Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

Ms Gayle Anderson
Ms Gayle Anderson died on Wednesday 10th September, 2014 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Her long teaching career of 38 years at Mt St Patrick began in September, 1976 and ended in the first week of Term 2 this year on Thursday 1st May. On behalf of the College, I wish to express my condolences to the Anderson family and assure them of our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Ms Anderson was a dedicated teacher who, in her very quiet way, touched many. She taught a number of subjects including Asian Studies, Commerce, Careers, English and Legal Studies. Her main teaching area was HSIE with Geography her speciality. Ms Anderson and Mr Storey taught our first Year 11 and 12 Geography classes in 1992 and 1993 and this year Ms Anderson taught our first Year 10 Accelerated Geography class in Term 1.

Ms Anderson held many positions of responsibility including English Co-ordinator, Literacy Co-ordinator, Year Co-ordinator for all Years from 7 to 10 and was appointed the first Loreto House Co-ordinator in 2008. Our senior students knew her as their homeroom teacher and Careers Advisor. Her role as Careers Advisor became increasing complex in recent years but still she handled the demand with confidence and as a true professional. Ms Anderson was an intelligent woman whose contribution to the College has had a significant impact on what it is today.

Ms Anderson always performed her duties to the highest standards, without fuss and certainly in a way that would not inconvenience others. She was a quiet achiever who was a highly regarded by her colleagues, parents, ex-students and current students.

I wish to thank the staff and students who have supported Ms Anderson since she received word of her diagnosis in April. In many ways, the community of Mt St Patrick College has been her ‘second family,’ a real presence in her life. It has been difficult watching Ms Anderson’s decline but I am sure she appreciated the visits from staff and the cards from students. A poster from Year 12 hung on the wall of her ward in John Flynn Hospital in the last days before she died. May she rest in peace.

Fr Anthony Lemon PP
On behalf of the College community, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Fr Anthony Lemon as the new Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Parish, Murwillumbah. Fr Anthony spent his first night in Murwillumbah on Tuesday 16th September, 2014. He has hit the ground running as he commenced duties at a most significant week in the College calendar. Father Anthony concelebrated the Year 12 Graduation Mass with Fr David Gilbey this morning, joined parents, Year 12 and staff for lunch and then attended the two afternoon Assemblies. Father has already shown a great interest in the College and and I am sure his ministry will continue to reflect this interest. Welcome Father Anthony.

Year 12 Farewell
Over 270 guests joined the College community today to farewell Year 12, to thank them for their contribution to the College over the years and to wish them every success in their HSC Exams. The day began with a Year 12 Graduation Mass celebrated by Fr David Gilbey and assisted by the new Sacred Heart Parish Priest, Fr Anthony Lemon. A light lunch was served in the Gilbey Basement followed by two afternoon Assemblies in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre.
The High School Certificate Examinations begin on Monday 13th October with English. Please remember Year 12 and their teachers in your prayers.

**Debating Success**

Congratulation to the Year 8 Debating team who won the Regional Finals held at St Paul's College, Kempsey on Thursday 4th September. Congratulations also to the Year 7 team who were runners up in their division. The Year 8 team will join our Year 11 Regional Finalists in the State Championships in Sydney in November. The Year 9 and 10 teams will compete in the Regional Finals on October 15th in Coffs Harbour.

**Staff Professional Development Day – Final Notice**

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. The first day of Term 4 for students will be Wednesday 8th October, Day 3 of the timetable.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Joel Antonelli, Morgan Mathews, Chandelle Nassner, Chloe Quinn, Brooke Saddler and Liam Wilson all of Year 7; Clara Withers of Year 8; Lilith Malcolm of Year 9; Sarah Champley, Dylan Clarke and Tannaya Twomey of Year 10; and Arnold Walsh of Year 11 who competed in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Athletics Carnival in Sydney on Friday 12th September.

**In Hoc Signo Spes Mea**

Tony Daly  
Principal

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**DAFFODIL DAY**

On Friday 22nd August seven generous Year 10 students sold daffodils in the Murwillumbah CBD to assist the Cancer Council fund ongoing cancer research. Anthony Bird, Marcus Bossink, Will Farmer, Riley King, Archer Platt, Sam Vrbanic and Madison Zambelli together raised $1040. This is a great effort and, as well, the students were complimented by shop owners on their presentation and maturity.

**LEGACY DAY**

Our new College Captains Sarah Sigley and Jacob Ehlefeldt attended their first ‘official’ function – the Legacy Memorial Service and Luncheon held on Monday 1st September at the Murwillumbah Services Memorial Club.

The Appeals Day took place on Friday 5th September. Ten Year 9 students generously assisted. Thanks and appreciation are extended to: Roseanna Avery, Charrissa Birtwell, Sidney Ewing, Coen Jennings-McKay, Dane Kem, Tom O’Keefe, Chloe Rechichi, Chloe Saddler, Hayden Stewart and Brianna Walton.

Mary-Anne McShane  
Assistant Principal

**FROM THE LEADERS OF WELLBEING**

**YEAR 12**

The time has arrived to farewell our Year 12 2014 cohort. It is with a tinge of sadness that we say goodbye to this wonderful group of students. They have been a very bright, happy and friendly bunch who have made this year particularly enjoyable for myself as their Year Co-ordinator. Very capably led by College Captains Abi Hails and Jack Baker-Sime they have contributed greatly to the tremendous year that the MSPC community has experienced in 2014. An excellent leadership group that always set a fine example for other students in the College to follow.

I hope each Year 12 student has a fantastic Graduation Day and leaves the College with wonderful memories. I wish each one of them every success in their HSC results and am very confident that their overall results will reflect well on the College. I also wish each of them good health and much happiness as they embark on their various journeys in 2015 and beyond. I know we will be hearing great things about the amazing individuals who have made up Year 12 2014.

Thank you so very much to the parents of Year 12 for their continued support and thank you to each student in Year 12 for their support and contribution. I look forward to celebrating the Formal with them on Friday 7th November.

Good luck, goodbye and thank you Year 12.

Phil Bindon  
Leader of Wellbeing – Year 12
LISIEUX

Although this is my first contribution to the newsletter this term: Lisieux students from Year 7 to 12 have been acknowledged and congratulated for their achievements in other ways at the College.

The term began with yet another Lisieux victory, this time at the annual Athletics Carnival. Once again, our participation was the main contributor to our success. However, I will take this opportunity to congratulate the successful athletes, and those who have gone on to participate at both Diocesan, CCC and State levels.

I believe that much of our success and unity this year is due to the outstanding leadership and example of our Year 12 students. Thank you Robert and India for all your efforts and leadership, and of course for your HUMILITY! Thank you also to Luke and Charlie, who I know will continue to lead as effective seniors in 2015.

To our homeroom teachers, thank you for your hard work, patience and compassion this term. The College calendar has been extremely busy. Thanks also for the time and organization put into the organisation of Tuesday’s “Big Day Out”. What an outstanding efforts, when you are all so busy.

Thank you parents for ensuring your sons and daughters are dressed correctly, bring in their absence notes, do their homework etc. etc. etc.!!! We cannot do it without you.

All the best to our Year 12’s for their HSC and whatever path they choose to follow. Everyone, enjoy the break!

Margaret Baldini
Leader of Wellbeing - Lisieux

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 (6672340) 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/his HSC Exams, give them the strength to complete the exams to the best of her/his ability. Help them to remain calm and to think and 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.

YEAR 12 MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Masses and liturgies are a very important part of the liturgical life of the College and involvement in these by the Community (staff, students, parents and parishioners) is vital to ensure “full, conscious and active participation” (Vatican 2, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy).

Once again, Year 12 students have generously taken up the challenge of being Ministers of Holy Communion, a visible sign of service to the community and of witness to their Catholic faith. They were commissioned in their ministry during the Inaugural Mass earlier this year. We thank and congratulate the following students for their witness during 2014:

Shelby Gilbert, Kathleen Martin, Georga Pringle and Matthew Thackray.

NOVO

This is a Youth Ministry Program open to all students and staff and takes place once a term in the Gilbey Centre. The night involves sharing a meal (cooked lovingly by staff), music, games, activities, challenges, media and a speaker/message. On Friday 29th September approximately 70 students and 10 staff enjoyed each other’s company and engaged with the theme of ‘Tune In’.

This focused on the idea that each of us is called and challenged to become the best person we can, however we often miss the cues and messages about this. After prayer, great music, dancing, a ‘trivia’ challenge and drama, Sophie Kirk from Year 11 shared (from the heart) how her experience of God, especially God’s love, has become an important part of her life. Students were then given some quiet time to reflect on how they might ‘Tune In’ to God in their life. Some of their comments are below. Looking forward to another great opportunity to engage with our friends and our God in 4th Term.

- Making time for God instead of other things I don’t need
- Find time to really think about what I’m really feeling
- just listen and trust Him…. especially when making decisions
- Let God into my heart and pray more
- Show that I love Him
- Don’t be scared to show my faith
- I can give Him a chance… let Him take up that empty space
- Open my eyes, open my ears
- Accept myself how God made me

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2014

Ignite is a dynamic and contemporary Catholic Youth Conference held in Brisbane for young adults and teens, drawing over 1000 people from a wide variety of destinations, including every state in Australia, and overseas as far as New Zealand, East Timor and Thailand. The conference provides an opportunity for young people to experience speakers, music, worship, reconciliation, workshops ……. which enables them to grow in their faith and to
share this journey with others. We wish our 20 students and 2 teachers (joining with another 180 students and 20 staff from across the Lismore Diocese) a fantastic experience.

Mick O’Donohue
Leader of Evangelisation

**ENGLISH NEWS**

**DEBATING SUCCESS**

**Year 8 Team CSDA Nth Coast Regional Winners**

Congratulations to Jesse Wright, Elanora Cunningham and Keeley-Louise Dickinson on their impressive win at St Paul’s College, Kempsey to secure their second successive regional title.

The team will join our Senior Team and compete in the CSDA Regional and State Finals in Term 4.

**Year 7 Team:** Anthea Warne, Jaidah Fergus-Mackie and Emily Annandale were runners up to John Paul College, Coffs Harbour. They won two out of three debates on the day. The students were a credit to their families and the College community.

**Year 9 & 10 Debating teams will compete in the Regional Finals at John Paul College, Coffs Harbour on Wednesday 15th October.**

**Year 9 Team:** Sylvie Kettle, Isobelle Waugh and Millie Keogh

**Year 10 Team:** Kate Wilson, Katie Jones, Jess Lees and Billi Lansky

Paddy Bailey
Leader of Learning – English

**FROM THE LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE**

The Year 11 students and the Learning Support Centre personnel would like to thank the following people for their support as readers and writers for the Preliminary Examinations;

Year 10 students: Sarah-Jane Guinea, Blake McCalman, Billi Lansky, Katie Jones, Prairie Douglas, Jacob McRae and community volunteers: Mrs Janice Larkin, Mrs Vernita McKiernan, Mr Bill Battese and Mrs Jacquai Annandale. Your generosity and patience are greatly appreciated.

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**NSWCCC ATHLETICS**

We had a large contingent of talented Athletes travel to Sydney to compete in the NSWCCC Athletics Championships held at Homebush on Friday 12th September. The Lismore Team members were:

Joel Antonelli, Morgan Mathews, Chandelier Nassner, Chloe Quinn, Brooke Sadder, Liam Wilson (Year 7); Clara Withers (Year 8); Lilith Malcolm (Year 9); Sarah Champley, Dylan Clarke, Harvey Hodgson, Tannaya Twoom (Year 10) and Arnold Walsh (Year 11).

**NSWCCC CHAMPIONS**

Two outstanding results from this Carnival were:

Morgan Mathews (Y 7) who won the U12 1500m in 5.15.36s and Sarah Champley (Yr10) who won the U16 400m in 1.00.61s.

They are both now NSWCCC Champions.

There were other medal winners from MSPC and they are:

Morgan Mathews won a bronze in the U12 800m

Brooke Sadder won a bronze in the U13 400m

Dylan Clarke finished equal 2nd in U16 High Jump

**DEBATING SUCCESS**

**Term 4 Overview**

Once again, a busy term of sport lies ahead of us. Here is a quick overview of when and where:

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**Berg Shield (7-9)** and Downie Trophy Cricket games will commence their knockout competition also.

**TERM 4 SPORT SELECTIONS**

These were completed last week and the students would have been allocated their Term 4 Sport Option online at the moodle site. Sport will commence in Week 2 of Term 4.

**SKOOLBAG APP**

I hope most, if not all, parents with a smartphone have downloaded the new Mt St Patrick College Skoolbag app. This will become a very useful tool to communicate to parents and students about relevant sports information, for example, the Term 4 Sports Selections, permission notes due to the College office or a postponement of a sporting event, etc. If you have not downloaded it yet, please do so. Check the last newsletter for downloading details.

**TWEED VALLEY FINALS**

A number of College teams competed yesterday in the Finals of the 2014 Tweed Valley Competition. A list of winning teams as well as best and fairest winners will be published in the first newsletter next term.

TIM WHITNEY
SPORTS COORDINATOR

**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) email: mspcmbah@llism.catholic.edu.au or phone: 0266722340
CULTURAL AWARENESS AT THE COLLEGE
On Thursday 11th September Indigenous community member Russell Logan visited the College to present a Cultural Awareness session to some of our staff. He spoke about the deeper cultural meaning of ‘acknowledgement of country’ with reference to Indigenous life in this area before European settlement. Through role-play and interaction, the teachers were able to experience a cultural perspective of the Indigenous peoples’ history and enrich their own understanding of Indigenous processes. This session had particular reference for the teaching of HSIE in the curriculum. Many thanks go to Russell Logan for his presentation and the attending staff for their respectful participation. Thanks also to Carmel for the catering and Miss McShane for supporting the facilitation of this important Cultural Awareness session.

It was great that some teachers were able to contribute to a second hand book sale to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Every dollar helps!
Mrs Colleen Poudal
Indigenous Education Assistant

GOLD BEACON AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Gold Beacon Awards for this cycle:

NAGLE
Ayla Bower-Williams Yr 11, Maddison King Yr 11, Mollie Wilson Yr 11, Monique Sharp Yr 10, Lauren Ricketts Yr 10, Rebecca Johnston Yr 9, Nitara Broughton Yr 9, Cecilia Ryan Yr 7.

LUCAN
Isobel Marshall Yr 11, Chloe Donald Yr 7, Taleigha Garbett Yr 7.

LISIEUX
Claire Larkin Yr 11, Nicole Dorfer Yr 10, Airley-Jane Stocks Yr 9, Montana Taylor Yr 7.

LORETO
McKenzie Currey-Klepp Yr 11, Tahlia Hall Yr 8, Anthea Warne Yr 7, Tara Gunn Yr 7.

Certificates will hopefully go home tomorrow.

LORETO
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Year 7

Year 8
Patrick Gresham, Sarah Guinea, Luke Bagnall, Jye Barton (2), Tahlia Hall, Sara Santos (2), Ruby Watson, Jackson Byrnes, Julia McRae, Elise O’Callaghan, Millyka Sharp (2).

Year 9

Year 10
Will Byrne, Samantha Ratcliff, Shannon Hull, Harrison Kester (2), Kate Wilson, Hayley Jones, Sean Selwood, Mitchell Bagnall, Makayla Hall, Blake McCalman, Archer Platt, Grace Waters.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Year 7

Year 8
Jackson Byrnes, Julia McRae.

Year 9
Niamh Langan-Keyte, Laurie Pratt, Eva Beckett, Abbie Jackson,

Year 10
Harrison Kester, Mitchell Bagnall.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Year 9
Eva Beckett, Abbie Jackson.

LISIEUX
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Year 7
Chloe Quinn, Kalindi Lathouras (2).

Year 8
Zac Busuttil-Rochford, Lauren Corby, Zane Zuschke, Niamh Ryan-McGinn, Summer Clausen (4), Keeara Couchman, Bronte Simpson-Hay.

Year 9
Nicole Dorfer, Khye Edwards, Jake Jackson, Lucas O’Connor, Airley-Jane Stocks (2), Alex Thomson.

Year 10
Allie Edwards, Jessica Lees (2), Elise Thompson, Patrick Heyen, Sam Vrbanic.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Year 7
Chloe Quinn

Year 8
Zac Busuttil-Rochford, Lauren Corby, Niamh Ryan-McGinn, Summer Clausen (2).

Year 9
Airley-Jane Stocks

Year 10
Allie Edwards

COLLEGE AWARDS
Year 8
Zac Busuttil-Rochford, Lauren Corby, Summer Clausen.

Year 8
Airley-Jane Stocks

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### 2014 CALENDAR

- **Oct 7th**: Staff Development Day
- **8th**: Term 4 begins for students (Day 3 – Not Sport)
- **9th**: Per 1 Yr 8 Diocesan RE Test
- **10th**: Year 11 SLR Excursion
- **13th**: HSC Exams begin, 4 weeks
- **14th**: College Assembly – Lisieux Day
- **15th**: Year 9 & 10 Debating, Coffs
- **16th**: Year 7 2015 Orientation Day No. 1
  - pm Newsletter available
- **17th**: 4.45am – 8pm Dio Volleyball, Coffs

### TERM 4 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER

#### Week 1
- 6/10: Public Holiday
- 7/10: Pupil Free Day
- 8/10: Chris Reynolds, Charnel Larkin
- 9/10: Jennifer Curnow, Kim Smith
- 10/10: Gene Molloy, Angela Border-Baker

#### Week 2
- 13/10: Lisa Richard, Julie Van Den Driest
- 14/10: Jenni Van Den Broek, Faye Perry
- 15/10: Chris Reynolds
- 16/10: Jane Clare, Anne Daly
- 17/10: Peter Hyde, Jodie Champley

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**KINGSCLIFF SWIMMING CLUB Inc.**

**2014/2015 SEASON SIGN ON**

Come Join our exciting swimming club!
Race at your own level, make new friends.
Give your training some direction!

**Sign on Tuesday 7 October 2014**
Kingscliff Aquatic Centre
5.30pm to 7.00pm Membership fees are:
$90 for the first family swimmer Discounts apply for additional swimmers

**Club Season commences Tuesday 14 October 2014**
**Time 5.45pm to 7.30pm**

To find out more you can call Peter Brack on 0417 772323 or email
[mac.52@bigpond.com](mailto:mac.52@bigpond.com) or Kingscliff Aquatic Centre 02 66 704195.
WHAT? An excursion for MSPC students to travel to Brisbane for a matinee performance of “WICKED”!!

WHEN? Wednesday, March 11th 2015

HOW MUCH? $75 (includes ticket and return bus fare).

WHO CAN GO? This excursion is available to all MSPC students!

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO? This excursion is expected to be very popular. Follow the steps below:

1. Ask your parents for permission and inform them of the cost. (You can collect a note from the front office).
2. Email Mrs Cristini (kristinj@lism.catholic.edu.au) or give your name to Miss Rennes before the last day of this term!!
3. The $75 must be paid to the front office by Friday of the first week of Term 4!

This excursion will only go ahead if 40 students have paid their money to the front office by end of Week 1 Term 4!!

GET IN QUICK FOR YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THIS OUTSTANDINGLY BRILLIANT MUSICAL WHICH TELLS THE TALE OF THE TWO WITCHES FROM THE WIZARD OF OZ!