MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE’S
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Wednesday 29th April,
Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd May 2015
The Gilbey Multipurpose Centre
Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

**Lest We Forget**

Lord, on the centenary of ANZAC Day, we remember the courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during the first World War. We pray for them and their families and all those involved in wars, conflicts or peacekeeping operations in the last 100 years. We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as a result. May we gratefully remember the sacrifice of many servicemen and women and always live in a spirit of justice, generosity and peace. We ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

The centenary of ANZAC Day was commemorated by the College with a Liturgy in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre on Friday 24th April. The College community honoured all those who served in war, conflict or peacekeeping operations in the last 100 years including those who serve today. Of particular interest were former students of the College who served in the Australian Armed Forces in World War II or those who had some connection with Mt St Patrick High School and served in World War 1.

Charles Burke enlisted in World War 1 in January 1915. He sailed from Brisbane in April of that year aboard a ship bound for the Middle East. Four months later he was dead. Charles’ sister, Dorothy, was the first girl enrolled at Mt St Patrick High School when it opened in 1926. Dorothy received the Register of Admission number of 1. The sad circumstances of Charles’ death, and the ongoing difficulties the family endured, reflect the wider consequences of war, the sacrifices many made and the difficulties associated with transport, communication and administration at that time.

World War II was the first conflict in which ex-students of Mt St Patrick High School served their country. Thirty one former students enlisted in World War II, thirty men and one woman. As part of the Liturgy, the names of the thirty one were displayed on honour boards on the stage and became the main focus of our liturgy. The service record of each of the thirty one was also displayed on powerpoint slides as students carried forward a candle and poppy for each service person. Five made the ultimate sacrifice.

We also remembered the recent tragic deaths of two ex-students in Afghanistan. Nathan Bewes was killed in 2010 while Rowan Robinson lost his life in 2011. Many Year 12 students and staff remembered the part they played in a guard of honour at Nathan’s funeral.

Below is a list of ex-students who served in World War II. They were enrolled between 1927 and 1942 with many only just 18 years of age when they enlisted. Three family members from each of the O’Rourke and Taaffe families enlisted with one sibling from each family killed in war. Two members from the Byrne, Kelly and Sweetnam families enlisted.

- Sergeant Hugh Byrne
- Teleg John Byrne
- Trooper Patrick James Kelly
- Leading Aircraftman James Kelly
- Corporal Francis Patrick Sweetnam
- Private William Joseph Sweetnam
- Warrant Officer Philip James O’Rourke
- Corporal John (Jack) Leo O’Rourke (Died in WWII)
- Private Patricia Catherine O’Rourke
- Sergeant Arthur Robert Taaffe
- Private Dennis Taaffe (Prisoner of War)
- Private William Thomas Taaffe (Died in WWII)
- Sergeant Kevin Stanislaus Kennedy
- Lieutenant Robert Stevens Smith
- Private Francis Joseph Walker
- Private Peter James Smith
Private Vincent William Roland
Lance Corporal Vincent Thomas Kenny
Corporal Francis John Ringold
Pilot Officer Patrick Noel Kingston
(Died in WWII)
Signalman Kevin Jones
Private Edward Henry Gill
(Died in WWII)
Lieutenant William Michael Davies
Private Keith Patrick Kinneally
Private Lionel Vincent Duff
Flight Sergeant John Francis Worley
(Died in WWII)
Leading Aircraftman Bernard Gillieatt
Leading Aircraftman Francis Arthur Rigby
Private Gerald Vincent Kelly
Leading Aircraftman Stephen Clarence Hession
Leading Aircraftman John Kevin Hession
Nathan Bewes
Rowan Robinson

Parent Breakfast – Catholic Schools’ Week
The Parents’ and Friends’ Association have organised a breakfast for parents on Friday 8th May from 7.15am to 8.00am in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre. The breakfast is part of our celebrations for Catholic Schools’ Week. Fresh fruit, yoghurt, cereal, toast, fruit juice, tea and coffee will be served. Parents are most welcome to come along and to show your support of the Association and this initiative. The breakfast is an opportunity to meet other parents in a relaxed setting. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the College office by Tuesday 5th May, 2015.

High School Musical
Three performances of this year’s College musical ‘High School Musical’ were very successfully staged yesterday and today. Further performances will be held tomorrow night, Friday 1st May, and on Saturday night, 2nd May, beginning at 7.30pm in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre. Tickets are still available and may be booked online or through the College Office tomorrow only, Friday 1st May. An Adult ticket costs $15 while a Concession ticket is $10. The show is a credit to those involved and reflects the months of hard work by many staff and students. I highly recommend the show to the College community. It should not be missed!

Prayers Requested
Prayers are requested for Mr Peter Storey who has been in intensive care in Princess Alexandria Hospital, Brisbane for the last ten days. Mr Storey had a fall whilst fishing and was air-lifted to hospital with broken ribs, a fractured pelvis and head injuries. He remains in a serious condition.

Year 12 Reports
Year 12 Reports will be distributed to students on Friday 1st May 2015. The Year 12 Parent Teacher Interview Evening will be held on Thursday 14th May, 2015. Parents are invited to complete interview times for the Parent Teacher Interview Evening online through the College website or via the College Office.

Congratulations
Thanks to the 130 staff and students who marched in the Centenary ANZAC Day March in Murwillumbah on Saturday 25th April. Thanks also to the College Band who lead the local march and to Drumline who performed at the Dawn Service as well as the Murwillumbah march and the Cooee march.

Congratulations to Kate Wilson of Year 11 who won a gold medal in the 100 metres 15-16 years Multiclass Breaststroke event at the National Swimming Championship held during the holidays. Kate also gained silver medals in the 15 – 16 years 50 metres Breaststroke and the 16 – 18 years Individual Medley events.

Well done to Anthea Warne of Year 8 who also competed in the National Swimming Championships.
Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Kirra Beach during the holidays: Cody Bell, Jessica Carroll, Ryan Carroll, Luke Chaffer, Ela Heiniger, Isaac King, Joshua Jones, Joshua Quinn, Anthea Warne, Lewis Warne and Sarah Wilson.

In Hoc Signo Spes Mea

Tony Daly
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MURWILLUMBAH ANZAC DAY MARCH
The following students marched in Murwillumbah last Saturday. Thanks to Mrs Pratt and Mr Patterson for preparing the Band and Drumline for this event.

YEAR 7
Hayley Smith, Will Murnane, Emaleigh Shepherd, Flynn Everall, Holly Robson, Chloe Brawley, Hamish Purnell, Alfie Hirst, Madison Van Rosi, Therese Daley, Saxon Wales, Finn Whitney, Wraith Dare, Matilda Jones, Brendan Piccini, Cameron McCulloch, Charlotte Dixon, Connor Pearson, Emily Ward, Shakyra Gillard, Brooke Harvey

YEAR 8
James Keogh, Charlie Priest, Ella Fitzgerald, Stephanie Guinea, Chloe Quinn, Liam Wilson, Brooke Metcalfe, Tom Mumford, Cooper Leslie, Emily Gresham, Aidan McDonald, Taleigha Garbett, Tara Minns, Charlotte Morosini, Cecilia Ryan, Ben Champley, Oscar Rogers, Emily Annadale

YEAR 9
Lauren Corby, Jesse Wright, Arin Broughton, Patrick Gresham, Aslinn Wilson, Luke Bagnall, Felicity Guinea, Ciara Laybutt, Matteo Caridi, Hamish Brett, Harrison Smith, Isobelle Waugh, Kayla Hufton, Julia McRae, Caitlin Arthur

YEAR 10
Blake Gillard, Marcus Cargnoni, Shanay Allsop, Tom Fitzgerald, Laurie Pratt, Alison McClymont, Jake Murnane, Connor Purnell, Lilly McDonald Maddison Mumford, Sarah Wilson, Keogh, Lillian Guinea, Connor Brett, Tarla Brims, Lucas O'Connor, Emily Booth, Sidney Ewing, Nitura Broughton, Angus Brawley, Sophie Poulosd, Jordan Dickinson, Emily Harvey, Dekota Condon, McKenzie Youngblutt, Alyssa Armytage, Kai Annadale

YEAR 11
Sarah-Jane Guinea, Eadie Sherrah, Harry Sherrah Kate Wilson, Aodhan Wilson, Josh Quinn, Dylan Clarke, Jack Everall, Monique Chauvier, Blake McCalman, Jacob McRae, Sarah Champley, Tia Turner, Jane Higgins, Madison Zambelli, Alexis Hardes

YEAR 12

Mary-Anne McShane
Assistant Principal

FACULTY NEWS

RE NEWS
Proclaim Lismore Students 2015
YEAR 11 STREET RETREAT – A PENTECOST EXPERIENCE
Proclaim Lismore Students 2015 aims to provide a comprehensive continuum of Intentional Student Discipleship Programs across the Diocese for students from Year 5 to Year 12. These gatherings aim to bring Catholic secondary students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate and meet with other young people who practice their faith.

In 2015 six Year 11 students from our school will join students from each of the other parish secondary schools in attending the Street Retreat experience in Brisbane. This experience will form, equip and empower students to return to their parish communities with a passion for social justice and greater sense of the call of Jesus Christ to serve the poor.

Participants in the Street Retreat will spend from Thursday night 18th June to Sunday evening 21st June working with a range of social justice initiatives in Brisbane. Their participation may make a small contribution to those being served – but the event is first and foremost an exercise in faith development.

Participants will find the activities on the street retreat challenging and possibly confronting. Many activities run either very late at night or very early in the morning. The retreat will culminate in a celebration of Sunday Eucharist. In addition, all participants in 2015 must commit to a follow up Social Justice activity to be held in their own parish/school community following the Brisbane formation experience. Details of these activities will be made available to students upon their selection.

In discerning which students might participate in this retreat experience, the diocese has recommended the following selection criteria:
- Catholic students who can demonstrate involvement in their parish.
- Catholic students who have attended previous student discipleship programs
- Students who exhibit the following attributes:
  - a strong sense of social justice
  - initiative
  - common sense
  - a mature character

A number of Mt St Patrick College students have already expressed an interest in this event. We can, however, only offer 6 places. Any student who would like to be considered is asked to write a brief statement supporting their nomination on the information sheets provided by Mr O'Donohue and available at the front office. Attention should be given to the stated selection
criteria. Nominations should be handed to Mr O'Donohue no later than Friday 8th May.

Successful applicants will be asked to make a contribution of $50 towards the cost of this experience.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Thank you to the College staff and students for their efforts during Lent in raising money for Project Compassion and its projects. At this stage a total of $1656 has been raised through the St Vincent de Paul Pancake Day, the SRC Rice Day and donations in Homeroom. Special thanks to some Homerooms who raised in excess of $100. This is a wonderful example of giving without expecting anything in return. Some money is still to come in so hopefully a final total will be given in the next newsletter.

Many Australian and Overseas projects and communities will benefit greatly from the money raised, as around 90 cents in every dollar actually reaches people. This is the highest ratio of any fund-raising organization. The money will help achieve the 8 Millennium Development Goals set by the nations of the world in 2000. This effort by the College Community certainly reflects the Gospel Values of Commitment, Justice and Compassion.

Mick O'Donohue
Leader of Evangelisation

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

The College Cross Country Carnival will be held next Tuesday afternoon 5th May at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds. Students will run either 3, 4 or 5km depending on their age group. The top 6 athletes will be held to qualify for the Diocesan event to be held in Grafton on 21st May. Those athletes will receive their permission note after they finish the event. The Competition should begin at 2pm.

**AUSSIES SURF LIFE SAVING SUCCESS**

The iconic “Aussies” held their 100th Surf Life Saving Championships on the beach at North Kirra during the Term 1 holidays. From April 11th – 19th over 2500 athletes from across the country came to compete. The event was blessed with tremendous weather and some good surf conditions. Many MSPC students took on the best in the country and some WON. Regular readers will know that we do very well as a College in this sport and it is only due to the dedication of the athletes who challenge themselves in the water and on the sand each week. Below is a comprehensive list of all the MSPC students who competed in this prestigious event and their placings:

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**COCHRANE CUP RUGBY LEAGUE**

Mr Anderson and Mr Shepherd will travel to St John’s College, Woodlawn on Wednesday 6th May with our U14 Cochrane Cup Rugby League team. The team will play in a round robin tournament to find a regional winner which will progress further in the competition. We wish them good luck and await a report and some pictures in our next newsletter.

**QUEENSLAND HOCKEY SUCCESS**

I played in the Australian hockey U15’s championships on the Gold Coast in the holidays. We went into camp on the Tuesday after Easter and started competition on Saturday April 11th. We had a hard pool, as we played against NSW 1, Vic 1, and WA 1. We won all of our games and finished on top of our pool. Qld 2 (Chloe Jones) was also undefeated in their pool games and we actually had to play each other in the cross over pool. QLD 1 was victorious 6-1.

Saturday QLD 1 played WA 2 in the semi-final and won the game 2-1. Qld 2 played WA 1 in the other semi-final game and they unfortunately got beaten.
The final was played on Saturday after some pretty intense hockey. QLD 1 was pumped as we had been undefeated all tournament. We started the game well however could not get the ball into the net. The score was nil all at half time. QLD 1 came out firing in the second half and scored 2 quick goals however WA soon hit back and scored. With only 3 minutes left on the clock QLD up 2-1. WA got a corner and QLD saved the goal however a mistake saw a penalty infringement and with only 30 seconds to go WA got another penalty corner. This was very intense as WA had a shot at goal and it went through the goal keeper’s legs but as we thought it was going for goal the fullback saved the day by stopping the ball on the line. QLD WON 2-1.

WE WON THE GOLD MEDAL.

Qld 2 came away with a Bronze medal defeating WA 2 in there match 3-2.

Qld received Gold and Bronze medallions. Qld has not won this event for the last 15 years. Hockey Qld has a bright future and maybe one day we might see them playing for the Hockeyroos?!

SWIMMING NATIONAL TITLES
Kate Wilson and Anthea Warne both attended the National Swimming Championships at Sydney during the second week of the holidays.

Kate is the Australian 15-16yr multiclass 100m breaststroke Champion. She competed at Nationals, firstly in the Opens then in Age Groups. Kate swam lots of Personal Bests during the 9 days and 5 nights of Competition. She also received 2 silver medals, one in the 15-16yr 50m breaststroke and one in the 16 – 18yr 200 Individual medley.

Anthea also competed at age Nationals. This event started a day after her Aussies SLS commitments so Anthea had a huge program swimming in 7 events. Anthea qualified for the 12- 13yr 100m butterfly final and placed 5th.

TOUCH FOOTBALL
Daryl Brooks travelled to Port Macquarie over the holidays to compete in the NSW U18 Touch Football Championship. Daryl was part of the Northern Eagles team. Whilst the team finished the Carnival out of the placings, the experience was invaluable. Daryl played well all tournament which was in itself remarkable considering he injured his ankle badly 4 weeks ago. Well done.

SOLOMON ISLANDS MOVIE NIGHT MAY 14th
A major fundraising night for the Solomon Islands Project will take place at Coolangatta Cinemas on Thursday May 14th at 6.45pm.

The movie is ‘Pitch Perfect 2’
The cost of the night is $12 per ticket.
A popcorn and drink deal at $5 can also be obtained.
Tickets are available at the College Office from Monday 4th May. There are only 250 tickets, so be quick.

A bus will leave the College at 5.00pm and return after the movies at a cost of $10 if we have enough takers. Purchase a bus ticket at the College Office also.

All money raised will buy building materials for The Solomon Islands Immersion Program.

25 students are travelling to the Solomon Islands in July. They will be involved in a building program at the Tanagaii school involving maintenance work and providing toilets for the students.

Please come along and support this great initiative.

The Solomon Islands committee

Daryl 4th from right in the back row
Tim Whitney
Sports Coordinator
JobJump.com.au

The College is happy to announce it has purchased a whole school licence for the website JobJump.com.au.

It’s a fantastic resource for all students and their parents interested in future careers or opportunities during or after school including University information, Course ATARS, Gap Years and Overseas Study Prospects, Apprenticeships, University Taster days and current career’s information.

To get a log on for either a parent or students simply go to “jobjump.com.au”, select “Mt St Patrick College Murwillumbah”, Enter an email address you use regularly (using individual school email address might be a good idea for students) and use the password "mspc". For students select favorite subjects, interests and answer some simple questions and you’re in! Have a look around the site and see what interests you. Parents, this is a great opportunity to see what’s out there for your child and may help you answer some questions your children may have. Any questions though please feel free see Mr Lynch.

AWARDS

NAGLE
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Year 7
Alexandra MacDonald, Indiana Nuspan, Ella Perry, Jayke Mellows, Brendan Piccini, Jai Harris, Trinity Wilson.

Year 8
Emily Annandale, Alex Flannery, Bryce Holmes.

Year 10
Nitara Broughton, Samantha Miller-Smylie, Brynce Reid.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Year 8
Emily Annandale.

YEAR12 AWARDS

NAGLE
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Chelsie Mepstead, Maya Smith.

LISIEUX
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Hannah Bromwich, Madeline Keyte.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Hannah Bromwich, Madeline Keyte.

LUCAN
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Georgia Condon (2), Chloe Dittmar (2), Sophie Kirk, Keiara McMaster, Ashleigh Mumford, Amie Smith.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Georgia Condon, Chloe Dittmar, Ashleigh Mumford, Amie Smith.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Georgia Condon, Chloe Dittmar, Ashleigh Mumford, Amie Smith.
Anzac Day March