Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

The feast of Pentecost was celebrated last Sunday and is narrated in the New Testament Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 2). On that day, the apostles received the Holy Spirit just as Jesus had promised on the eve of His ascension to heaven on the 40th day following His resurrection.

The power of the Holy Spirit empowered and completely transformed the lives of the apostles. They were able to preach the news of salvation with courage to both the Jews and the gentiles. At once they began to tell everyone about Jesus. They spoke so passionately that thousands believed and were baptised.

As baptised Christians we, too, are filled with the same Spirit that came down on the apostles at Pentecost. We received the Spirit of courage, the Spirit to go beyond ourselves. We manifest that Spirit when we have the courage to live the Gospel, when we open our hearts to prayer, when we reach out to another, when we make wise choices, when we appreciate the magnificence of God’s presence or when we deepen our knowledge of God.

The good news of Pentecost is that the feast reminds us that God is at work in our lives and the world. It reminds us of our link to Christ.

Beacon II

The second Beacon cycle for 2014 ended on Friday 23rd May. For this cycle, Beacon Scores were not published but instead were issued to students in the form of a Beacon Certificate at the end of a College Assembly held on Tuesday 27th May, 2014.

The number of Gold and Silver Beacon Certificates issued was significantly larger than in the first Beacon Cycle. Gold Beacon Certificates increased by 73% (or 8 Certificates) whereas the number of Silver Beacon Certificates issued increased by 47% (or 54 Certificates). Overall, twenty more students received a Gold, Silver or Bronze Certificate, the equivalent of a Beacon Score of 8 or above, compared to the first cycle. It is particularly pleasing to note that no student in Year 10 or in Year 8 received a red card meaning every student in both years received a Beacon Score of 8 or above.

Monique McLean of Year 12 is the first person to receive a perfect Beacon Score of 10. The score is only possible when 10 is awarded in every subject. Congratulations to Monique and may many follow in her footsteps.

Congratulations to the Gold Beacon recipients:
Year 12: Monique McLean, Tanaya Narbey-Rolph, Madelin Docking, Abi Hails
Year 11: Ayla Bower-Williams, Maddison King, Kaitlyn Browning
Year 10: Sarah Champley
Year 9: Nicole Dorfer, Georgia Freier, Rebecca Johnston, Aidan Donald, Sarah Wilson
Year 8: Ella Mathews, Jasmin Rogan
Year 7: Taleigha Garbett, Anthea Warne, James Keogh, Cecilia Ryan

Congratulations to all students who received Gold, Silver or Bronze Beacon Certificates and to those who improved their Beacon Score. The scores certainly indicate that the great majority of students are making considerable effort in their studies.
Beacon Certificates are a valuable addition to any resume and are useful when making a job application. They are unique in that they identify and reward students who work hard. Employers are looking for something extra in their prospective employees and certainly a hard worker, as indicated by a Beacon Certificate, is high on their list.

**Year 7 2015**

Interviews of students wishing to enter Year 7, 2015 at Mt St Patrick College will be completed this afternoon ending a five week interview period. Applicants will be advised of the success or otherwise of their application next week. Unfortunately, again this year, there were far more applications than positions available and so a significant number of applicants will miss out on a position at the College in 2015.

The demand for enrolment in all years is excessive. At present, enquiries cannot be accommodated. Despite one less class in Year 7, 2015 and our inability to enrol students in other years, the total enrolment in 2015 is expected to increase by about 20 because of the larger cohorts moving into our senior years. Such growth will place great strain on our facilities if it is not controlled.

In the near future it may be the case that offers of enrolment for prospective Year 7 students will only be made to students in our Catholic feeder schools of Mt St Primary School, St Joseph’s Primary South Murwillumbah or St John’s Primary School, Mullumbimby. Demand will not allow the enrolment of siblings who attend government schools.

**Thanks**

Thanks to the many generous parents, grandparents and friends of the College who gave their time to assist a number of our students with their examinations. The Learning Support Centre and students are very appreciative of the assistance given.

**Years 7 and 10 Parent Teacher Interview Evening**

Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 and 11 will be held on Thursday 26th June, 2014 commencing at 3.40 pm in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre. Access to the Centre will be by Queensland Road. This year it has been necessary to combine the Year 7 and 11 Parent Interview Evenings because of the short nine week term and the need to complete interviews as soon as possible after the Semester 1 Reports are issued. As we expect the night to be extremely busy for teachers, parents could assist with the organisation by completing their bookings online the day reports are received and restrict the number of interviews to those most necessary. Information about how to complete the online Interview booking is included with the student’s report. Your support would be much appreciated.

The Year 7 and 11 Semester 1 Reports will be available in Week 8 while the Years 8, 9 and 10 Reports will be sent home on the last day of Term 2, Friday 27th June.

**Staff Professional Development Days – First Notice**

Mt St Patrick College staff will participate in a Staff Professional Development Day on Monday 14th July, 2014, the first day of Term 3. Students will not be required to attend the College on this day.

**Fees Due - 13th June, 2014**

The second payment of school fees is due tomorrow, Friday 13th June, 2014. It would greatly assist the College if fees are paid by tomorrow please. Parents who require an extension on this due date must contact the Principal. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Chloe Saddler of Year 9 on her selection in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Under 15 Girls Touch Football team.

We wish Kate Wilson every success for her participation in the Australian Schools Swimming Championship to be held in Melbourne from the 21st to 25th July, 2014.

_In Hoc Signo Spes Mea_

Tony Daly
Principal
RE NEWS
YEARS 7-8 ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMME
As part of the College’s Anti-Bullying Programme, Years 7-8 students will watch a performance by Brainstorm Productions on Friday 27th June. ‘Verbal Combat’ is a confronting play about cyber bullying, harassment and responsibility. This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and gives students strategies to avoid situations where they may feel pressured to act in a certain way.

Brainstorm Productions have won the Frater Award for Best Feedback from Schools for the last 10 years. The cost of the performance is $6.00 per student but this will be paid by the College through welfare funding directed towards ensuring that all students feel safe while at school. Further information can be found at www.brainstormproductions.com.au

YEAR 11 STREET RETREAT
This will take place from Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd June where six of our Year 11 students will work with a range of social justice initiatives/ministries in Brisbane. This will bring together approximately sixty Catholic secondary students (from the Lismore Diocese) to be with like-minded peers and to celebrate and meet with other young people who practice their faith. We wish Emily Clark, Ashleigh Mumford, Sophie Kirk, Riley Jones, Reece Palmer and Peter Piccini-Lulham a fantastic experience and pray that it will be one that encourages them to continue to express their faith in practical ways.

REFLECTION DAYS (Years 7,8,9 and 11)
All Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 will have Reflection days in the first week of next term. Year 7 will be on Tuesday 15th July, Year 8 on Thursday 17th July, Year 9 on Wednesday 16th July and Year 11 on Friday 18th July (all in Week 1). These days are compulsory and are a vital part of the College Spiritual and Personal Development Programmes. The days will take place in the Gilbey Centre and students will attend Homeroom and then move to the Hall till 3.10pm. Students do not have to wear their uniforms on this day and mufti clothes are permissible. However, we ask that you supervise your son/daughter’s clothing so that, as per the Excursion Policy, it is both suitable and appropriate for such a day (ie: no thongs, singlets, plunging necklines or mid-riff tops). The cost of the day has been included as part of the College fees.

The days will be facilitated by Mr Chris Doyle or Mr David Barnes who have both had extensive experience and expertise in working with young adults. The retreats focus on the idea that every young person is grace-filled and gifted and each day aims to develop self-esteem, self-respect, community spirit and positive decision-making. The Religious Education teachers for the respective year level will also attend.

We look forward to enjoyable and rewarding days.
Michael O’Donohue
Leader of Evangelisation

FROM THE SPORTS DESK
NSWCCC TOUCH FOOTBALL
Congratulations to the four students, Cody Hemmings, Arnold Walsh, Chloe Saddler and Tome O’Keefe who travelled to a bitterly cold Wagga Wagga to compete in the NSWCCC Touch Football Championships on Monday 2nd June. Mrs Allen and Mr McCormack also travelled with the teams as the Open Girls and Boys Coaches, respectively.

Chloe played exceptionally well and was rewarded with selection in the NSWCCC U15 Touch Football team. A great honour, well done!

OPENS FOOTBALL
BOYS
17 of MSPC’s finest football players travelled to Lismore on Tuesday 10th June to compete in the Northern Diocesan Gala Day. This day is run to give all teams entered into the NSWCCC State Knockout Competition a chance to play more than one game. The winner of this day goes on to play the winner of the Southern zone and the winning team will be Lismore’s representative in the Competition.

Upon arrival at Oakes Oval in Lismore the team changed and prepared themselves for a double-header against McAuley Catholic College, Grafton and then powerhouse, Trinity Catholic College, Lismore. The team knew the game plan, score goals and don’t let any in. Simple game plan was made more important when we knew the day could come down to points for and against. A slow build up during Game 1 was broken by a stunning goal to the good guys. Grafton equalised quickly and in a tight 10 minute period MSPC finished Game 1 with Josh Quinn slotting a quality cross from Jake Marshall for the game winner.

Game 2 after 5min rest saw the local team come out hard. Many attacking raids were repelled by our solid back line, Will, Jake, Dylan, Ziggi, Liam and Nathan. Captain Matt Quinn was tested on several occasions and managed to keep a clean slate until just before half time, when Trinity put their first in the back of the net. The rain and cold did not dampen the team’s spirit and they carried on playing hard in the second half. Strong play in midfield by Jake Marshall and Josh Nuspan lead to many attacking raids but we just lacked the finishing touches. Our thought was purely attack and this led to a Trinity goal on a rebound from one of our attacking manouvers.

With the loss to Trinity we knew the tournament win was beyond us for 2014 and our third game against St John’s, Woodlawn allowed us to free up our attacking structure and enjoy the last game. Matt Quinn had some chances at centre forward, Dom Morosini played most positions on the field during the game and six substitutions were being made every 5 minutes. All of our players had game time but the “dead rubber” saw Woodlawn get away with a 1-nil win in a game played in good spirits.

Mr Whitney (Coach)

GIRLS
The Open Girls started well in their first game against McAuley College. In a close, hard-fought game with many opportunities for both teams, the scores ended 1 – 1. Grace O’Loghlin was our goal scorer. From this point the day and opposition became much harder to handle. Constant drizzly nuisance rain swirls, wind and quality opposition made it a tough afternoon for our girls. Consecutive 7 – 0 losses to Trinity then Woodlawn finished...
our day. The girls, to their credit, performed as well as they could and although tired by the end of it, they really enjoyed the day.  
Mr Acret (Coach)

U13 AND U15 RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY
Congratulations to our two teams who travelled to Mullumbimby last week to compete in the Country Rugby League Gala Days for U13 and U15. All boys played very well and behaved themselves.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual Athletics Carnival will again be held at Murwillumbah High School Oval on Friday 25th July. A friendly reminder, that any student wishing to compete in High Jump must complete a permission note prior to the end of this term. Also, the Shot Put event will be held in Week 2 prior to the Carnival and students must give their names to me before the event.

7 – 10 SOCCER
We wish our two teams travelling to Grafton next week for the Diocesan Competition all the very best of luck.

NSWCCC CROSS COUNTRY
Mt St Patrick has 10 students travelling to Eastern Creek to compete in the NSWCCC Cross country event on Friday 13th June. We wish these students the best of luck in their travel and runs, and will report the results in our final newsletter for the term.

BILL TURNER TROPHER GIRLS SOCCER
Best wishes to the 17 member squad and Coach Mr Campbell playing in the Fourth Round of this Competition at Jim Devine on Friday 13th June.

Tim Whitney
Sports Co-ordinator

HSIE NEWS
AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2014
Students at MSPC could nominate to participate in the Australian Geography Competition which took place last term. We are very pleased to announce that some outstanding results were achieved. Jim Keogh scored in the top 3% and Anthea Warne in the top 7% of the Junior Division. Dom Morosini scored in the top 7% of the Intermediate Division. Many other students achieved at a high level, especially amongst the Accelerated Geography class. Our congratulations go to the following students:

High Distinction
James Keogh, Anthea Warne, Dominic Morosini.

Distinction
Mitchell Bagnall, Cameron Larkin, Alicia Rose, Trinity Cooper, Sam Murray.

Credit
Milly Keogh, Darcey James, Jessica Lees, Sophie Parker, Madelyn Wise, Sarah Jane Guinea, Josh Nuspan.

Participation

LEARNING
THANK YOU TO OUR READERS
I would like to acknowledge the generous assistance of the following community members, including parents and a grandparent, who supported eligible students during the recent examinations:

Mr Kevin Parsons, Mrs Anni Bossink, Mrs Vernita McKiernan, Mrs Sandra Hair, Mrs Janice Larkin, Mrs Ann Daly, Mr Bill Battese, Mrs Jo Kirk, Mrs Jenni Van Den Broek, Mrs Barbara Brodbeck, Ms Anouk Beck, Mrs Lesley Bridges, Mrs Anne Edwards, Mrs Jodie Champley, Mrs Angela Baker, Mrs Gayle Gisjbers and Mr Nick Hall.

These wonderful volunteers, along with our Teachers’ Aides and the Indigenous Education Assistant, were able to act as readers and writers so that students who have reading and writing difficulties were better able to show what they know and can do. We would like to thank them very much. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Miss McShane, Mrs Carolyn King, Mrs Maureen Reynolds, Mrs Adele Williams, Miss Naomi Bruggy and Ms Colleen Poudal with the administration of the Disability Provisions for more than 45 students.

Mrs Kathy Cristini
Additional Needs Teacher.

COLLEGE NEWS
VINNIES
MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE WINTER SLEEPOUT
Last Thursday night 5th June 17 enthusiastic members of MSPC Vinnies Conference and 4 brave staff members slept at the College to raise money for this year’s Vinnies Winter Appeal. During the evening a range of activities were undertaken which highlighted the plight of those less fortunate in the wider community. Students were broken into teams and competed ‘Survivor’ style for the privilege of food, warmth and shelter – things that are normally are taken for granted. It was a fun, enlightening night and we thank the teachers involved, and the students whose behaviour and participation was outstanding. A special thanks to Mr Campbell who organised the activities for the evening and to Mrs Chaffer for the meaningful candle ceremony that was a fitting end to the night.

During the upcoming Sacred Heart Mass on June 26th our new Year 11 Executive will be inducted and receive their badges. A
huge thankyou to the outgoing Year 12 Executive who have led Vinnies so well during the past year. Their commitment to social justice issues in the local community and beyond should be commended. Also during this Mass the Winter Appeal donations from the homerooms will be collected and presented to the local Vinnies Conference for distribution to local families. There is still time to donate non-perishable food, personal hygiene items or blankets to this very worthy cause.

Maureen Reynolds

### Awards

#### GOLD BEACON AWARDS

**NAGLE**

Madelin Docking Yr 12, Ayla Bower-Williams Yr 11, Maddison King Yr 11, Georgia Freier Yr 9, Rebecca Johnston Yr 9, Jasmin Rogan Yr 8, Cecilia Ryan Yr 7.

**LUCAN**

Monique McLean Yr 12, Abi Hails Yr 12, Kaitlyn Browning Yr 11, Aidan Donald Yr 9, Taleigha Garbett Yr 7, James Keogh Yr 7.

**LISIEUX**

Nicole Dorfey Yr 9, Ella Mathews Yr 8.

**LORETO**

Tanaya Narbey-Rolph Yr 12, Sarah Champley Yr 10, Sarah Wilson Yr 9, Anthea Warne Yr 7.

### Calendars & Rosters

#### 2014 Calendar

**Term 2 2014 Canteen Roster**

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**2014 CALENDAR**

Jun 16th Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement, all week
18th Yr 7 & 11 Reports home with students
19th 8.55am Yr 12 Group Photo
6.15am – 7pm Diocesan 7 – 10 Soccer, Grafton
10am - 3pm 22/6 Yr 11 Street Retreat, 6 students
20th MFPA Secondary Schools Music Day, Civic Centre
24th Leadership Assembly, Gilbey Centre
25th Yr 11 Marine Studies First Aide
Per 4 Indigenous Dancers, Gilbey Centre
26th 12 noon Sacred Heart Mass
3.40 – 7pm Yr 7 & 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Newsletter available
27th 10am Yr 7 & 8 ‘Verbal Combat’ Performance
Yr 8, 9 & 10 Reports home with students
Final day of Term 2
July 14th MSPC Staff Development Day
15th Year 7 Retreat Day, Gilbey Centre
16th Year 9 Retreat Day, Gilbey Centre
17th Year 8 Retreat Day, Gilbey Centre
3.40 – 7pm Yr 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
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NSW All School Cross Country Event

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Beacon II Awards

Northern Open Soccer, Lismore

New Digital Display TV Monitors