Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

Golden Jubilee

In June 1965, 50 years ago this month, construction began on the Fitzpatrick Block. The building marked the beginning of a significant change in education at Mt St Patrick High School and the most significant changes in the history of education in NSW. Many small Catholic secondary schools were closed. Science, PE and Craft became compulsory subjects. Secondary education increased from five to six years with the introduction of the Higher School Certificate. The School Certificate replaced the Intermediate Certificate with junior secondary education increased from three to four years.

Students from small secondary schools that were closed had to travel to a central or regional school. Mt St Patrick began the Catholic regional school in the Tweed Valley and adopted the named Mt St Patrick Regional High School in 1966. St Brigid’s High School, Burringbar and St Columba’s High School, Uki were closed at the end of 1962. St Joseph’s High School, Tweed Heads closed at the end of 1965.

The Fitzpatrick Block was built to accommodate the increased enrolments expected in 1966 and to conform to the requirements of the new curriculum. The parishioners of Murwillumbah generously donated the money to construct the Fitzpatrick Block through the Planned Giving Program as very little government financial support was available at that time. The Fitzpatrick Block is now the oldest building on site apart from Presentation House. As a three storey building, it was a very impressive sight at the time of its construction.

The Golden Jubilee is an appropriate time to give thanks to the many people who have influenced the growth and development of Mt St Patrick College not only in the last fifty years but since the College was established in 1926. The building symbolises the faith the parish community had in Catholic education and their willingness to sacrifice financially so that the students of the Tweed Valley would have an up-to-date facility. The College has been blessed over many years with committed Presentation Sisters, Parish Priests, parishioners and staff who have ensured the viability and quality of Catholic education in Murwillumbah.

Loreto Day

At a College Assembly on Tuesday 2nd June, our community celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, patron of Australia and of Loreto House. Our celebrations marked Loreto House Day.

As is the custom on House Days, symbols that identify the House are arranged on stage as a focus for the Assembly. This year, a new large image of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians was one of the central features of the procession of
Loreto symbols. The image was specially ordered for Loreto House Day and, after many phone calls over a number of months, arrived in time. It was a one-off print with approval required.

A second new symbol was used for the first time in the symbol’s ceremony. A large set of aboriginal rosary beads were used in honour of Our Lady’s prayer. The cross, painted in traditional aboriginal design, and the beads, made of gumnuts, are held together with platted string. The aboriginal rosary beads also acknowledged Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week held three weeks ago. Our Assembly began by lighting an aboriginal candle prior to the Welcome to Country in recognition of these two important events.

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.

Staff Professional Development Days – First Notice
Mt St Patrick College staff will participate in a Staff Professional Development Day on Monday 13th July 2015, the first day of Term 2. Students are not required to attend the College on that day.

The first day of school for students in Term 3 will be Tuesday 14th July 2015, Day 17 of the timetable.

Years 7 and 11 Parent Teacher Interview Evening
Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 and 11 will be held on Thursday 25th June, 2015, commencing at 3.30 pm in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre. Access to the Centre will be by Queensland Road. As the night is expected to be extremely busy for teachers, parents could assist with the organisation by completing their booking online the day reports are received and to 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 issued towards the end of Week 9 which commences on Monday 15th June. The Year 8, 9 and 10 Reports will be sent home on the last day of Term 2, Friday 26th June.

Fees Due - 5th June, 2015
The second payment of school fees was due last Friday 5th June, 2015. It would greatly assist the College if fees are paid by the due date. Parents who require an extension on this due date must contact the Principal. Thank you in anticipation of your support of this matter.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Under 16 Boy’s Hockey Team who won the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Hockey Championship in Grafton on Friday 29th May, 2015. A magnificent effort to be named State Champions!

Congratulations to the Under 16 Girl’s Hockey who won all of their games and their division at the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Hockey Championship in Grafton two weeks ago.

Year 9 2016 Elective Meeting
A meeting for parents regarding elective subjects for Year 9 2016, will be held in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre on Tuesday 16th June beginning at 6.30pm.

In Hoc Signo Spes Mea

Tony Daly
Principal

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The Diocese of Lismore, through the Catholic Schools Office, will be co-ordinating and subsidising the participation of up to 130 parishioners from across the Diocese to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Adelaide on 3-5 December, 2015.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. The first ACYF was held in Melbourne in December 2013. In 2015 young people are invited to attend the ACYF hosted by the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Young people from Year 9 (in 2015) to young adults 25 years of age are invited to attend the event. The schools’ group from Lismore will consist of students from Years 9-11 with an allocation given to each Parish Secondary School. Student participants will be asked to make a co-contribution of $350.00. This cost will help subsidise flights, accommodation and registration, which also covers most meals.

To express interest in a place on the trip, students will need to collect a form from the front office and return it by Friday 12 June. Please include the $350.00 co-contribution payment with the permission note and return to the school office. A full refund will be given to unsuccessful applicants. Those requiring a payment schedule may pay a deposit to secure an expression of interest, then full payment in instalments if successful. Please consult Mrs Davies in the front office if this is preferable.

Further details on the ACYF can be found at the website: http://www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au/

LEAD Conference
On Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June, 17 Year 10 and 2 Year 11 students attended a youth rally with Fr Rob Galea, an international speaker and musician, and the LEAD Conference in Lismore at Trinity Catholic College and St John’s College, Woodlawn.

CSYMA LEAD is a Student Leaders Conference that seeks to gather potential leaders who can be equipped in ministry and formed in faith. LEAD also seeks to resource Youth Ministry student leaders to return to their school communities ready to share their faith with their peers. It was an overnight experience that allowed students to build relationships with other students from the north of the Diocese as well as a chance to talk and share their faith journey and peer to peer ministry. We look forward to the fruits of this gathering.

Mick O'Donohue
Leader of Evangelisation

LEAD is a Student LEAD Conference

Thank you doesn’t seem enough to express our appreciation for the volunteers who acted as Readers and Writers during this busy examination period. Special thanks go to:

Mr Kevin Parsons, Mrs Janice Larkin, Ms Jenny Ide, Ms Annie Bossink, Mrs Sheila Johnston, Ms Grace Molloy, Mrs Jacqui Annandale, Mrs Angela Jordan, Mrs Kari Rawlings, Mrs Anne Daly, Mrs Sandra Salamanca, Mrs Vernita McGkeran, Ms Lesley Bridges, Ms Anouk Beck, Mrs Cara Graham, Mrs Leah Shelton, Mrs Lisa Houlahan, Mrs Christine Akehurst, Mrs Barbara Broadbeck, Mrs Deb Cocks, Mrs Jodie Chamley and Mr Bill Battese.

The students who were assisted also expressed their appreciation to the Learning Support Centre staff for the extra work they do at this time.

Mrs Kathryn Cristini
Additional Needs Teacher

COLLEGE NEWS

INDIGENOUS NEWS

SORRY DAY MAY 26TH AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK MAY 27TH TO JUNE 3RD

On Tuesday May 26th all students in their Homerooms prayed: “God of all Creation, You gave your only son Jesus who died and rose again so that sins would be forgiven. We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have experienced. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.” All students heard the story of Lauren Jarrett, an Aboriginal woman who was forcibly removed from her parents when she was 9 years of age in 1966. Sorry Day is a sad day for Australian Indigenous people when they remember themselves and/or family taken away from their homes and placed in state or religious institutions or foster homes. Students were asked to reflect on these events and pray for healing and understanding for these people.

Throughout the May 27th to June 3rd week all Australians were invited to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. By referring to the 1967 referendum and the 1992 Mabo decision, the week reminds us that great achievements take courage and persistence.

Bill Turner Trophy

On Friday 22nd May the MSPC Bill Turner Trophy Girls team played their Round 3 game against Wollumbin High School. The game was a tight contest, with Wollumbin making a number of early breaks and placing pressure on the MSPC defence. Defence quickly turned into attack with Georgina Avery scoring the first game of the match in the 5th minute. The game continued to be tight until Melia Loveridge scored in the 20th and 23rd minutes and Brianna Dank scored in the 22rd minute. Wollumbin scored in the first half making the half time score 4-1. The second half saw a quick goal scored by Wollumbin. This was quickly followed by another goal for MSPC by Sara Santos in the 39th minute. The second half continued to be a competitive game, with MSPC scoring a final goal in the 55th minute again by Melia Loveridge, to bring up her ‘hat trick’ for the match. The final
result on the whistle was a 6-2 victory to MSPC. The girls now progress to the 4th round against Southern Cross High School, Ballina today Thursday 11 June at Jim Devine Oval. The results of this game will be published in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to the girls on their win Round 3 and best wishes for today’s game.

Ryan Campbell

CCC Soccer – Blacktown

It began with an extremely long 12hr bus ride to our destination in Sydney before a light training session on a chilly Monday morning at our accommodation. We began our first game well against Metropolitan Catholic College leading 1-0 at half time. Labelled the underdogs, after half time we continued to keep possession and made numerous opportunities unfortunately conceding 2 quick goals and being defeated 2-1. With just an hours’ break we were at it again, this time against tougher opposition (Southern Sydney). Unfortunately it was not our afternoon delight losing 3-0 against a tough team.

On all trips there has to be those few that decide to take an afternoon nap, and this time it was Todd and I who decided it would be an awesome idea to take a nap that resulted in us missing dinner. With an early 6:30am breakfast we were on the bus again to play out 2 more matches against very competitive sides. Our first game at 9am was a slow start against Mailland/Newcastle. We never gained the lead in this match but had our chances and were unlucky to come away with a 3-1 defeat. As injuries began to occur our final game was not easy. However with positive spirit our Lismore boys came out firing and hoping for the win. Going into half time 1-0 was not the result we were after but again a tough opposition made us work for it and sure enough we found an equaliser as unfortunately a free kick to level it up 1-1. However MCS did not stop firing. Thankfully, for our keeper, we managed to hold them out but could not find the net a second time ourselves. It was good to come away with a draw and what a fantastic experience it was!

Todd and Arnold
Arnold Walsh

Diocesan Cross Country

The Diocesan Cross Country Carnival was held on 28th May at McAuley Catholic College, Grafton in very wet and muddy conditions. The team of 29 students faced heavy rain at times whilst competing. The weather did not dampen their enthusiasm and the students were extremely competitive in completing the challenging course. By the end of the day their once pristine white socks and clean sports uniform were completely grey and splattered with mud. This was an unavoidable consequence of them giving their all out on the track.

MSPC came away with four Diocesan Age Champions and a total of ten members selected to represent the Lismore Diocese at the CCC Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek.

Age Champions:
1st Morgan Mathews 13 years
1st Jared Carney 13 years
1st Hayley Smith 14 years
1st Lilith Malcolm 16 Years

And other notable performances included
2nd Chlo Quinn 14 Years

All students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and efforts, particularly in the very trying conditions. Their cooperation and the sportsmanship shown were commendable. Thanks go to Mr Shepherd who spent 3 hours as a course marshal in very wet and cold conditions. Also to Ms Devine and Miss Laufer who assisted with the managing of the students both before and after their races.

Narelle Chaffar

NSWCCC Hockey Championships, Grafton 2015

5am, Thursday 28th May, front of Presentation House. A band of students, one parent and their hopeful coaches prepare themselves for a couple of busy days of Hockey. Departing almost on time, we commenced the two and a half hour journey to Grafton, picking up the rest of the crew on the way. Having not participated in these championships since 2008, Mt St Pats were heading into unchartered territory.

Under 16 Girls Hockey
Early Thursday 28th May, sixteen girls, along with the U16 MSPC Boys team travelled to Grafton to compete in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Hockey Championships.

The first round opponent was Catherine McAuley from Westmead. The girls began the game at an astounding pace with goals being scored every couple of minutes. Catherine McAuley were trapped in their own half for the duration of the game as the MSPC girls focused on finishing the game with a high for and against. The final score was a comprehensive 14 – 0 win, with eight members of the team scoring one or more goals.

The second round match was against St Clare’s High School, Taree. This match also saw the girls start at a frantic pace with the final score 9 – 0. The MSPC defence again did not have to work very hard. Six girls scored one or more goals during this match.

The MSPC girls were drawn against MacKillop College. St Paul’s High School, Port Macquarie for Round 3. The girls again continued to place pressure on the opposition scoring eight unanswered goals, finishing up 8-0, with another six girls scoring.

Round 4 saw a tight match against St John Bosco College, Engadine. This was the last match of the day and after a long day the girls pushed themselves hard, with St John’s placing pressure on the MSPC defence for the first time throughout the day. The girls won comfortably again 5 – 0.

The final round game was held Friday morning against St Pius X High School, Adamstown. After a solid rest overnight, the girls again began strongly and won the match 9 – 0.

Undefeated in the round games, saw MSPC finish 1st in the division and qualify for the Final. The opponent for the match was St John Bosco College. The game started with both teams working hard for possession, with MSPC missing a number of scoring opportunities. The girls continued to persevere, placing pressure on the St John Bosco’s defence. After some wonderful lead up work, MSPC scored through Tamsin Bell. The girls...
worked hard throughout the first half, finishing with a score line of 4 – 0, with Tamsin Bell scoring all four goals. The second half continued to be the tight, with MSPC again failing to score off a number of opportunities. The final score at the end of the match was 4 – 0, with the girls being NSWCCC U16 Girls ‘B’ Division Champions.

Congratulations to all the girls who were part of the team. It was truly a team effort, with many of the goals coming from slick teamwork. Congratulations to the girls also for not conceding any goals for the entire two days, with no team having a shot at the goal or the girls conceding a penalty corner. The goal scorers and the Champion team are listed below. We would also like to thank Mrs Schultz and Mr Shepherd for attending the Championships with the girls and helping them out throughout the tournament.

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NSWCCC Hockey Champions ‘B’ Division
Tamsin Bell, Georgia Buch, Felicity Guinea, Emily Harvey, Brooke Harvey, Chloe Jones, Ruby Livesey, Brodie Palmer, Chloe Saddler, Brooke Saddler, Ella Shultz, Hayley Smith, Beth Van Den Driest, Fianna Wilkinson and Jessica Wyborn

Under 16 Boys:
The boys' first opponents were Red Bend College, Forbes. Finding themselves behind 0-1 after 5 mins, the team finally found their rhythm to lead 2-1 at the break. The second half was dominated by some fine teamwork from MSPC, blowing out to a 4-1 lead, before a late goal from RBCC saw the final score at 4-2 to MSPC. The second game against McCarthy College, Tamworth, was on a grass field, and in what was to become a seemingly common occurrence, the boys were down 0-2 after 5 mins. After making the necessary adjustments to playing on grass, the boys started to climb their way back into the game, with 3 short corner goals to lead 3-2 at half time. Two more goals in the second half made the final score 5-2. Belief had set in!

The third game was to be against McAuley Catholic College, Grafton, who had won their three previous matches. It was our turn to hit the first goal this time, and we held onto the lead until just before half time, when MCC equalised. The second half was end to end with neither team dominating, until 5 mins before the end when MSPC scored the winning goal. A 2-1 win and a share of the lead in the competition. Our final game under lights against MacKillop College St Pauls’ High School, Port Macquarie, was a tough affair, with the scores locked at 0-0 at half time. MSPC shot out of the blocks in the second half, scoring 3 quick goals, before SPHS clawed one back. This spurred MSPC to action, with another 3 goals following in quick succession. A late goal to the opposition saw the final score at 6-2. A successful day for the boys, with 4 wins from 4 games.

The second day started with our match against St Clare’s, Taree. This team had had some close games with their opposition, and came out firing. An unlucky own goal saw us down 0-1 at half time, and a late goal to St Clare’s saw the final score 0-2. The boys were disappointed but realised that they were still in a position to make the final. To get there we had to beat St Pius X High School, Adamstown. Fortunately, this was played on the artificial turf field which suited MSPC’s style of play. Totally dominating both halves of the match, MSPC ran out 10-0 winners to ensure a place in the final, against Catherine McAuley, Grafton.

The final was an outstanding display of attacking play from both teams, with MSPC coming out on top in the first half to lead 2-0. CMCC came out all guns blazing in the second half to totally dominate play, hitting the post, before scoring the first of their two second half goals. With 2 mins to play, MSPC finally managed to get out of our own half for the first time to put on a last ditch attack, resulting in a short corner. The sound of the ball hitting the backboard was the catalyst for some fantastic celebrations from the team and their supporters, and with the final whistle sounding, MSPC were now the NSWCCC Under 16 Boys Champions for 2015 following their 3-2 win. All members of the team were outstanding ambassadors for MSPC, both on and off the field. The team was: Jake Murnane (Captain), Tom O’Keefe, Liam Sproule, Adam Aboud, Will Murnane, David Macartney, Jack Prichard, Oscar Rogers, Reuben Kahl, Tai Shortis-Thompson, Jimmy Keogh, Joseph Goddard-Zammit and Laurie Pratt.

A huge thank you to Mathew Marshall (Murwillumbah High School) and Harrison Gray (St Joseph’s College) for undertaking the umpiring duties, not only for the games they were rostered for, but almost every game that they were asked to do as well. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Kyliie Schulz for coming away with the squad and helping out with the girls' team. Your assistance was invaluable. 2016...Newcastle?

Mr Hoy and Mr Campbell
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Vinnies Winter Appeal:
The MSPC Vinnies Conference launched its Winter Appeal during the last College Assembly. The Appeal asks students to place non-perishable food items and blankets into the boxes at the front of their homerooms. Family support for the Appeal would be greatly appreciated by sending in the gifts before Thursday 25th June. During the Sacred Heart Mass on 25th June the donated goods will be given to Vinnies for distribution in our local community.

TERM 2 2015 CANTEEN ROSTER
Week 9
15/6  Charnel Larkin  
16/6  Peter Hyde  
17/6  Chris Reynolds  
18/6  Anne Daly  
19/6  Jodie Champley

Week 10
22/6  Lisa Richards  
23/6  Jodie Heiniger  
24/5  Chris Reynolds  
25/6  Julie Van Den Driest  
26/6  Amanda Bele

WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!
WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300884733.