Dear Parents,

PARENT FORUM:
Our first Parent Forum Meeting for the year was held last night. At this meeting Office Bearers were elected for 2015. Congratulations is extended to:

- Chairperson: Claire Price
- Secretary: Jan Cronly
- Treasurer: Karen Anderson
- Assistant Treasurer: Maria McCabe

Sincere thanks to the Parent Forum Executive of 2014, especially outgoing member Kathryn Leslight for her support and commitment to a variety of Office Bearers roles over many years.

Please note: Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting will be made available on the School Moodle and School Web page.

PROCLAIM 2015:
The Proclaim Lismore 2013-2015 initiative is about bringing “new ardour, new methods and new means of expression” to the Catholic life of education in the Lismore Diocese. In 2015 the theme is Proclaim Students with a particular focus on Stage 3 students. One initiative is Incitāre which is for selected Year 6 students. Full details of this gathering is available on page 2 of this newsletter.

In 2014, as part of Proclaim Parents, an online survey was conducted aiming to find out how parents, school principals and priests viewed parent-school partnership across the Diocese. A detailed outline of responses to key questions is available in a booklet titled ‘Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014—Report to parish Schools’. Follow up questions for further discussion are provided in this report.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS:
Throughout the course of the school year teachers are often presented with the opportunity of attending Professional Development Days. Attendance at these days is sometimes mandatory (as determined by the Catholic Schools Office) while others is a school based decision. Recently we have a number of staff attending PD days, mostly mandatory. These days provide valuable information for the teachers which can be implemented within classrooms and across the school. Unfortunately most of the days are offered at the beginning of the year which coincides with students settling into their class. The school is very conscious of this and wherever possible we attempt to employ the same teachers so that the continuity of the class be maintained. On the occasion that the class teacher is attending a PD workshop class work is set so that the continuity of the students learning is not interrupted.

I thank you for your understanding in this matter!

LATE PRESS:
Mt St PATRICK PRIMARY SWIMMING TEAM: ZONE CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to our school swimming team who were successful in winning the Tweed Catholic Primary Schools Zone Championships yesterday. This is our school’s third year in a row of being Zone Champions. Full details and photos located on page 6.

Enjoy your week!
Brendan Ryan PRINCIPAL

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS—PUPIL FREE DAYS 2015

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*Parents are advised of the following dates:

- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday

*Refer to our Moodle or Web page for full list of 2015 dates
Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program 2015

**First Reconciliation**
- Parent Meeting: 17th February at 6pm in the hall
- Retreat Day: 24th March
- II Rite of Reconciliation: 24th March at 7pm in the church

**First Holy Communion**
- Parent Meeting: 28th April at 6pm in the hall
- Inscription Ceremony: (weekend of 2nd & 3rd May)
- Retreat Day: 4th June
- First Holy Communion: 7th June at 8am in the church

**Confirmation**
- Parent Meeting: 16th June at 6pm in the hall (weekend of 20th & 21st June)
- Inscription Ceremony: 6th August
- Retreat Day: 6th August
- Sacrament of Confirmation: 6th August

Parents of any new students who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Mrs Dixon at the school.

Incitare

*Incitare* is a gathering for selected Year 6 students from Parish Primary Schools based in regions of the Lismore Diocese to celebrate their faith at a Diocesan level.

The Gathering will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practice 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 6 students. **Twelve selected Year 6 students from our school will attend this day.**

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.

**What:** Incitare – a youth gathering for students from every Parish school in each Region of the Diocese.

**When:** Monday 16th March

**Where:** Sacred Heart, Parish Hall

Project Compassion

Lent begins this Wednesday 18th February. This also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box for their donations on their prayer tables.

**Lord, We pray that, in knowing your love, we will find courage to take action and bring hope to others;**

**We thank you for the Caritas Australia partners around the world who are helping children, young people and communities to open doors;**

**We ask that, as a result, they will be a sign of hope for a better future.**

**We make this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen**

Sacred Heart Parish

**Weekday Mass Times**
- Tuesday 5:30pm: Sacred Heart
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- Thursday 9:15am: OLPS, St M’Bah
- Friday 12:00noon: Sacred Heart

**Weekend Mass Times**
- Saturday 6:00pm: Sacred Heart (Children’s liturgy)
- Sunday 8:00am: Sacred Heart (Children’s liturgy)
- Sunday 10:00am: 1st Uki
- 2nd & 4th OLPS – St Murwillumbah

Our Parish is offering parents an opportunity to attend a Lenten Programme as a way to prepare for Easter. The meetings will be held on each Thursday during Lent, at 7pm. We’ll meet at my home, 9 Edward St in Bray Park, and it starts: **Thursday 19th February**. There will be six sessions.

The programme is based on the Sunday readings and there is a reflection time. Each session is about an hour and a half. Please ring the school or me (66724635) so we can have enough booklets. Looking forward to praying and reflecting with you.

Philomena Zambelli.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for many Christian churches. It is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer. For some Christians, Lent is a time to think about life and death, as well as reflect on life’s choices and possible life directions. The ashes are made from last year’s Palm Sunday palms. It is a time when people who seek penitence for their wrongdoings are marked with the sign of the cross, from blessed ashes, on their forehead. This symbolic occasion reminds people of their mortality and sorrow for sins, as well as the will for change and the hope of forgiveness. When we are marked with the ashes the priest might say something like "**REPT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!**". This is a challenge for us all during Lent as we pray, fast and help those in need.

We will be having a special Ash Wednesday liturgy at 12:15pm on this day. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will attend this liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

Reminder—Sacrament of Reconciliation

Just a friendly reminder that there is a Sacrament of Reconciliation meeting tonight **Tuesday 17th Feb** at 6pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for all parents with children in Year 3 and above, who are baptised Catholic and would like their child to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children are welcome to attend.
PARENT REPS EVENTS RESPONSIBILITIES
The recent Parish Schools Forum meeting allowed for Class Parent Representatives to select which of the major school events they will coordinate for the year. The list below outlines the school every and class Parent Reps responsible:

- **DISCO** (Term 1) Stage 2SS & Stage 2LD
- **SKILL A THON** Year 2N & Year 2Y
- **MOTHER’S DAY** Stage 3JD & Stage 3SP
- **FATHER’S DAY** Stage 3JF & Stage 3SH
- **GRANDPARENT’S DAY** Year 1J & Year 1T
- **MUR’BAH SHOW** Stage 2TM & Stage 2MM
- **DISCO** (Term 4) Kinder M & Kinder W

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS
On Friday 7th February our school celebrated the ‘Beginning of the School Year Mass’ in the Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Anthony Lemon. At the conclusion of the Mass, our school leaders were inducted into the school. Our School Captains & Vice-Captains, Sport House Captains and School Representative Council (SRC) members for 2015 all read their pledge to leadership within the school as well as receiving their school leadership badges. We are sure all students will carry out their duties following our school motto:

KEEP THIS DIARY DATE:
MUM’S NIGHT OUT—FRIDAY 6th MARCH
Details to follow!!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
Over recent weeks school improvements have included:
- laying of artificial grass on quiet / prayer area
- Concrete slab between Train Station & Boundary fence gate.
- New garden areas established—mulch and new plants laid around Hardcourt Areas and around large oak tree.
- Parents please remind your child/ren to not play in the garden areas before or after school or during school events eg disco.

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS
School Fee Accounts will be sent home next week. Resource Fees are due for payment by 28th March 2015. There are several methods available for the payment of fees, eftpos at the office or by telephone using credit card, direct debit or internet banking. **BPAY** facilities are now available to pay monies through your internet banking software.

On your fee statement you will note in the top right corner, under the date, a BPAY symbol. In the box next to this symbol is the school’s Biller Code and a Reference Code. The Reference Code is what identifies who is paying the money to the school. When using the BPAY option with your bank software, you **MUST** use the Biller Code of the school and your Reference Number. This is most important. There is a $50.00 minimum amount set for the use of BPAY. There is no charge to the end user for this service. **There is a 5% on School Fees paid in full before the end of Term 1. There is no discounting on Resource Fees or parish Facilities or Maintenance Fee.**
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD: Parents please note that recently staff endorsed a re-structure of our weekly awards system. It was decided that the ‘Most Improved Award’ would be replaced with a ‘Student of the Week Award’. Effectively this means that each class teacher will now award two “Students of the Week Award”. At Assembly, the awards will be presented as Infant classes and Primary classes. In deciding to have two ‘Students of the Week Award’ it was felt that it allowed teachers to acknowledge student achievement with more purposeful reasoning.

**Term 1 Week 3 AWARDS**

**INFANTS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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**PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Charles Warren &amp; Eva McDonald</td>
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<td>3SP</td>
<td>Tyler Hanrahan &amp; Miranda Larkin</td>
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<td>Kiara McCarthy &amp; Connor Foreman-Keenan</td>
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**GOOD SPORTS AWARD**

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<td>Stage 3: Layla Falkner</td>
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**BIRTHDAYS**

Bodhi Wilson, Alira Heterick, Ruby Trueman, Elyce Kuhnell, Eva McDonald, Skye Ayres, Coby Williams, Jessica Moore, Ella Ewing, Keira Lesleighter, Jya Fing, Jack Simke-Hetherington, Tahlia Drew-Perkiss.

**WELCOME NEW STUDENT**

We welcome: HAYLEN FOX-DUONG (Year 2N)

**ASSEMBLY: 9:00am**

This week: Stage 2TM (Mrs. Morosini’s class)
Week 5: Stage 3SH (Mr. Houlahan’s class)
SCHOOL POLICY

STATEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA:
A statement regarding the inappropriate use of Social Media was issued by the Catholic Schools Office in July 2013 and is now included on the Enrolment Application form issued to all families within the Diocese of Lismore. As a result of this statement Mt St Patrick Primary School has adopted the statement as a policy within the school.

The Policy Statement is as follows:
Families enrolled at Mt St Patrick Primary School are not to communicate, or engage in social media activity, including, but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, KIK, Twitter, YouTube, Linkedin, Wikipedia or Second Life, and to appropriately supervise our children to ensure they do not communicate or engage in the above described social media which in any manner whatsoever is negative of the school, its administration, its teachers, the Catholic Schools Office, Parish Priest or his advisors, or The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore, or bring any, or part, or all the above into disrepute.
In the event that this condition of the agreement is breached in any manner whatsoever, it shall be regarded as an essential term and condition and, at the sole discretion of the school, or the other parties mentioned above, children may be suspended or expelled from the school.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE—NO PRIMARY AGED STUDENT SHOULD HAVE AN ACCOUNT TO THE FOLLOWING SOCIAL MEDIA SITES LISTED BELOW
FOR YOUR INFORMATION—AGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

13 is the minimum user age required by Facebook.

13 is the minimum user age required by Instagram.

Kik states that users must be 17 years or older.

Snapchat states that it is ‘intended for use by people who are 13 years of age or older, and persons under the age of 13 are prohibited from creating Snapchat accounts’.

Tumblr states that users must be at least 13 years old.

ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN: AFTERNOON PICK-UP
AFTERNOON PARKING: MOOBALL ST
• Parents wishing to come into the school to pick up their children or see a teacher etc are asked to park along Queensland Rd and access the school via the footpath.
• Parents are strongly discouraged from parking on the western side of Mooball St. Safety issues for students & parents crossing the road between buses is of a significant concern for the school, bus drivers and council. Angled parking is deemed illegal by the council in this area.
• Parking within the showground is not allowed, this is private property
AFTERNOON PARKING: PICK UP (QLD RD)
• Parents MUST wait in their car.
• Parents to display their family surname inside their front passenger side windscreen. This will allow teachers to identify cars (parents) from a distance and therefore call students forward.
• Students may only enter the vehicle from the passenger side doors. Students are not to walk in between vehicles.
• If cars are banked from the one-way street onto Queensland Rd, parents are reminded to do a lap around the school.
• If you need to assist your child with their seat belt or restraint—please move forward after pick up to allow continuation of loading the next vehicles
• Parents are encouraged to delay pick up of their children until 3:25pm to avoid a back-log of cars waiting at 3:15pm.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thirty students competed at the Tweed Zone Swimming Carnival yesterday. Many thanks to our wonderful parent helpers, especially Nikki Warne as chief timekeeper. Thank you also Mrs Morosini and Mrs Cantrill for their work. Three House Captains, Ella, Georgia and Leila were my ‘runners’, helpers at the carnival. The officials at the carnival commented on their efficiency and commitment to their jobs. Well done girls!

The team should be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship. Mt St Patrick was the champion school with 4 age champions. Congratulations to Ebony Northeast Junior champion, Sean Carney 11Yr champion and Alyssa Carney and Darcy Reinke the senior champions. Ebony broke two records, Darcy one and the senior boys’ relay are new record holders. Early return of the consent form and the levy in a named envelope would be appreciated.

WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to the students who were successful in selection for the various Tweed Zone sports. They will be given their information package for the Diocesan winter sport trials at Grafton on 13th March later this week. Early return of the consent form and the levy in a named envelope would be appreciated. A reminder that the Zone netball trials are on this Thursday at St James Banora Point at 4pm.

NRMA ROAD SAFETY APP PARENT FLYERS

A parent flyer has been sent to each family about the NRMA new road safety app for children aged 5 – 8 years designed to help parents teach their children about road safety. The app is a free download for both Apple and Android (tablets and phones) and contains no in-game purchases or advertising.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Latest Newsletter No. 12 now available on-line: Special Feature—‘Secondary Trauma’
Children may be exposed to traumatic situations at any time, but it is their reaction to an event that determines the effects they experience. This month, we look at how trauma occurs in early childhood, the brain and trauma-proofing, strategies for schools to support affected children, and the advance of ‘secondary trauma’.

ST PATRICK’S DAY CONCERT
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
Tuesday 17th March
Starts 7pm
Supper 8:30pm
Cost—$5 per person or $10 per family

CURRICULUM NEWS

MATHLETICS INFORMATION FOR Year 2, Stage 2 & Stage 3 PARENTS
We are excited to announce that Mathletics will commence this week for grades 2-6. Mathletics is a compulsory part of homework for these grades and must be completed each week. All students have been given their username and password and this can be found in their diary (grades 3-6) or homework book (grade 2). Each week on Tuesday, students are given a set amount of tasks to complete by Sunday night (midnight). Mathletics can be completed on a laptop or PC. It can also be downloaded as an app on an iPad or android tablet. To do this, simply search Mathletics student in your App Store or Google Play. Here are a few quick pointers about Mathletics in our school:

- Mathletics is an online educational website helping students enjoy Maths and achieve outstanding results.
- Students should be aiming to score at least 1000 points each week. This does not have to occur in one sitting. Points can be added up over the week.
- When students have completed their set tasks from their teacher, they then can make up to 1000 points using LIVE Mathletics.
- If students earn 1000 points or more in 1 week they will receive a certificate. These certificates will accumulate and they can work towards earning a gold certificate.

If you are having trouble accessing Mathletics or not sure how to use it please feel free to contact your child’s class teacher, myself or you can access the Mathletics manual at -

http://www.3plearning.com/training/mathletics/guides/#students

Miss. Justine Powell- Leader of Pedagogy

OPEN DAY INVITATION

MEET…. our friendly nurses and volunteers
EXPLORE…. the building and tranquil gardens
EAT…. delicious food and light refreshments
LISTEN…. to great entertainment

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For All Divisions

Net Set Go - 5 - 7 years
Modellised
Juniors - 8 - 10 years
Seniors - 11 - 13 years
Intermediates - 14 - 17 years

All matches are held at the Tweed P/L grounds, Kilara St and 28th from 11am until 2pm

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