OPEN DAY
Thursday 19th March 2015

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Morning Session 9.30am - 11.30am
Evening Session 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Applications close
Friday 27th March 2015
Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

**Open Day**

Parents and friends of the College are invited to attend the Mt St Patrick College Open Day on Thursday 19th March, 2015 from 9.30 to 11.30am and from 5.00 to 6.30pm. The morning session will follow the usual day’s timetable with visitors able to observe a typical school day at Mt St Patrick College. Why not visit your son or daughter’s class for a few minutes and gain some understanding of their life in the classroom? In the morning session only, Tour Guides will accompany visitors on an extensive tour of our facilities. They will provide an explanation of some of the main features of the College and answer any questions that may arise.

The evening session is activity-based with displays, Choir and Band performances, Science experiments, PDHPE activities, Art and TAS workshops, powerpoint presentations and much more. There is something for everyone! The night is a wonderful opportunity for parents and members of the public to see the many exciting things that are happening at Mt St Patrick College. Come along and bring a friend. I am sure you will be most impressed by what you see.

**Enrolments 2016**

Enrolment Packages for Year 7, 2016 are now available from the College Office. The closing date for receipt of Enrolment Application Forms for students wishing to enter Years 7 or 11 in 2016 is Friday 27th March, 2015. All paperwork must be competed and submitted with the Enrolment Application Form by this date. Failure to submit the necessary paperwork will mean the enrolment process will not commence. Applications received after the closing date will not be processed.

2016 Enrolment Packages will be issued directly to Year 6 students at Mt St Patrick Primary School, St Joseph’s Primary School, South Murwillumbah and St John’s Primary School, Mullumbimby.

**Beacon**

Beacon is a new reward system that was introduced in 2014. The first four week cycle for 2015 began on Monday 23rd February and will end on Friday 20th March. A unique feature of Beacon is that it rewards effort, not marks. It is designed to provide feedback about a student’s academic engagement on a more regular basis. Now all students who work hard and adhere to the criteria, regardless of their results, will be acknowledged.

One Beacon Cycle has been planned each term. At the end of the Beacon Cycle, teachers allocate a score from 5 to 10 to every student in their class based on the criteria. A score of 1 is allocated for non-submission of a formal assessment task. The average of the subject scores is referred to as a student’s Beacon Score. When a student receives a Beacon Score of 9.5 to 10, a Gold Beacon Certificate is awarded. A Silver Beacon Certificate is awarded for a Beacon Score of 9.0 to 9.4 while a Bronze Beacon Certificate is awarded for a Beacon Score of 8.0 – 8.9.

Beacon is an acknowledgement that effort is an essential aspect of learning. It also provides potential employers with details about a person’s work ethic, a quality that all employers seek in an employee.

**Year 12 Exams**

Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations commence on Thursday 26th March and will conclude on Wednesday 1st April. The results of these exams contribute significantly to the school-based assessment for the Higher School Certificate. We wish Year 12 and accelerating Year 11 students every success with their exams.

**Staff Professional Development Days**

Parents are advised of the dates of two Staff Professional Development Days:
- Term 1 Thursday 2nd April, 2015 – the last day of Term 1
- Term 2 Monday 20th April, 2015 – the first day of Term 2

Students are not required to attend the College on these days.
Parents of Year 12

Parents of Year 12 may be interested in a fact sheet for parents titled ‘Surviving Year 12’ which has been produced by Beyond Blue. The sheet is on the College Website and can be accessed through ‘Links’ then ‘Surviving Year 12.’

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah Sigley of Year 12 on winning the local club division of the Murwillumbah Lions Youth of the Year Competition held on Tuesday 24th February. Sarah will now compete in the zone final being held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall this Saturday 7th March. We wish her well.

Fees Due - 13th March, 2015

The first payment of school fees for 2015 is due on Friday 13th March. Term 1 Tuition Fees, Elective Fees, the Resource Levy, the Facilities and Maintenance Fee and the Technology Levy are payable by this date. A discount applies if the total fees for the school year, including the Technology Levy, are paid in full by Friday 13th March, 2015. There is no extension on the discounted date. It would greatly assist the College if fees are paid by the due date please. Parents who require an extension of time are asked to please contact the Principal. Thank you in anticipation of your support of this matter.

In Hoc Signo Spes Mea

Tony Daly
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 EXAMS
These mid-course examinations will commence on Thursday 26th March, and will run until the final day of Term 1, April 1st. During this period Year 12 students need only attend school for their examinations, but must wear full dress or sports uniform. Study Rooms have been allocated at the College for every lesson of every day of the exam period for students to utilize, if needed.

Mary-Anne McShane
Assistant Principal

FACULTY NEWS

HSIE NEWS

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY BUSINESS PROGRAM.
Luke Byatt, a Yr 12 Business Studies student, recently represented the College at Griffith University. Luke sums up his experience below:

“The Griffith Business Outreach Program was an amazing experience of university life and provided me with opportunities to talk and create friendships. The program provided three specialised strands which included the business management strand, tourism, hotel, event and sport management strand and the commerce strand. Each was presented by an academic from Griffith University. I undertook the business management strand, which involved lectures on entrepreneurship and a tutorial. At the end of the day we were given an assessment which goes towards gaining early entry into Griffith. Overall the day was a wonderful experience, and I’m looking forward to returning in June. I highly recommend any student wishing to pursue a career in business to take this opportunity.”

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS DAY
The MSPC Enviro group organised the clean-up event in our school on Friday February 27. We were very successful in making our local environment a better place, and we have also highlighted areas to work on in the coming year. The list of CUA participants is:

Year 12
Graden Dare, Indika Grey.

Year 11
Lily Simke, Hayden Campbell, Grace Waters, Dean Kabbout, Alicia Rose, William Byrne, Bevan Wuyts, Jess Lees, Katie Jones, Georgia Hardy, Emily Ricketts.

Year 10

Year 9
Keeara Couchman

Staff
Patrick Weetman, Greg Culnane, Chris Core.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION
This Geography Competition will be held in Week 10 of this term. It consists of graded multiple choice questions for all year groups based on general knowledge and geographical skills. It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience, and entry is only three dollars, payable at the front office.

Mr Core
Leader of Learning - HSIE
FROM THE SPORTS DESK

DIOCESEAN SWIMMING

We wish the 18 students who are attending the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Kempsey on 11th March all the best and will be publishing a full report in our next newsletter. The MSPC team is:

Jared CARNEY, Jacob CHANDLER, Liliana EVANS, Louis HAMPSON, Joshua JONES, Alexandra MACDONALD, McKenzie MEHRTENS, Will MURNANE, Matilda NIMMO, Lily RAINFORD, Cecilia RYAN, Hayley SMITH, Grace SMITH, Reece WALTON, Anthea WARNE, Kate WILSON, Liam WILSON, Ruby WORTHINGTON

NSW ALL SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

MSPC had two students attend the recent NSW All Schools’ Triathlon held at Penrith Lakes.

Jack Orr (Yr 10) and Tahlia Hall (Yr 9) attended this event. Jack, competing in the 16 – 19 category finished 9th overall and 3rd for his age division and the competitors from the NSWCCC. Jack was happy with his race. He had an average swim, a fast cycle leg where he rode himself into the top 10 and finished strongly during his run giving up a spot. Tahlia, attending her first NSW All Schools enjoyed the experience and finished in the top half of a field of over 100 competitors.

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last weekend Sarah Champley (Yr 11) attended the QLD State Athletic Championships in Brisbane. Sara ran in both the 400m finishing 3rd and the U18, 800m event. In this event Sarah finished second but ran a qualifying time for the Australian Junior Athletic Championships to be held next week in Sydney. We wish her the best of luck for this National event.

DIOCESEAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

The Diocesan winter sports trials are to be held on 17th March, St Patrick’s Day. Congratulations to those students who have been invited to attend the trials in the following sports: Rugby League Opens Aiden Karam, Josh Livesey and Ben Brown, U15 Jackson Rohweder, Football Open Girls Grace Waters, Hayley Jones and Jessica Lees.

We wish all these players the very best of luck on the day. A reminder to parents that Rugby Union students must register directly on the NSWCCC webpage if they are interested in attending the NSWCCC Trials.

CRL OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE

Next Tuesday our Open Boys Rugby League team will attend a Gala Day at South Tweed Heads. We wish all the boys involved good luck and to coaches Mr Anderson and Mr Shepherd.

Tim Whitney
Sports Coordinator

AWARDS

LUCAN
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

Year 7
Tamsin Bell (2), Zac Macartney, Charlotte Dixon, Clare Blissett, Hayley Smith.

Year 8
Chloe Donald, Kiara Woodward, Mia Kirwan.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Year 8
Kiara Woodward

CALENDARS & ROSTERS

2015 TERM 1

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2015 CALENDAR

Mar 10th: Open CRL Gala Day, South Tweed
11th: Dio Swimming, Kempsey
‘Wicked’ Excursion, Brisbane
12th: Yr 12 Biology Exam
13th: Yr 10 History Excursion
17th: St Patrick’s Day
7pm St Patrick’s Day Concert
Winter Sports Trials
18th: Newsletter available
Yr 12 Oral English Task
19th: Open Day
20th: Beacon Cycle Closes
Day of action against Bullying and Violence
23rd: CCC Hockey Selection, Newcastle
Presentation to Yr 7 re Bullying, LOW’s
24th: Beacon Results available
Evacuations Drill
26th: Yr 12 Exams begin
27th: 6pm NOVO, Gilbey Centre
31st: College Assembly

April 1st: Northern League Trial
Holy Week Liturgy
Newsletter available
Yr 11 biology Excursion
Last Day Term 1
2nd: Pupil Free

TERM 1 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 7
9/3: Caroline Chandler
10/3: Moira Cooper, Jenny Gatt
11/3: Chris Reynolds
12/3: Sharon Horner, Kim Smith
13/3: Rosemarie Laybutt

Week 8
16/3
17/3: Jodie Heiniger
18/3: Chris Reynolds
19/3: Melinda Carron
20/3: Chanel Larkin, Helen Jones

1996 Newsletters

The College would like to obtain copies of the two December issues of the 1996 Newsletter.
If you can help, please contact the College on 02 66722340.
Trivia Night
Saturday 21st March at Murwillumbah Leagues Club

Fundraiser to help Dylan Clarke (Yr 11) to travel to Canada as part of the 2015 Track and Field Athletics Team in June.

6.30pm – questions commence 7pm

$15 per head includes entry plus nibbles (pizza at 8pm). Drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Book with Rae-Marie Day on 0266723698 or 0488266318 no later than Monday 16th March.

Murwillumbah Australian Football Club.

Sign on @ Training, Rabjones Oval
Elizabeth St, Murwillumbah.
U8s (mixed), U10s Boys
4pm Wednesdays, starting 4th March.
U10 to U12s GIRLS only team
4pm Wednesdays, starting 11th March.
U12s, U14s, U16s Boys
430pm Mondays & Wednesdays, starting 4th March.

For more info Phone President Judi Lee, 0402 158 755
U15 Rugby Union Players Wanted

Do you love Rugby Union but can’t find a team to join?
Are you a Rugby League player that wants to try out another code?

Casuarina Beach Rugby Union Club is looking for players (born in 2000) to join our U15 team.
Casuarina U15’s will be competing in the NSW Far North Coast this season. Competition starts mid-April. Games will be played on Friday nights.
Casuarina is a friendly community focussed club with low registration fees.

If you are interested contact Belinda on 0419 245 996 or drop in to training on Tuesday or Thursday night (from 5.30pm) at Casuarina Rugby Fields, Coast Road, Casuarina.

Choosing food for life

The Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes ‘Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life’ program (supported by Caritas Australia) is helping First Australians, like Karen, to take control of their money, and choose and prepare nutritious food to ensure a healthier future for their families.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion   1800 024 413

Sharing food for life

Mother of three, Sarita, could barely grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, she joined a program, run by Caritas Nepal, that gave a community group the training and support they needed to start a fish-raising business. Thanks to their hard work, Sarita and the group now have a thriving enterprise and a life-long source of food and income.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA LESSONS

I would like to invite you and your child to consider being a part of the Mt. St. Patrick Performing Arts Tuition Program where students are given access to quality tuition in Music and Drama.

Most of the lessons take place during school hours, but after school lessons may be arranged with individual teachers. Instrumental lessons are a half an hour in length and are held at the same time each week. Group lessons can be arranged where possible. When your child has attained a competent level on their instrument it will be expected that they join the school band. Below is the information for each of the teachers and lessons available. You can contact the teacher directly to arrange lesson times.

**BRASS**: Trumpet, Trombone
Teacher: **Sonya Lopez**
Mobile: 0413598320
Fees: $25 Individual, $20 group

**WOODWIND**: Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute
Teacher: **Martha Baartz**
Mobile: 0438 357 864
Fees: $30 Individual, $17 group

**DRUMS**: String
Teacher: **Brad Patterson**
Mobile: 0400 220 394
Fees: $20 Individual, $10 group

Teacher: **Karen Lee**
Home: 6677 1524
Fees: $25 Individual, $15 group.

**GUITAR**: Guitar, Bass
Teacher: **Peter McLaughlin**
Home: 66771365
Fees: $25 Individual, $15 group

Teacher: **Robynn Goddard**
Mobile: 0422 943 338
Email: robynn@redpolar.com.au
Fees: $26 Individual
Group: $18 group of up to 4 (longer lesson) + approx. $10 for music supply and copy.

**SINGING**: 
Teacher: **Lachlan Glasby**
Mobile: 0432 387 691 Email: lachlanglasby@gmail.com

Years 7-8 group drama on Mondays: 4.30 - 5.30
OR Years 7-8 group drama Tuesdays: 3.30-4.30

Interested students in other year levels can contact Lachlan for more information. The course covers topics such as projection, confidence, performance and puppetry and classes are held at the College.
Fees: $110 per term – covers all costs.

Fees are payable in advance at the beginning of the term unless other arrangements have been made. Thank you for your consideration of the information given.

Mrs. Antonia Pratt.
Music/Drama Co-ordinator,
Mt. St. Patrick College.