and accruing points.

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Mt St Patrick Regional High School — 50th Anniversary

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Written contributions from ex-students no matter how large or small, would be greatly appreciated. Photographs will be scanned and returned immediately. For planning purposes, it would be much appreciated if written contributions and photos are left at or posted to Mt St Patrick College (PO Box 105, Murwillumbah) or emailed to mspomboh@lism.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 26th August. Thank you for considering this special request and for making our 50th Anniversary significant for past, present and future members of this community.

SPORT NEWS

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

Many students from Mt St Patrick performed well at the carnival, achieving personal best times in track events or distances in field events. Congratulations to all competitors! Special congratulations to Catia Stebbing 1st 100m, Ava McCabe 3rd 100m, Georgia Hutton and Reef Sommerville 3rd long jump who qualified for the Diocesan team and will compete in Newcastle in September.

ELECTIVE SPORT NOMINATIONS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS:

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JOHN MORGAN’S FAREWELL

Sunday 3rd August
Uniting Church Hall
Byangum Rd
3:00—5:00pm
A scrapbook will be collated, please bring in any memorabilia ie. Photos (make a copy please). Please bring a plate of food to share.

CUDGEN HEADLAND

Surf Life Saving Club Ltd
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