Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

Fr David Gilbey

At a College Assembly on Wednesday 3rd September 2014, Father David Gilbey was farewelled by the College Community. Father David has been appointed Parish Priest of the Bangalow – Byron Bay Parish commencing on Monday 15th September, 2014. His appointment ends six years as Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah. On behalf of the College community, I congratulate Father on his appointment and thank him for his generous contribution to the College during his time as Chaplain and Parish Priest.

Prior to Father David’s first meeting with me as Parish Priest in July 2008, he was warned that I would seek his support for the construction of a much needed Multipurpose Facility. Rather than dismiss the idea outright, Father approved a feasibility study into the proposal. So began five years of planning and building.

In 2009, Father approved two building projects that would eventually be valued at in excess of $8.4 million dollars. The buildings stand as a testimony to his belief in Catholic education and his high regard for Mt St Patrick College.

Father David’s commitment to Catholic education and, in particular, to Mt St Patrick College, will be fondly remembered for many generations. He has had a significant impact on the College not only through bricks and mortar but, more importantly, through his example as the faith leader of the Community. Father has always worked hard to ensure his homilies are relevant and meaningful for teenagers. His actions show his strong commitment to his faith.

Father and I have worked very well together, an essential ingredient for the success of any Parish-based school. Often he would meet me in the Car Park at 7.00am, just as I arrive at school, to discuss school matters. I have always found Father to be respectful of different ideas, interested in what is happening in the College and supportive of me as Principal. His decisions were always made in the best interests of the College and Parish.

Again, I sincerely thank Father David for his significant contribution to the College and for his friendship. I hope that his new Parish will bring him happiness and fulfilment.

Senior Honour Awards

Senior Honour Awards were presented to Year 12 students at their last College Assembly held on Wednesday 3rd September, 2014. The Awards acknowledge the significant contribution our senior students make in their final two years of schooling. Year 12 students who wish to receive a Senior Honour Award apply in writing to the Principal. The application is then assessed by the College Executive against the criteria outlined in the Senior Honour Award Booklet. Successful applicants will have their name printed on the Senior Honour Board in Presentation House.

Congratulations to the following 2014 Senior Honour Award recipients:

Senior Honour Award for Religious Contribution
Shelby Gilbert, Kathleen Martin, Georga Pringle, Matthew Thackray
Senior Honour Award for College Spirit

Academic Senior Honour Award
Monique McLean, Matthew Thackray

Senior Honour Award for Performing Arts

Senior Honour Award for Leadership
Jack Baker-Sime, Abi Hails, Liam Patience

Senior Honour Award for Community Service
Brodie Campbell, Jack Carr, Shanley Chung, Shelby Gilbert, Mitchell Hancock, Jake Kabbout, Kathleen Martin, Courtney McCalman, Luke McDonald, Sam Murnane, Tanaya Narbey-Rolph, Lucy O’Keeffe, Thomas O’Shea, Lachlan Patterson, Liam Patience, Hillary Peate, Chloe Philp, Emily Pratt, Georgia Pringle, Danielle Rayner-Swift, Luke Robson

Debating/Public Speaking Senior Honour Award
Brodie Campbell, Ziggi Jacks, Sarah Rose

Special Honour Award
Nathan Batham, Jake Kabbout, Monique McLean, Nicholas Myler, Lachlan Patterson, Chloe Philp, Danielle Rayner-Swift

Senior Honour Award for Sport
Ziggi Jacks, Nicholas Myler

Student Absence – Last Day of Term 3
The College seeks the support of parents to ensure that their son or daughter is at school on the last day of Term 3, Friday 19th September. Unfortunately, there is a growing trend for students to be absent on that day with parental approval. The high level of absenteeism is a real concern for the College and places undue stress on teaching and learning. Lessons on Friday 19th September will be normal with teaching taking place up to the final bell at 3.10pm with the holidays beginning at 3.14pm. Parents are asked to please contact me if there are concerns about this legal requirement.

Parents are advised that students already receive an extra day these holidays due to the pupil free day across the Diocese on Tuesday 7th October 2104, the first day of Term 4. Schools will be working on the new Australian Curriculum on that day in readiness for its implementation in 2015. Attendance on Friday 19th September is therefore even more important. I thank parents in anticipation of your understanding and support.

Year 11 Preliminary Examinations - Absences
Year 11 HSC Preliminary Examinations will begin tomorrow, Friday 5th September, and conclude on Friday 12th September. Year 11 must attend school in the final week of Term 3, commencing Monday 15th September, 2014. The level of absenteeism by Year 11 students at the Athletics Carnival this year was a real concern for the College. Absences during the week commencing Monday 15th September will be closely monitored and should be explained by a Doctor’s Certificate.

The Board of Studies has specified that students cannot achievement the outcomes of the course if their absence exceeds a certain number of hours. Some Year 11 students have already received notification warning them that they are in danger of an N-Award because of poor attendance. The College has no say in this matter and is required to implement the requirements of the Board.
Big Day Out

The Big Day Out will be held on Tuesday 16th September. It marks the beginning of our major fundraising activity of the school year culminating in the Melbourne Cup Trifecta. The day begins with an Assembly to judge the best dressed homeroom and house. In the weeks prior, each homeroom secretly organises a dress theme in the hope of earning House points. It is always surprising to see the array of themes and the trouble that some go to in the support of their House. The spirit on the day is fantastic.

Normal lessons follow the Assembly with students moving to the oval at the beginning of lunch to enjoy the various stalls and entertainment organised by homerooms. The day ends with the Finals of the Term 3 lunchtime Touch Football Competition.

Students are permitted to wear appropriate casual clothes to school on Tuesday 16th September as part of the Big Day Out and subject to a gold coin donation.

Year 12 Graduation Mass and Assembly

Parents of Year 12 are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Farewell Assembly on Thursday 18th September commencing at 11.00am in the Sacred Heart Church. A light luncheon will be provided for parents and Year 12 students following the Graduation Mass. The Farewell Assembly will begin at 1.20pm in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre. Parents are asked to be seated for the Assembly by 1.10pm.

All College students are required to wear their dress uniform to school on Thursday 18th September.

Tweed Valley Finals

The Finals of the Tweed Valley Competition will be held on Wednesday 17th September, 2014. Arrangements have not yet been finalised but it is expected that the games will be held in the afternoon at the same venue where the previous weeks’ games are held. Students will be advised late next week of arrangements for the Finals.

Staff Professional Development Day

A Staff Professional Development Day will be held on Tuesday 7th October 2014, the first day of Term 4. Students are not required to attend the College on that day.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers Ms Gayle Anderson who is seriously ill.

In Hoc Signo Spes Mea

Tony Daly
Principal

Faculty News

RE NEWS

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR YEAR 12 HSC STUDENTS

Prayer Sponsors are being organised for the Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College during their HSC exams. A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person at specific times with a specific intention in mind. When someone is sponsored they know that someone else is praying for them at that time.

A strong aspect of our Catholic and Christian Faith is the efficacy of prayer (i.e. prayer does make a difference). At the same time the injunction “Pray as if everything depended on God; work as if everything depended on you” has its own wisdom.

I appeal to parents, family and friends of our Year 12 HSC class to make themselves available as a prayer sponsor. Knowing that someone is praying for you at a difficult time is a source of great strength and consolation.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student from Mt St Patrick College, please phone during office hours (66722340) and leave your name, address and name of student (if specific student wanted) with Lesa or Jan at the office. The following prayer may be of use.

Today I wish to remember ____________________________ from Mount St. Patrick College.
During her HSC Exams, give them the strength to complete the exams to the best of her/his ability. Help them to remain calm and to write clearly so that they remember the things which they have learned and studied.

Give them the opportunity to show what they know and to have acceptance of her/his efforts after the exam. Fire up in them the determination of St. Paul who ran the good race till the end and who proclaimed "If God is for us who can be against".

We pray this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

CSYMA SHINE GATHERING
On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd August, approximately 500 Year 9 and 10 CSYMA students (and some Year 11 helpers) from across the Lismore Diocese gathered in Coffs Harbour for SHINE. The theme ‘Let Your Light Shine’ was explored through rallies, speakers, workshops, discussion groups, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Adoration and simply being with others. Rallies, led by Emmanuel Worship, had people singing, dancing and jumping for joy; amazing speakers both inspired and challenged, and various opportunities for praise and worship helped bring people closer to their God. It was a 2 day experience that was a reminder that life is meant to be lived to the full. Our students were very much involved, but a special congratulations to Sarah Jane Guinea who beautifully shared her story to the whole group and received a standing ovation. Well done to everybody.

Social media feedback from students:
• It was the most incredible experience a young person like myself could encounter.
• Thank you soooo sooo much. Words cannot explain how good it was and it reached and blew everyone’s expectations!!
• Most amazing experience of my life! Can’t wait for next year!!!
• That was the best two days of my life :) Thanks Guys :)
• Thank you for such a good time! I got to JPC Coffs and I went to Shine it was sooooo good!!!! Cannot thank you enough!!!!
• WOW amazing time thanks heaps guys.
  Mick O’Donouhe
  Leader of Evangelisation

ENGLISH NEWS
DEBATING SUCCESS
College Senior Team CSDA Nth Coast Regional Winners
Congratulations to Ela Heiniger, Sarah Sigley and Mollie Wilson on their impressive win against St Joseph’s College, Banora Point to secure their fourth successive regional title.

The team will now compete in the CSDA regional and state finals in Term 4.

Paddy Bailey

FROM THE SPORTS DESK
DIO SURFING
MSPC were to have 12 surfers and some aspiring Surf Lifesavers competing at Cabarita Beach today as part of the Diocesan Surfing Competition. However due to predicted large surf conditions the event has been postponed until Friday 24th October. We wish the competitors the best of luck and the SLS patrollers an easy day on the beach.

TERM 4 SPORT ELECTIVES
The process for selection of the students Term 4 Sports option will open next Monday 8th September at 9am and close on Friday 12th September at 3.15pm. Please discuss with your child their intended option, particularly those that involve a financial commitment.

DIOCESAN NETBALL REPORTS
On Wednesday 27th August, 28 girls accompanied by Mrs Bevan, Miss De Maere and Mrs Gardner boarded the bus to travel to Port Macquarie for the Diocesan Netball Carnival. The trip to Port was a wet one with weather conditions worsening as we travelled south.

The Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams each played 5 rounds in their division. The teams were all competitive, experiencing both wins and losses. The junior team progressed to the Semi Finals. Whilst they showed great skills and determination they were defeated by Xavier Catholic College, Ballina.

All teams participated well, displaying strong sportsmanship skills and were a credit to MSPC, both on and off the Netball courts. Special thanks are extended to all the netballers and their parents for their support.

Jenny Gardner (Coach)

SENIOR NETBALL
The Senior Girls Diocesan Netball Team consisting of Isabella Myler, Tannaya Tomwey, Indianna Mulders, Georgia Condon, Lucy O’Keeffe, Hillary Peate, Maddy Docking, Jemma Oxley and Shelby Gilbert played to the best of their ability. The girls were in a tough competition pool versing St Joseph’s Regional College Port Macquarie, McAuley Catholic College Grafton, John Paul College Coffs Harbour and Mackillop Senior College Port Macquarie. The girls were narrowly defeated in each game. The weather was undecided and this kept the girls on their toes playing in what seemed like different seasons for each game. Come wind, rain or shine the MSPC girls displayed their competitive edge, being respectful to the umpires and other teams. Huge congratulations and thank you to the girls for their conduct on the bus, at the Motel and on the courts.

Jenny Gardner (Coach)

CONVENOR’S REPORT
The lead up to the Lismore Diocesan Netball Championships had everyone on tenterhooks waiting to see what the weather had in store. The call to go ahead to host the Championships was to be made on Tuesday afternoon, a day in Port Macquarie which started off with 80mm of rain at 2 o’clock in the morning! The forecast pitched Thursday as the pick for their positive attitude. The day ran smoothly with great competition across all three divisions in five round games.

The players, team managers and umpires are to be commended for their positive attitude. The day ran smoothly with great competition across all three divisions in five round games.

In the Junior Division only 4 points split the top four in each pool. The Final was contested by St Paul’s, Port Macquarie and Xavier Catholic College, Ballina. The game was in the balance at half time 10-4; however St Paul’s came out blazing in the second half winning 18-7. Most Valuable Player was Courtney Gallagher.

The Intermediate Division saw some very entertaining Netball with several draws in the round games. The Final was a local derby with Xavier Catholic College taking on St John’s,
Woodlawn. Woodlawn won by four goals (15-11) with Most Valuable Player awarded to Ruby Dardengo.

The Senior Division Final is always a highlight of the day with MacKillop, Port Macquarie coming up against McAuley, Grafton. While MacKillop accounted for Grafton in the round games Grafton dominated the Final from the start putting some quick points on the board. While Mackillop game back within two points Grafton maintained their attack and won the game 14 – 12. Congratulations to Alice Doherty who was named Most Valuable Player.

Finally, our Diocesan competitions are always played with pride and in the true spirit of the game with players displaying outstanding skill and athleticism. Thank you to the team managers who coached the girls. Your professionalism and enthusiasm during the day were very evident.

I would like to thank the Port Macquarie Netball Association for providing excellent support, the 8 umpires who ran all day and were exceptional. To our First Aid Officers, Doug and Rebecca who were very attentive to the players, and most importantly, to the Port Macquarie Schools for hosting the event, especially Annobel Starr, Michelle Marino, Ann Palmer and Mick Cannon. The day was extremely enjoyable.

Erin Gallagher
Convener (former MSPC Student)

DIOCESAN VOLLEYBALL
Trials for the Dio Volleyball teams are starting very soon and will be held at lunchtimes. Please be at the trials if you wish to be selected. This is always a popular event so bring your “A Game” to the trials. The competition is to be held on Friday 17th October in Coffs Harbour. MSPC will be sending 4 teams, possibly 5.

CRICKET TRIALS
Mr Nix will be holding trials for the Berg Shield Cricket team during Sport. This will mean that the students will miss a round of the Tweed Valley Competition. The Berg Shield is a state wide knockout competition for students in Years 7 – 9. Mr Acret has called a meeting for the College’s Open Team to compete in the Downie Shield Competition.

Tim Whitney
Sports Co-ordinator

HSIE HAPPENINGS
UNSW BUSINESS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following Year 12 Business Studies students for their achievements in this prestigious Competition:

Distinction (Top 20%): Jack Carr (top 7%), Mitchell Hancock.
Credit (Top 30%): James Yin, Hillary Peate, Lucy O’Keeffe, Brady Molloy, Monique McLean, Ziggi Jacks, Joseph Camilleri.
Participation: Brad Newton, Luke McDonald

Congratulations also to McKenzie Currey-Kleppe (Distinction) and Dylan Falls (Participation) who competed in the Economics Competition as Year 11 students. These students take Economics as an external class run by the Online Education Centre for the Diocese of Lismore.

Chris Core
Leader of Learning (HSIE)

ANZAC Day 2015
In recognition of the particular significance of ANZAC Day in 2015 the College is undertaking a special project. We would like to acknowledge all past students of Mt St Patrick College who are ex-service personnel. The school started in 1926 which means we are looking at a period of those who served during World War 2 and onwards.

We are hoping that combined with any information you may have, records from the War Memorial and our own enrolment register we can build up a list to recognise these personnel.

We appreciate your support and look forward to any assistance you could give in this matter.

School contacts are Mr Tony Daly (Principal) and Mr Greg Culnane (Librarian): mspcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au or ‘phone: 0266722340
Thanks
Greg Culnane

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE APP – SKOOLBAG
Our school now has our own skoolbag Iphone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with the College community. We are asking that parents and students install the Skoolbag App.

To install it, just search for our school name "Mt St Patrick College Murwillumbah" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Please refer to the flyer at the end of this Newsletter for further details on how to download the free app. There is a link for the Skoolbag App on the College Website.

The app contains features including: alerts to parents, Newsletters, calendar, parent e-forms including absentee notes. I believe this app will enable our school an effective way to communicate to parents and keeping you updated on current events. Download now!!!
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YEAR 11 AWARDS

LORETO

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

COLLEGE AWARDS
William Bagnall, McKenzie Currey-Klepp.

LISIEUX

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Jacob Ehlefeldt, Faith Falkner, Reece Palmer, Emily Payne, Liam Thompson.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Reece Palmer.

LUCAN

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Tyson Cook.

NAGLE

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Jayden Douglas, Chelsie Mepstead, Genevieve Waters (3).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Genevieve Waters.

CALENDARS & ROSTERS

2014

TERM 3

2014 CALENDAR

Sep 5th   Yr 11 Preliminary Final Exams begin
          Yr 11 2015 Subjects – Parent Interviews
          Legacy Appeals Day, 8 x Yr 9 volunteers
     8th   am Online NAPLAN Testing: Literacy
          7Chisholm & 9 English (Mrs Baldini)
     9th   8am – 2pm HSC Music Pract Exams, GC
          am Online NAPLAN Testing: Numeracy
          7Chisholm & 9 English (Mrs Baldini)
          am Preliminary Online Economics Visit, S21
     10th  am Yr 7 & 9 HPV (Gardisil) Dose 3/ Catch Ups
          Tweed Valley Competition, Final Round

12th   Year 10 HSIE Excursion, Cabarita & Mudgereeba
          Beacon Cycle IV closes
14th   MSPC Vinnies Conference, Buddy Day
15th   Year 10 English Speeches, all day
16th   Big Day Out/Lunchtime Touch Finals
          Beacon scores published
17th   pm Tweed Valley Finals
18th   11am Year 12 Graduation Mass
          1.30pm Year 12 Graduation Assembly
          pm Newsletter available
19th   Final day of Term 3

Oct 7th   Staff Development Day
8th   Term 4 begins for students (Day 3 – Not Sport)
10th   Year 11 SLR Excursion

TERM 3 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9
8/9   Jenny Gatt, Bill Battese, Julie Van Den Driest,
      Fiona Fitzgerald
9/9   Ree Burke,
10/9  Chris Reynolds
11/9  Jo Charlaou
12/9  Jody Champley, Helen Jones

Week 10
15/9  Lisa Richard, Peter Hyde
16/9  Jenni Van Den Broek
17/9  Chris Reynolds, Sharon Horner
18/9  Jody Champley, Ann Daly, Angela Border-Baker
19/9  Help Needed

COMMUNITY NEWS

TWEED VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE   MARCH 7th & 8th 2015
CALL FOR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

General meeting Wed. 17th September Cudgen Headland Surf
Life Saving Club 6pm. We are in need of people to fill the vacant
positions and people to come on board to assist coordinators. If
you think you can offer a little or a lot of your time, please come
along to our first official Relay For Life Committee meeting for the
2015 Relay.

Contacts Dot 0438742637 or Lynn 07 5599 2175

Brunswick Nippers

Sign On

Sunday 14th September 2014, 9-11am &
Sunday 21st September 2014, 9-11am
at the Mullumbimby Pool.

- Girls and boys aged from 5 to 14 years.
- New members need to bring child’s Birth Certificate and
  Parent ID.
- Bring cash or a cheque to pay for membership fees and
  uniforms.
- Bring your child’s swimmers for a proficiency swim.

Nippers is held at Brunswick Heads main beach on Sundays at
9:30am. The season starts Sunday 12th October 2014.

For more information contact
jac@brunswicklsc.org
Or visit the website www.brunswicklsc.org
Play Touch Football

BOOK NOW: Friday 5 September
Tuesday | Mon Women, 19 Mar, 3 Apr | WedThurs | Males & Open Mixed
Woodburn Memorial Grounds, R.L.P.
CONTACT: Larel Alexander
PHONE: 1800 607 260
EMAIL: mailroom@live.com.au

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Murwillumbah Swimming Club
EST 1938
Join Now

2014/15 SEASON STARTS 16th Oct
From learn to swim to competitive swimmers.
ALL SWIMMING ABILITIES CATERED FOR.
8pm Every Friday night (Oct—Mar)
Sign on days at TSC—Murwillumbah
Saturday 13th Sep 1pm-Imp Free sausage sizzle
0413 277 700
www.murwillumbahswimmingclub.org.au
murwillumbahswimmingclub@gmail.com

Skoolbag
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices such as iPads and Android Tablets. Ideal for:

- School free push notification alerts
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- School newsletter
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- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install SkoolBag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “Phone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
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2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Farewell and ‘Thank You’ to Fr David Gilbey

Daffodil Day Volunteers

Diocese Athletics Carnival, Coffs

Diocese Netball, Port Macquarie