Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

**Senior Honour Awards**

Senior Honour Awards were presented to Year 12 students at their last College Assembly held on Wednesday 2nd September, 2015. 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 2015 Senior Honour Award recipients:

**Senior Honour Award for Religious Contribution**
Emily Clark, Sophie Kirk, Sarah Larkin, Peter Piccini-Lulham, Ashleigh Mumford, Reece Palmer

**Senior Honour Award for College Spirit**
Luke Byatt, Luke Chaffer, Patrick Daly, Graden Dare, Jacob Ehlefeldt, Charlie Grimshaw, Ela Heiniger, Jessica King, Maddison King, Reece Palmer, Sarah Sigley, Amie Smith, Arnold Walsh

**Academic Senior Honour Award**
Alya Bower-Williams, Claire Larkin, Sarah Sigley, Mollie Wilson

**Senior Honour Award for Performing Arts**
Riley Jones, Claire Larkin, Sarah Sigley

**Senior Honour Award for Leadership**
Jacob Ehlefeldt, Sarah Sigley

**Senior Honour Award for Community Service**

**Debating/Public Speaking Senior Honour Award**
Ela Heiniger, Mollie Wilson, Sarah Sigley

**Special Honour Award**
Luke Chaffer, Graden Dare, Ela Heiniger, Isaac King

**Senior Honour Award for Sport**
Luke Chaffer, Ela Heiniger, Isaac King, Arnold Walsh
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 18th 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 18th September will follow the usual day’s timetable with teaching continuing until the final bell at 3.14pm. Parents are asked to please contact me if there are concerns about this legal requirement.

Year 11 Preliminary Examinations - Absences

Year 11 HSC Preliminary Examinations will begin tomorrow, Friday 4th September, and conclude on Friday 11th September. Year 11 must attend school in the final week of Term 3, commencing Monday 14th September, 2015. Absences during the week commencing Monday 14th 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 official 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 must implement the requirements of the Board.

Big Day Out

A very successful Big Day Out was held on Tuesday 1st September. The day marked the beginning of our major fundraising event of the year culminating in the Melbourne Cup Trifecta. The Big Day Out began with an Assembly to judge the best dressed homeroom and House. Congratulations to students on the wonderful array of dress themes that included the Wiggles, Instagram, Happy Days, tradies, Wedding Guests, The Elderly, 1950’s, Animals, Triple Zero, Horror and Pirates and Spies. All Year 12 dressed to the same theme of prisoners and made a grand entrance to the Gilbey Stage to the song ‘Prisoners of Society.’

Food stalls and various types of activities were organised for the afternoon by homeroom classes. Bubble Soccer proved to be very popular with most participants more interested in knocking each other over rather than playing soccer. The day ended with the finals of the Term 3 Lunchtime Touch Football Competition. The last game of the day was between Year 11 Lisieux and Staff. Staff won convincingly. Fortunately, Year 11 Lisieux has another opportunity next year to claim the title and, of greater importance to them and the students, defeat the staff.

Year 12 Graduation Mass and Assembly

Parents of Year 12 are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Farewell Assembly on Thursday 17th 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 please.

All College students are required to wear their dress uniform to school on Thursday 17th September.

Staff Professional Development Day

A Staff Professional Development Day will be held on Tuesday 6th October 2015, the first day of Term 4. Students are not required to attend the College on that day.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kate Wilson of Year 11 who has been selected in the Australian Paralympic Development Squad. Kate will attend a camp with the squad at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra during the first week of the holidays.

Fees

Thank you to the many parents who have finalised fee payment. As you are aware, fees are payable over three terms with Friday 28th August, 2015, the final date for payment of all fees. Please finalise outstanding fees before Friday 18th September, the last day of Term 3.
A Special Request

Next year Mt St Patrick College will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the inception of Mt St Patrick Regional High School. Mt St Patrick College was founded as Mt St Patrick High School in 1926 and became known as Mt St Patrick Regional High School in 1966 after the introduction of the Wyndham Scheme. The start of Mt St Patrick Regional High School accompanied many changes to the school and so is a significant milestone in the 89 year history of the College. Our celebrations will reflect that significance.

A Jubilee Book will be printed to mark the occasion. The book will focus on photos and memories of school life from ex-students, parents, teachers or others from the 1960’s to the present. Written contributions would be much appreciated, no matter how large or small. Photos of the 1960’s, especially of 1965 and 1966, are difficult to source and would make a valuable contribution to the book. Photos will be scanned and returned immediately.

Written contributions and/or photos may be left or posted to Mt St Patrick College (PO Box 105, Murwillumbah) or emailed to mspcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible or hopefully before the end of September. A response to this special request will ensure that the Jubilee Book and our 50th Anniversary celebrations will be a wonderful reflection of the last 50 years. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

In Hoc Signo Spes Mea

Tony Daly
Principal

MINISTRY

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMME

As part of the College Anti-Bullying Programme, Year 7-8 students watched a performance by Brainstorm Productions on Friday 14th August. ‘The Hurting Game’ is a play about the hurtful games we play to give ourselves a false sense of power and belonging. This reinforces the College’s core values and teaching about respect, self-image and resilience. The discussion and questioning after the performance and the feed-back from students indicated that this was a very worthwhile activity. It also gave students strategies to avoid being a bully or a target and how to more effectively be a member of the College community.

The cost of $6.00 for the performance was paid by the College through welfare funding directed towards ensuring that all students feel safe while at school.

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR YEAR 12 HSC STUDENTS

Prayer Sponsors have been proposed 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/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.
GUEST SPEAKER: SAM CLEAR: WALK4ONE
On Monday 24th August Sam Clear spoke to Year 7-12 students about his 15,636 kilometres walk around the world promoting Unity of All Christians and spreading a message of Love and Truth. His journey, the many experiences he had and the people he met, was really a journey of faith and trust in God. Sam shared how listening to the whisperings of God can have an enormous influence on the direction and meaning in our own lives. The following comments from students indicate the impact that he had:

Sam is an inspirational man and he has personally inspired me to pray for love and unity as one at 4:01 every day. (Maddie)

Hearing his story for the 3rd time now has not only changed the way I act in everyday life, but the way I choose my options in the long run, and not choosing the easy way every time. (Bryce)

Sam Clear is the perfect example of a leader and a disciple of Jesus, which is just what the Lismore youth need. (Lilly)

He is one of the greatest people that I have had the pleasure of meeting. (Sidney)

Such an incredible story, felt so lucky to be able to hear him speak for a third time. (Milly)

It was such a good example of trusting in God and having faith. It’s a story I will keep forever. (Maddie)

It’s made me look at my life in a new and different light. His story is one that I’ll tell my grandchildren when I’m old and grey. (Lilith)

To walk on even when times get tough and not take the easy option because the outcome will have a greater satisfaction. (Rowan)

He also motivated me to become a better person and always help those around me. (Isobel)

CSYMA SHINE GATHERING
On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August approximately 600 Year 9 and 10 CSYMA students (and some Year 11 helpers) from across the Lismore Diocese gathered in Coffs Harbour for SHINE. The theme ‘Go forth and set the world on fire’ (St Ignatius of Loyola) was explored through rallies, speakers, workshops, discussion groups, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Adoration and simply being with others. Rallies, lead 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 special congratulations to Sidney Ewing who courageously and clearly shared his faith journey to the whole group and received a standing ovation. Well done to everybody. Feedback from students:

Shine was that good. The music was amazing and the experiences I had were so deep, personal and awesome. The people I met were incredible and inspirational. (Sidney)

So good to strengthen my faith not alone but with a group of understanding people. (Lillian)

I met some incredible people who I feel blessed to have formed relationships with. (Milly)

I am now deeper in my faith because of SHINE and the love shown by everyone there. (Angus)

Up until Shine this year I didn’t really understand where I was in my faith or what I believed in but the CSYMA team were amazing in helping me understand that that is normal. (Alison)

Has inspired me to light a fire within myself and others. (Maddie)

Shine gives me an opportunity to enhance and extend my faith much more than I thought was possible. (Tom)

The ability to express what you believe in and what you desire as a growing individual. (Lewis)

Made me a new person. (Mark)

A great experience to get a better perspective on faith and our spiritual lives. (Patrick)

An enriching experience (Jai)…an incredible experience. (Jesse)

YOU HAVE A FRIEND
Staff and students have been helping provide food and friendship, on Tuesday evenings, to members of the Murwillumbah community during 2015. We would like to thank the businesses who have generously provided food during that time…. the Wollumbin Street Bakery and the Austral Cafe.

Lastly, thank you to those staff and students who have been involved this year, especially our Year 12’s Maddison King, Dylan Falls, Patrick Daly, Kirra Randall, Sophie Kirk, Shaelee Mitchell, Dominic Bossie, Ashleigh Mumford, Luke Chaffer, Laura King, Chloe Dittmar and Jessica King. You have done what Jesus did and what the College theme for 2015 challenged you to do ‘To Serve’.

Michael O’Donohue
Leader of Learning: Ministry

FROM THE SPORTS DESK
MORGAN MATHEWS – CROSS COUNTRY
Our NSW ALL Schools’ Champion Cross Country runner Morgan attended the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships in Melbourne. This was a 4 day event. Morgan finished 10th overall in the U13 race. The other NSW runners’ places were added together to get a result to find the best state overall, NSW finished 3rd in this event. Morgan also ran in the relay event were the top 5 runners from each state run against each other. Morgan’s NSW team finished 2nd in this event. To walk away from an Australian Championships with such amazing results is a truly fantastic effort, congratulations Morgan.

TERM 4 SPORT CHOICES
The students now have been allocated their Term 4 Sport choices. This week the students were given the opportunity to change if they need to. Please ask your son / daughter of their choice and be aware of the financial commitment weekly. No more changes will be made before the start of sport in Week 2 of Term 4.
DIOCESAN NETBALL CARNIVAL

Junior Netball Team:
It was with much anticipation and excitement that the long trek was made to Port Macquarie on Wednesday 26th August 2015. The Carnival was held on the Thursday 27th August. The girls played four hard-fought matches displaying great netball skills, stamina and determination. Three out of the four games resulted in victories which meant that semi-finals were reached. The girls finished second in their pool.

MacKillop College, Port Macquarie proved to be tough opposition for the semi-finals with the junior team losing the match.

The girls are to be congratulated on their spirit, skills and commitment. It was a pleasure to be their coach.

Team members: Annalise Mackie, Hannah Walker, Anthea Warne, Ella Perry, Olivia Ryan, Tara Minns, Ruby Worthington, Charlotte Morosini, Maddelyn Thompson, Olivia Pettendy, Lauren Cahill

A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Walker for their support on the day and to Lauren Cahill for her enthusiasm, even when injured.  
Coach: Mrs Bevan

Intermediate Netball Team:
The annual Netball Carnival at Port Macquarie was eagerly anticipated by the MSPC Intermediate team. Selection of team players had been rigorous and the final team members were: Georgia Bromwich, Dekota Condon, Tahilla Hall, Abby Newell, Hayley Richards, Thalia Richards, Olivia Thompson, Grace Worthington and Sarah Wilson.

The girls played extremely well at Port. Unfortunately the draw was not to the team’s advantage as St Paul’s Kempsey, Woodlawn, John Paul Coifs and Trinity were strong contenders for the title and all in the “pool of death”. Results were close in all games, however 2015 was not the year for a MSPC victory. Team members were congratulated on their school work, good sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour.

Coach: Mrs Gardner

Senior Netball Team:
The senior netball team consisting of Sophie Pouloudis, Ella Dodds, Aislinn Wilson, Caitlyn Mullington, Jaya Roche, Rebecca Dryhurst, Georgia Cenda, Tannaya Twomey, McKenzie Youngblutt and Eden Folkers played to the best of their ability at the Diocesan Netball Carnival, Port Macquarie. The girls put up a great fight however, were defeated by Trinity, Xavier, Coifs Harbour and Woodlawn.

A huge commendation to the girls for being both respectful on court and helpful to the staff and junior teams off court. A long journey with memories to last a lifetime.

Coach: Miss De Maere

CRICKET NEWS
As the weather starts to warm up and the pain of the recent Ashes defeat subsides, our thoughts turn to an Australian Summer of Cricket. MSPC will again be entering teams in the Berg Shield Competition (Yrs 7 – 9) and the Downie Trophy Competition (Opens). Meetings may well have taken place by the time of reading this.

Another pathway for our talented cricket players is to register an expression of interest for the U15 or U19 CCC Trials. These are held in Sydney and any player who has made a significant representative side need to consider this pathway. You can access further information about these events by going to www.csss.com.au and clicking the NSWCCC logo and then clicking Cricket. In previous years our Diocese has held trials but the pathway has changed this year and there will be an U 15 Regional selection trial at Coiffs Harbour 2nd November. Players need to register their interest as soon as possible. U19 players are asked to do the same, however the selection trials may be in Wollongong as they were this year. The cut off for the U19 registration is Friday 9th October.

I am pleased to already be hearing that some of our students are making representative teams for the upcoming 2015/16 season. Evan Litchfield from Yr 11 has been selected in the under 17’s Taverners Gold Coast Dolphins Cricket Team to play in the Brisbane Premier League this Summer. Evan is now training twice/week with the Dolphins. His selection represents a significant achievement. We wish him all the best with his season ahead.

KATE WILSON
Kate was recently informed that she has gained a position in the Paralympic Swimming Development Squad. The squad will gather at the Institute of Sport during the first week of the school holidays for a week long training and testing camp. Well done Kate!

TENNIS
Many MSPC students were amongst a contingent of tennis players from the North East Zone who travelled to Inverell to compete against teams representing the North West Zone. Games were played over the weekend and players who finished in the top 8 will progress on to the Champion of Champions event or the state titles in Sydney later this year. Congratulations to Emyleigh Shepherd, Lewis Hancock, Montana Taylor and McKenzie Mehrtens.

DIOCESAN SLSC
A decision has been made to cancel this event for 2015. Apologies to all our SLS athletes who, I am sure, would have defended their hard fought title from last year.

LEARNING SUPPORT
Dear Readers,
Could you, or any of your family or friends act as a Reader and/or Writer for our Year 7 – 10 examinations next Term? The examinations will commence on November 3rd and conclude on November 16th. Please email kristini@lism.catholic.edu or phone the Learning Support Centre at the College on 02 66722340 to inquire or express your interest. This is an enjoyable way to support an individual student who has a reading and/or writing difficulty, and to contribute to the College’s efforts to facilitate provisions for eligible students. Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Cristini
Additional Needs Teacher
MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE MUSICAL THEATRE APPRECIATION CLUB (MTAC)

In response to the great interest in shared enjoyment of Musical Theatre we have started a club with a view to organising group outings to musical theatre events. We aim to have at least one a year as a College excursion. Earlier in the year there was a visit to see WICKED have forthcoming a group of 24 (staff, students, and family members) travelling to Brisbane to attend a matinee performance of “Into the Woods” on Sunday October 4th.

There is no formality with respect to the MTAC, it is a way to have an email connections with interested students and others. Perhaps you are interested in being informed about future opportunities to join us attend a musical theatre production. Mrs Cristini and Miss Rennes are the staff contacts.

Kathy Cristini
Additional Needs Teacher

AWARDS

YEAR12 AWARDS

NAGLE

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Sarah Johnston (7), Jessica King (5), Laura King (4), Sebastian Lemaire, Chelsie Mepstead (2), Shaelee Mitchell (9).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Sarah Johnston (2), Jessica King (2), Laura King (2), Shaelee Mitchell (3).

COLLEGE AWARDS
Sarah Johnston, Laura King, Shaelee Mitchell.

LISIEUX

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Alana Clausen, Charlie Grimshaw, Madeline Keyte, Reecie Palmer.

LUCAN

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Isabelle Adams, Kaitlyn Browning (3), Luke Byatt, Georgia Condon, Graden Dare (2), Kate Davison, Todd Jeffree, Keiara McMaster (3), Ashleigh Mumford (2), Georgia Percy (2), Michael Salvia, Amie Smith (4).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Isabelle Adams, Kaitlyn Browning, Kate Davison (2), Keiara McMaster, Ashleigh Mumford, Georgia Percy, Michael Salvia, Amie Smith, Todd Jeffree.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Kate Davison

LORETO

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
McKenzie Currey-Klepp, Brendon Mitchell (5).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Brendon Mitchell

CALENDERS & ROSTERS

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2015 CALENDAR

Term 3

Sep 4th Year 11 Preliminary Final Examinations, 6 days, GC am Yr 10 x 8 volunteers, Legacy Appeals Day
Beacon Cycle ends
Year 9 Accelerated Geog. Excursion, 2 classes
8th Year 7 HPV3 Injections, GC Foyer
Year 9 & 10 Debating, Lismore
9th 9am – 12.55pm HSC Music Practical Exams, GC
10th Yr 10 Parent/Teacher 2016 Interviews, Library
11th CCC Athletics, Homebush
6pm NOVO, Gilbey Centre
16th Tweed Valley Finals
17th 11am Graduation Mass, Sacred Heart Church
Yr 12 Parents & Students Luncheon
1.20pm Year 12 Assemblies, Gilbey Hall

Term 4

6th Staff Professional Development Day
7th Students return for Term 4, Day 8
Beacon Cycle IV opens
8th Lisieux Day
9th 8.30am – 5pm 11SLR Excursion, 2 classes
12th Year 8 and 10 Diocesan RE Test
HSC Exams commence, GC

TERM 3 2015 CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9

7/9 Julie Van Den Driest, Lesley Bridges
8/9 Peter Hyde, Moira Cooper
9/9 Chris Reynolds
10/9 Melinda Carran
11/9 Ann Daly, Kellie Grey

Week 10

14/9 Jenny Gatt
15/9 Peter Hyde
16/9 Chris Reynolds
17/9 Helen Jones, Jane Clare, Maggie Manson
18/9 Angela Border Baker, Mia Hall

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Saturday 28th November - Urgent Request!

We are looking for:

- Cake Stall Coordinator/s
- Tea/Sandwiches Coordinator

If you are interested, or for more information, please phone Parish Office 66/2113 (9am - 5pm).

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Brunswick Nippers Sign On


• 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 swimmer for a proficiency swim.

Nippers is held at Brunswick Heads main beach on Sundays at 9.30am. The season starts Sunday 11th October 2015.

For more information contact
julie@brunswicknippers.org
or Face Book us @ Brunswick Nippers
Or visit the website www.brunswicknippers.org

Kingscliff Swimming Club

Sign On 2015/2016 Session
Tuesday 6th October 5:30-7:00pm
Kingscliff Aquatic Centre

Come and join our exciting swimming club!
Race at your own level, make new friends, give your training some direction.
Be part of the local club that produces Olympians!

Club sessions commence
Tuesday 13th October 2015
5:45-7:00pm

$40 membership fee
includes entry for all club activities

For more information contact
Peter 0417 772 323
or Kingscliff Aquatic Centre 6647 1444
www.kingscliffswimming.org.au

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