Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

Welcome to the final term for 2015, a term that is focused on Assessment and Reporting. The Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Yearly Examinations will have a significant impact on each student’s Yearly Report so it is most important that preparation begins as soon as possible.

Year 11 will sit their first HSC Assessment Tasks this term. These tasks are really Year 11’s first HSC Examination and are as important as the HSC Examinations held in October, 2016.

I wish everyone a successful and rewarding term.

Principal Appointment

On Tuesday 6th October 2015, Fr Anthony Lemon informed staff of the appointment of Mr Paul Clohesy as Principal of Mt St Patrick College, Murwillumbah from the commencement of the 2016 school year.

Mr Clohesy is currently the Deputy Principal at St Joseph's College, Geelong, and has approximately twenty years' experience in education as a teacher, Co-ordinator and Deputy Principal. Mr Clohesy holds several postgraduate qualifications including a Graduate Diploma in Student Welfare, Graduate Diploma – Secondary Education, Graduate Certificate – Religious Education and a Master of Education.

I spoke with Paul last week to congratulate him on his appointment. He is very excited about his Principalship and keen to visit the College this term to meet staff. I wished him every success and happiness in his appointment.

HSC Success

The College has received notification of early success in the 2015 Higher School Certificate with Sebastian Jones nominated for possible selection in ENCORE. ENCORE is a selection of performance from HSC Music students that will be staged in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House on Monday 22 February, 2016. A more detailed selection process will determine if Sebastian will actually perform in ENCORE. To be nominated for possible selection is a great honour and a reflection of his talent as a drummer. Congratulations to Sebastian and to his teacher, Mrs Antonia Pratt.

Lisieux House Day

Lisieux House Day began with a College Assembly in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre on Thursday 8th October, 2015. The Assembly recalled the life of the patron of Lisieux House, St Therese of Lisieux, and highlighted the symbols that give Lisieux House its unique character.

During St Therese’s short life as a Carmelite sister, she tried to show perfect love by ‘doing the everyday things in life with extraordinary love.’ She believed her path to holiness could be achieved by living this motto. St Therese tried to treat each of the twenty nuns in her community in the same way despite some being more difficult to live with than others. Initially, there was little response but she persisted and eventually her loving actions changed the community. St Therese’s path to holiness changed her life and the life of others nuns in her community. Her actions led to a more caring home for all the nuns. ‘Do the
everyday things in life with extraordinary love’ is a reminder to us of the power of love and the impact it can have on the people in our lives.

The red rose is an important image on the Lisieux House Crest and a symbol of love. Every student in Lisieux was given a small red rose to wear on their House day and then a red ice-block at lunch. Happy Lisieux Day!

2015 Higher School Certificate

The Higher School Certificate Examinations began last Monday 12th October with English, the first subject examined. The second English paper was held on Tuesday 13th October with the final HSC Examination for our students held on Wednesday 4th November. Please remember in your prayers the ninety nine Year 12 students, twenty Year 11 Accelerated Chemistry students, five Year 11 Accelerated Mathematics students and nine Year 11 Accelerated Geography students who will sit the HSC this year.

Melbourne Cup Fundraiser

Planning for our only major fundraising event of the school year, the Melbourne Cup Trifecta, is under way with tickets issued to all students last week. This is our only fundraising event of the year, so its success is vital for the College. Please encourage your son or daughter to sell as many tickets as possible. Your support of this important College activity would be greatly appreciated.

Again this year, there are many incentive prizes for selling tickets. First Prize in the Trifecta is valued at $1,000 with two $1,000 prizes available as well as numerous $50 prizes.

Yearly Examinations

Year 10 students will sit for their Yearly Examinations in the week commencing Tuesday 3rd November whilst students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit for their Yearly Examinations from Tuesday 10th November.

Orientation Days

Two Orientation Days have been organised for students entering Year 7 in 2016. The first was held today, Thursday 15th October, while the second day will be held on Thursday 29th October, 2015. The aim of the days is to ease the transition from primary to secondary school through activities which encourage social interaction and generate familiarity with College facilities, procedures and requirements. We hope that the days will reduce any stress or fear that students may have about high school. A Parent Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October, 2015 beginning at 7.00pm in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre.

Thanks to Year 12 2015

Over the years, each Year 12 group has presented a gift to the College in appreciation of everything that has been done for them during their time at Mt St Patrick. Year 12 2015 continued the tradition and presented a gift at their last College Assembly held on Thursday 17th September, 2015. College Captains, Sarah Sigley and Jacob Ehlefeldt, presented a Jubilee Banner which will be used to promote the Golden Jubilee of Mt St Patrick Regional High School next year. The banner cost $594. The Captains also presented a cheque to the College to assist with the preparations and celebrations for the Jubilee. Many thanks to Year 12 for their generous gift.

Sympathy

On behalf of the College, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to Fran, Stuart, Lachlan, Hamish and Amelia Patterson on the death of her husband and their father, Michael, who died on Thursday 8th October. The funeral was held yesterday, Wednesday 14th October, at 10.30am in the Sacred Heart Church, Murwillumbah. Please remember the family in your prayers.

On Tuesday 13th October, I attended the funeral of Mr John Kelly, the first lay Director of the Catholic Education Office in Lismore from 1981 to 1998. The funeral was held at St John’s College, Woodlawn. John made an outstanding contribution to Catholic education in the Diocese. I extend my deepest sympathy to John’s wife, Wendy, and his family on their loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with them at this sad time.
**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 of payment of all fees. Please be aware that the College Board has stipulated that *Yearly Reports will not be issued to families who have outstanding fees.*

*In Hoc Signo Spes Mea*

Tony Daly  
Principal

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**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 October. 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.

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**FACULTY NEWS**

**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**Year 11**

As Year 11 commences the HSC courses it is important for parents and students to be reminded of the following:

1. **Attendance**  
   It is essential for students to attend all lessons. Catching up on work cannot replace being present for class discussion and activities.

2. **Assessment**  
   HSC assessments commence this term and are outlined on the Assessment planner. These assessments contribute 50% to students' HSC marks. Please remind yourselves of Assessment rules and ensure they are adhered to so that penalties can be avoided.

3. **Please do not book holidays in the HSC year.**

4. **Sports Day** is a normal school day and students are required at school.

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**Year 8**

Year 8 students will select their 100 Hour electives for Year 9 2016 and Year 10 2017 on Tuesday 27th October. The surveys will open at 9.00am and close on Thursday 29th at 5.00pm. There are limited numbers in each class.

The subjects to choose from are:-  
Year 9 2016: Commerce, Food Tech, Industrial Technology  
Timber, Marine and Aqua Technology, Music, PASS.

Year 10 2017: Art, Drama, Food Technology, Industrial Technology; Timber, Marine and Aqua Technology, Photography.

Narelle Sherrah  
Leader of Curriculum

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**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**NSW ALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Sarah Champley and Dylan Clarke who both competed at this Championship early this Term.

**DIOCESAN VOLLEYBALL**

We wish our 6 teams the very best of luck as they prepare for the Championships to be held in Coffs Harbour tomorrow Friday 16th
October. We are defending Champions in the U15 Boys division. No pressure!

CRICKET SEASON
Cricket season has begun with preparation underway for both the Berg Shield (Years 7 – 9) and the Downie Trophy (Opens) games to be played soon. The Berg team will play Trinity Catholic College at Les Cave Oval on Thursday 22nd October and the Downie team will travel to Lismore to play Trinity on Monday 26th October. Good luck boys.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY
The ‘race that stops a nation’ will not stop a number of teams competing at Diocesan events. Water Polo players will be off to Ballina and Lismore and our talented tennis players will compete in Grafton on that day. Meetings and further information happening very soon at school.

TERM 4 SPORT
The issue of parents meeting their children from sporting venues has again arisen regarding Term 4 sport. After consultation with Miss McShane and the bus company we have agreed that if parents are at the sporting venue prior to buses leaving than they can take their children home with them. If, for any reason, a parent is not there to meet the bus then the child will have to come back to school and catch a bus home. No student will be given permission to walk home from any venue nor will they be allowed to wait and catch a connecting bus. Any student who wishes to be collected by a parent from a sporting venue is to be collected by their parents and who wish to stay at the venue to be collected by their parents are also to collect one of these notes.

TWEED VALLEY BEST & FAIREST
U14 Girls Touch A  Ella Shultz
B  Maddison Wyborn
U15 Boys Touch  Jesse Gatt
U15 Girls Touch  Brooke Saddler
U16 Girls Touch A  Shanae Allsop
B  Brianna Walton
U16 Boys Touch  Josh Quinn
U13 Boys Soccer  Zachery Ryan
U14 Boys Soccer A  Dylan Marshall
B  Joseph Warne
U14 Girls Soccer  Shakya Gillard
U15 Boys Soccer  Harry Anderson
U16 Girls Soccer  Puk Brills
U16 Boys Soccer  Brock Hazzard
U13 Boys Basketball  Jayden Woodward
U14 Boys Basketball  Louis Hampson
Snr Boys Basketball A  Patrick Jones
B  Jackson Byrnes
U13 Netball A  Chloe Brawley
B  Maddelyn Thompson
U14 Netball A  Olivia Pettenden
B  Lucy Lahey
U15 Netball A  Tiana Carr
B  Charlotte Morosini
U16 Netball A  Abby Newell
B  Georgia Baker
U14 Volleyball  Sophie Cummins
SNR Girls Volleyball A  Chloe Saddler
B  Storm Haglund
SNR Boys Volleyball A  Ethan Bruggy
B  Tom O’Keefe

Tennis  Bianca Higgins
13 League  Fletcher Condon
14 League  Angus Stratton

FREESTYLE JETSKI
On 29th & 30th August 2015 Maddison Youngblutt competed in the Australian QFWA Freestyle Jetski competition on the Gold Coast.

Maddison was the first female in Australia to compete in such a male-dominated Jetski Freestyle sport in 2014 at the young age of 17.

This year 58 males and 2 females competed. Maddison is proving to be an inspiration to females and has created great excitement in this extreme sport.

Maddison has gained international attention due to her talent and hard work and was invited to compete from 17th -20th September in the Cronulla Ripnride held in Sydney.

Below is a photo of Maddison, thanks to her sister, Meckenzie, (known in the professional photographic world as “Benz Photos”) who will also be working hard to get that million dollar shot!

LEARNING SUPPORT
READER/WRITERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 3RD TO 9TH EXAMS
During this period we need volunteers to act as readers and writers for the Year 10 Examinations. No special skills are needed and clear instructions will be provided. Age or experience is not a factor so please let us know if you or a friend or relative; Uni student on holidays; neighbour; or anyone you know who could give a minimum commitment of a 2 hour block to assist in this way. The eligible students and the Learning Support Centre personnel will be most appreciative. Contact me at the College, by email kchristi@isms.com.au, or on 0403471853.
Mrs Kathryn Cristini
Additional Needs Teacher

COLLEGE NEWS
SOLOMON ISLANDS IMMERSION PROGRAM 2016
On 31st July ten Year 10 students and seventeen Year 11 students left Mt St Patrick College at 4.00am to travel to the Solomon Islands and experience a life-changing adventure.

Arriving at Honiara Airport the students were welcomed by the Youth of St Mary’s Tanagaii and then were embraced by the entire community.

The students conducted a work program at Tanagaii using the fundraising money from the many activities supported by our 42
sponsors, the College community and Sacred Heart Parish. An entire classroom block and new canteen hut were painted, toilet facilities upgraded; book shelves constructed and a playground built for the preschool.

On Sunday the group were privileged to attend mass at St Mary’s Tanagaii. The spirit experienced in this church was amazing. Witnessing the faith of these people when they have very little and experience many natural disasters was uplifting. The youth of St Mary’s prepared the mass and devoted a large amount of time to singing practice, the entrance procession and readings. Blake, Laurie, Ebony and Eadie were honoured to be asked to read.

Many of the students met up with their host student from Bishop Epalle in the Bishop Epalle classrooms. The students attended classes and participated in the normal school day in the Solomon Islands. The Mt St Patrick students soon realised how lucky they are to have the educational facilities at Mt St Patrick College.

Each student was provided with the opportunity to stay overnight in a village. Year 10 stayed in Kultahar in the Tuga household and Year 11 in Tukki Lori with the Papangu family. The students experienced life without running water or electricity and the many mod cons we take for granted. The people of these villages were extremely generous with looking after our students and showing them the Solomon way of life.

A traditional dance was learnt by both groups and performed at cultural exchange evenings in Tanagaii and at Bishop Epalle. This was a challenging experience for all!

A trip to Visale, the first Catholic mission, was beautiful. The students were accompanied by Bishop Epalle students and the youth of St Mary’s. Some of the activities provided were: Basket weaving lessons; a very steep hill climb; snorkelling on the reef and volleyball. Everywhere the students went they were hosted and fed but most importantly loved by the people of The Solomons.

At the Bishop Epalle Evening gifts were exchanged between the two sister schools. Bishop Epalle Principal, Jackson Meke, presented a carved turtle with a traditional story and each student was the recipient of a necklace and sarong. In return Mt St Patrick presented an Aboriginal Painting by Mrs Jenny Cantrill symbolic of the relationship between the two schools.

Much-needed Science apparatus and sports equipment were also presented on behalf of the Mt St Pat’s SRC. Fundraising money was also donated to Bishop Epalle to help with maintenance of the school track.

At the Tanagaii Evening presentations of appreciation were made to the many people who made the visit inspirational. Each student was also presented with a momento of their visit.

The group met up with the families of their hosted students from the 2013 Bishop Epalle Visit. The connections between these two schools and the two parishes are very strong and still growing.

We look forward to the next chapter in the exchange program. Bishop Epalle will be hosted by Mt St Patrick College in the last week of Term 1 2016 and St Mary’s youth in September 2016 will be hosted by the Sacred Heart Parish. Please consider hosting a student or youth as it is an amazing experience which has transformed many Munwiliumbah and Solomon families.

The next trip for Mt St Patrick College students will be 2017. Year 8 and Year 9 students should start preparing for this life-altering opportunity.

The students who attended were: Eadie Sherrah, Ebony Shields, Millie Keogh, Monique Chauvier, Sophie Pouloudis, Isobel Waugh, Chloe Ryan, Elise Thompson, Sophie Parker, Billi Lansky, Tahlia Jones, Caitlin Horner, Ali Edwards, Jordan O’Brien, Grace Smith, Harry Sherrah, Blake McCalman, Nick McCartney, Bill Hampson, Ben Jeffrey, Laurie Pratt, Khye Edwards, Angus Brawley, Tom Walker, Daryl Brooks, Conor Brett and Eva Kettle.

Adults: Narelle Sherrah, Mick Sherrah, Louise Shields, Jeff Pratt and Greg Smith.

Thank you to everyone involved. In particular our 42 sponsors: The Sacred Heart Parish, the Entire College Community, St Mary’s Tanagaii youth and Parish, the Papangu family, the Tuga family, Connie and John William and Bishop Epalle Catholic High School community.

PDHPE
SLR Excursion – Friday 9th October, 2015
Last Friday, thirty-two keen Year 11 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (SLR) students headed off to the Hinze Dam for canoeing and mountain biking. Accompanied by Mr McCormack, Ms Kendrick and Mr Shepherd, the excursion was a great success.

Despite the sore backs, bottoms and legs, the students had a great experience and learnt to appreciate the skills involved in extreme sports, such as mountain bike riding. All students were challenged to their limits of stamina and physical endurance. For those who didn’t listen, or got lost, they were challenged even more!

In contrast, a ‘leisurely’ canoe ride on the dam followed, or began, the rigour of the mountain biking. Despite the jumping spiders, dead trees and goannas, what more pleasant way could you spend a wonderful spring day? Two hours solid paddling was a breeze for most of our students!

The excursion was a culmination of their study in Outdoor Recreation and the students valued the opportunity provided to them on the day.

Robert Shepherd

Narelle Sherrah
NAGLE

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

Year 7

Year 8
Charlie Priest, Matilda Stephan, Ella Fitzgerald, Neisha Sharp, Emily Annandale, Sophie Cummins, Max Davis, Daniela Ouwerling, Lucy Lahey (2), Hannah Tierney (2), Luka Wild, Gabe Grayson, Yindi Morrisey, Harrison Myler, Jack Prichard (2).

Year 9
Georgina Moore, Lewis Hancock, Arwen Rintoull-Green, Jack Traynor, Ava Hollis, Ella Bannatyne, Ciara Laybutt, Connor White, Shenail Matlock, Jasmin Rogan, Elvis Walsh (2), Jasmine Perry.

Year 10
Shanee Allsop, Courtney Ward, Isobel Waugh, Liam Parker, Bryce Reid, Olivia Thompson, Will McLean (2), Kai Annandale, Thomas Fitzgerald, Jake Murnane.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Year 7
Alexandra Macdonald, Ella Perry, Kobe Spry, Ella Larkin, Melia Loveridge, Jayke Mellow, Brendan Piccini, Jack Giddy, Maddelyn Thompson, Finn Whitney.

Year 8
Charlie Priest, Daniela Ouwerling, Lucy Lahey, Yindi Morrisey, Harrison Myler.

Year 9
Arwen Rintoull-Green, Connor White, Jasmin Rogan, Elvis Walsh.

Year 10
Jack Orr, Isobel Waugh, Olivia Thompson, Will McLean, Kai Annandale, Thomas Fitzgerald.

COLLEGE AWARDS

Year 9
Jasmin Rogan

Year 10
Will McLean, Thomas Fitzgerald.

YEAR 11 AWARDS

NAGLE

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

Mollie Carroll, Connor Clare, Eva Kettle, Riley King (2), Reuben Mitchell (2), Otis Morrisey (3), Hamish Patterson, Sharlyna Porter, Lauren Ricketts.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Eva Kettle, Riley King, Otis Morrisey, Hamish Patterson.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Eva Kettle, Otis Morrisey.

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CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Allie Edwards, Lucas Higgins (2), Dean Kabbout, Sathya Kavendan, Cameron Larkin, Alicia Rose, Elise Thompson (2), Madelyn Wise.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Lucas Higgins, Alicia Rose.

LUCAN

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Daan Brils (3), Sam Byrnes, Rebecca Fuller, Sarah-Jane Guinea, Jane Higgins (2), Katie Jones, Tahlia Jones, Nicholas Macartney, Caitlyn Mullington (2), Tia Turner, Madison Zambelli.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Daan Brils, Sam Byrnes, Janes Higgins, Tahlia Jones, Nicholas Macartney, Caitlyn Mullington.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Tahlia Jones, Nicholas Macartney, Caitlyn Mullington.

LORETO

CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Shannon Hull, Grace Waters, Jasmine Watkins.

COLLEGE AWARDS
Jasmine Watkins

2015 CALENDAR

Oct
16th 4.30am – 5pm Dio Volleyball, Coffs
19th Yr 7 CSI Forensics Presentation
20th pm Yr 7 2016 Parent Information Evening, GC
22nd Yr 9 Writer’s Camp, Hastings, 10 students, 2 days
8am – 3pm Berg Shield Cricket, Rabjones Oval
26th 8am – 2 pm HSC Visual Art Marking, N35 & 36
7.45am – 4.30pm Downie Shield Cricket, Lismore
Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement, all week
28th Beacon Cycle IV ends
Student Leader’s Retreat, Coffs
29th pm Newsletter available
30th pm Jazz Band Performance, Condong Bowling Club

Nov
2nd CCC Cricket Trials, Coffs
3rd 7am – 5pm Dio Water Polo, Lismore,
Alstonville, Ballina; Tennis, Grafton
Year 10 Exams begin, 5 days
5th 12 x Yr 8’s attending Festa Christi
10th Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Exams begin, 5 days
### TERM 4 2015 Canteen Roster

#### Week 3
- 19/10: Julie Van Dan Driest
- 20/10: Moira Cooper
- 21/10: Chris Reynolds
- 22/10: Sharon Horner
- 23/10: Kelly Gray, Sinead O’Reilly

#### Week 4
- 26/10: Jane Clare, Krissy Alexander
- 27/10: Peter Hyde
- 28/10: Chris Reynolds
- 29/10: Melinda Curron
- 30/10: Jenni Van Den Broek

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### Online Safety and Cyberbullying

**A Free Event for All Parents and Children Who Use the Internet**

Brett Lee is a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with powerful and up to date information regarding the use of online technologies, the responsibilities and consequences of using these technologies and the possible dangers for you and your child. You will also receive strategies that will help empower you and your child to make safe online choices.

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**Where & When:**

- **St Anthony’s Kingscliff:** Thursday 15th October 6.30 pm
- **Who:** Parents and Students Yr 3 to Yr 12

Click [HERE](https://goo.gl/mvXI4R) to register or go to [https://goo.gl/mvXI4R](https://goo.gl/mvXI4R)

*Childcare available*

*For more information 0407 143 975*