Mt St Patrick College
Murwillumbah
OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2014

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Murwillumbah 2484
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Morning Session 9.30am - 11.30am
Evening Session 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Applications close
Friday 4th April 2014
Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

**Give Up, Take Up, Lift Up**

*In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ.*

Pope Francis

Pope Francis has repeatedly emphasised the importance of caring for the poor and vulnerable and has continued that theme in his 2014 Lenten message.

The Pope takes inspiration for his message from the words of St Paul (2Cor 8:9), and asks Christians to contemplate Paul’s invitation to live ‘a life of evangelical poverty.’ ‘By making himself poor,’ Pope Francis said, ‘Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as Saint Paul says “that by his poverty you might become rich.”’

Christians can begin to embrace this call by fasting from or ‘giving up’ material things, including foods, that are superfluous to our basic needs; ‘taking up’ charitable habits that are directed to helping and caring for others; and ‘lifting up’ our brothers and sisters who are in need through almsgiving, praying and participating in devotional practices.

By taking an active approach to the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we recognise that to be evangelists, we must first be evangelized ourselves.

Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, was the first day of Lent. This liturgical season is symbolic of Christ’s 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. The season prepares Christians for the celebration of the Lord’s passion, death and resurrection. For forty days, Christians willing submit to fasting and self-denial in imitation of Our Lord’s forty day fast in the desert. It is in these dark and still nights, these desert-times, that the soul experiences its greatest growth.

**Attendance**

New legislation regarding Student Attendance has placed extra pressure on schools to ensure that the new requirements are understood and met by all concerned. The requirements further emphasise the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child/children ‘attend all school activities, on time.’ ‘Parents are asked to limit the times their child/children arrive late for school or leave early.’

If parents consider that it is in their child’s best interests to be exempt from their legal requirement to attend school, they are, where possible, asked to write or discuss in advance, the reason for the absence with the Principal.

There are two particular areas of the legislation that the College seeks support from parents: late arrival to school and absence from sport. The College accepts responsibility for the whereabouts of students from 8.47am on school days. Students who arrive after this time are required to provide a written explanation to inform the College that parents are aware and the reason for the lateness. If no explanation is received within three days, the students will be marked Absent on the roll for that particular time.

Sport is an important part of the curriculum for every student in the junior school. It is a requirement of the Board of the Studies that students complete a minimum number of hours of physical activity which, at Mt St Patrick, includes Sport. Parents are asked to limit absences during Sport to matters that are of a serious nature and unavoidable.

Holidays during the school term should also be avoided. In such cases, students could be absent for Assessment Tasks which may result in zero marks where procedures are not correctly followed.

**Open Day**

Parents and friends of the College are invited to attend the Mt St Patrick College Open Day on Thursday 20th March, 2014 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 2015**

Enrolment Packages for Year 7, 2015 will be available from the College Office next week. The closing date for receipt of Enrolment Application Forms for students wishing to enter Years 7 or 11 in 2015 is Friday 4th April, 2014. 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.

2015 Enrolment Packages will be issued to Year 6 students at Mt St Patrick Primary School, St Joseph’s Primary School, South Murwillumbah and St John’s Primary School, Mullumbimby.

**Year 12 Exams**

Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations commence on Thursday 3rd April and will conclude on Thursday 10th April. The results of these exams contribute significantly to the school-based assessment for the Higher School Certificate. We wish Year 12 every success with their exams.

**Staff Professional Development Days**

Parents are advised of the dates of two Staff Professional Development Days:

- Term 1 Friday 11th April, 2014 – the last day of Term 1
- Term 2 Monday 28th April, 2014 – the first day of Term 2

Students are not required to attend the College on these days.

**Fees Due 14th March, 2014**

The first payment of school fees for 2014 is due on Friday 14th March, 2014. 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 14th March, 2014. 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 in this matter.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Brodie Campbell of Year 12 on winning the Public Speaking section of the Murwillumbah Lions Youth of the Year Competition held on Tuesday 25th February. Congratulations to Jake Kabbout of Year 12 who also represented the College with distinction.

Congratulations to Monique McLean of Year 12 on her selection in a two week course at the National Mathematics Summer School in Canberra during the Christmas holidays.

Congratulations to Nicholas Myler of Year 12 who competed in Sydney last weekend at the NSW State Open Swimming Championships. Nick swam a personal best time of under 2 minutes in the 200 metres freestyle.

*In Hoc Signo Spes Mea*

Tony Daly
Principal
YEAR 12 EXAMS
These mid-course examinations will commence on Thursday 3rd April, and will run until the final day of Term 1, April 10th. 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

FROM THE LOP
There are two sayings which are a great guide for successful study and progress at school.
“Our habits make or break us” (Anon)
“Motivation gets us started and habits keep us going” (Ryan)

Getting students into the habit of studying regularly, revising notes and using their diary for organisation takes time. Habits are things we do often and do easily as second nature. Renowned organisational health expert, Stephen Covey, believes that to make something a habit we must make ourselves repeat it every day for thirty days. Any study techniques, therefore, rely on regular and sustained practice. Homework, study and revision are an all the time activity, not a sometimes event.

This is a great challenge for you as parents in an increasingly complex world. Study habits must be explicitly taught, both at school and at home; we cannot rely on students just picking them up along the way. The key is for students to persevere in their study/learning program until it becomes second nature to them. This is also something that shouldn’t be left until Year 11, establishing independent learning habits starts in Year 7.

So let’s not leave a study program until the week before the Half-Yearly Examinations. Encourage and expect your sons and daughters to study for a set time every night, without television, internet or mobile “phone distractions. If there is no set homework, encourage the revision of notes, the compilation of summaries, extra reading or research.

For students to achieve to their full potential regular and self-directed study habits are essential.
Dr Caroline Thompson

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mathematics Help at Lunch
When: Every Thursday at lunch
Where: Room F31
This is an opportunity to get some extra help with Maths, to catch up on any missed lessons, to do extra revision, or to work on your homework with help available.

RE NEWS
Ash Wednesday 5th March
This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. This year’s Project Compassion stories are about our desire for a full and beautiful life within the surroundings of home. Not just a house to live in, but a life filled with certainty, free from the burden of poverty with access to food, water, education, healthcare and shelter. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards this creation of a more just and fair world for whole communities. Each Home Room will receive a Project Compassion box and a set of leaflets which explains where the donations go. You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting Project Compassion 2014.

1st Week of Lent
(School week beginning 10th March)
Project Compassion,
Week 1, brings you the story of Maristely.
An advocacy program in São Paulo, Brazil, enables favela (city slum) residents to gain legal deeds for their land, as well as securing access to basic services. A youth empowerment program is enabling young people from the favelas, like Maristely, to work for justice so that peace, rather than violence, rules the streets where they live.
Your donation to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion provides young people like Maristely with the opportunity to become leaders for justice. www.caritas.org.au

2nd Week of Lent
(School week beginning 17th March)
Project Compassion,
Week 2, brings you the story of Deng.
For Deng in South Sudan, the cycle of poverty and disability was made worse with the civil war, which led him and his family to flee their village and live in the bush for many years. Deng and his family are rebuilding their lives through their participation in a Caritas Australia food security program.
Your donation to Project Compassion can help individuals like Deng to rebuild their lives post-conflict. www.caritas.org.au

Michael O’Donohue
Leader of Evangelisation
**CAREERS NEWS**

- Upcoming Defence Forces Information Evenings:
  1. One Year Jobs – Army and Air Force
     - March 10th - 6pm at Coolangatta Defence Forces Centre. Book a seat by phoning 07 55693900
  2. ADFA Information Session March 25th – 6pm at Currumbin RSL. Book a place by phoning 07 55693900.


Applications for ADFA need to be done now - before June.

- CONNECT TO YOUR FUTURE – for parents and students.
  - A Careers Expo to be held at Kingscliff TAFE Automotive Centre Wednesday 21st May 4.30 – 7.30pm. Showcases TAFE, Universities, Registered Training Organisations, Job Networks etc.

- In February Year 12 students had the opportunity to hear a little about University life and courses available from representatives of 8 Universities and TAFE. Brochures were collected and it was a good chance to stimulate some thinking about tertiary study.

- VMAT must be registered for by June 6th. Details at [http://vmat.acer.edu.au](http://vmat.acer.edu.au)

- Gayle Anderson
  - Careers Co-ordinator

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

25 College swimmers attended the Diocesan Swimming Carnival today at Banora Point. The results and report will be in the next newsletter.

**DIOCESAN HOCKEY TRIALS**

8 girls listed below applied to attend the Diocesan Trials held in Grafton on Tuesday. Cassandra Avery (Year 10) and Jessica King (Year 11) were successful and will now attend the NSWCCC Hockey Trials in Gosford later this year.

- Cassandra Avery
- Chloe Jones
- Jessica King
- Ciara Laybutt
- Brodie Palmer
- Brooke Saddler
- Chloe Saddler
- Fianna Wilkinson

**NSW ALL SCHOOLS TRIATHLON**

Jack Orr is attending the NSW All Schools Triathlon event in Penrith on the 6th and 7th March. I will keep you informed of his results in the next edition of our Newsletter.

**DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

Mt St Patrick has 7 students who have been successful in their application to attend the Lismore Diocesan Winter Sports Trials to be held in Lismore at St John’s College, Woodlawn on 18th March. Good luck to Matt Quinn, Jake Marshall and Josh Nuspan for Football; Nicholas Burns, Robert Shepherd, Russell Chandler and Connah Mills for Rugby League.

**REGISTERING FOR A SPORT IN THE NSWCCC PATHWAY**

Information for new parents to the College and parents of Year 7 students is available at the end of this Newsletter.

- Tim Whitney
  - Sports Co-ordinator

**COLLEGE NEWS**

**CHESS AGAIN**

On Thursday 27th February fifteen students came together to play lunchtime chess. As there was interest in weekly chess time, and in setting up a competition, this activity will be available on Thursdays at lunchtime in N36, all welcome, any standard. Experienced players have agreed to teach beginners so interested students are encouraged to come along each Thursday.

Mrs Cristini

**BEACON OVERVIEW**

- This system recognises and rewards student effort.

- The students will be monitored for effort by subject teachers over a 3 – 4 week period. This is called a Beacon Cycle.

- The individual subject scores will be averaged to produce the Average Beacon Score for the Cycle.

- These scores will be sent home with your child in the form of a certificate to give you feedback.

Any score lower than a 7 – has consequences

- An Orange Card will be issued to your child if an individual subject has a score of 6, 5 or 1
  - The student needs to see the subject teacher to find out how they can improve their effort.
  - The student will then have a timeframe to improve their effort.
  - Failure to do anything to improve their effort can result in a Red Card and withdrawal from extra-curricular activities.

- A Red Card will be issued if the average Beacon Score is below 7.
  - The students will be withdrawn from extra-curricular activities until they make an effort to improve as instructed by class teachers.

- This system should have a positive focus:
  - Rewarding students for their hard work.
  - Recognising students who are trying to improve their effort
  - Motivating students to do their best

- There will be 5 Beacon Cycles this year.

**Beacon Cycle 1**

- Open Monday Week 5, February 24th.
- Closes Friday Week 8, March 21st.
- Results sent home Week 9.

Louise Shields
- Leader of Wellbeing: Nagle
**AWARDS**

**LISIEUX**

**CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS**

**Year 7**
Blanca Higgins, Ena Mitchell, Chloe Quinn, Quinn Willis, Adon Wyatt, Jordan Tilsley, Zali Zuschke, Rose Malouf, Dylan Marshall, Morgan Mathews (2), Daniel Pouloudis, Zeta Zahra (2), Tom Van Den Broek, Cooper Hardy, Billi Shallue.

Year 8
Saxon Barrett, Zac Busuttil-Rochford, Zoe Zahra, Deanna Larkin, Joe Elliot, Brodie Palmer, Abigail Stratton.

Year 9
Matteo Caridi, Sophie Pouloudis, James Alickolli, Alyssa Armytage (2), Storm Haglund, Jordan Dickinson, Nicole Dorfer (2), Sam Felton, Thaila Richards (2), Tarlia Brims, Lachlan Clausen, Alexander Hunt, Abigail Shallue, Rowan Donnelly, Khye Edwards, Jake Jackson, Jiah Muir, Lucas O’Connor, Airley-Jane Stocks, Alex Thomson.

Year 10
Haydn Campbell, Sathya Kavendan.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**Year 8**
Zoe Zahra

Year 9
Sophie Pouloudis, Nicole Dorfer, Sam Felton, Charlie Shallue.

Year 10
Haydn Campbell

**COLLEGE AWARDS**

**Year 9**
Sam Felton

Year 10
Haydn Campbell

**LORETO**

**CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS**

**Year 7**
Adrian Platt, James Bagnall, Marcus Berkaya, Emily Gresham.

Year 8

Year 9
Niamh Langan-Keyte, Cherie Bahnsen, Ethan Bruggy.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**Year 8**
Hamish Brett

Year 9
Sam Viglione, Niamh Langan-Keyte, Ethan Bruggy.

Year 10
Mitchell Bagnall, Sarah Champley, Darcey James, Mac Graham.

**COLLEGE AWARDS**

**Year 9**
Niamh Langan-Keyte, Ethan Bruggy.

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**2014 CALENDAR**

**Mar**
7th Yr 12 Retreat concludes
7th 26 x Yr 9 PASS students at Primary Dio, TRAC
10th Catholic Schools’ Week
11th Country RL Cup Opens, South Tweed
13th 7.30pm St Patrick’s Concert, Parish Hall
17th St Patrick’s Day, morning liturgy
18th Diocesan Winter Sports Trials, Woodlawn
19th Year 7’s receive bibles from Gideons
20th Newsletter available
20th College Open Day: 9.30am–12.30pm
   Open classroom 5–6.30pm / displays & activities
21st Beacon Cycle closes

**TERM 1 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Week 7**
10/3 Bill Battese, Judy Walsh
11/3 Sharyn Priest, Sue Nunn
12/3 Chris Reynolds, Faye Perry
13/3 Kim Smith, Sharon Horner
14/3 Geraldine Townend, Kristie Hedley

**Week 8**
17/3 Julie Van Dan Driest, Lisa Richards, Fiona Fitzgerald
18/3 Amanda Bele, Lynette Moore
19/3 Chris Reynolds, Melissa Wright
20/3 Fiona Fitzgerald, Jo Charlaou, Jane Clare, Krystann Alexander
21/3 Kerrie Hilder, Charnel Larkin

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

“Free to a good home. A pair of well-loved female guinea pigs, with cage and quality feeding equipment” Please contact Sue on sue_nunn@internode.on.net or 0402504783.
Easy to collect, current family living in Murwillumbah
The ACA Masters are coming to Town
Friday 7th March 2014
Reg Dalton Oval, Kingscliff

Sportsman's Night
Thursday 6th March
Saltbar Beachbar & Bistro
Tickets - 1300 SALT BAR
(1300 725 823) or
www.saltbar.com.au

SEE THE LEGENDS
OF THE GAME

Match commences at 6pm  Entry – Gold coin donation

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ST PATRICK’S DAY
CONCERT
THURSDAY 13TH MARCH
CATHOLIC HALL
7.30PM

FEATURING ITEMS PRESENTED BY:

- Students from: Mt St Patrick College,
  Mt St Patrick Primary School and
  St Joseph’s Primary School
- Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir
- Sue Gallagher
- Beth Brooks
- Graham Higgins
- Clarinet Fantasy
- Margaret Peate School of Dance
- Penny Lane Dance Group

ADMISSION: Adults - $5.00 Family - $10.00
Supper will be served at 9.00pm
following the concert.
NSWCCC REGISTRATIONS
ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2014 FOR THE FOLLOWING SPORTS
www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Individual Registrations for the following sports which take you straight through to NSWCCC Selections

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In order to participate in ALL NSWCCC selection trials, you must register online, via this process.

Please use the HELP button to assist this process. Please note: There are three steps to the website process
1. Setting up a Parent Account (this only needs to be done once)
2. Adding your child to the Parent Account (this only needs to be done once)
3. Registering for a sport (this needs to be done for each sport every year)

If you experiencing difficulties please contact Kym Skerritt, NSWCCC Executive Officer k.skerritt@csss.nsw.edu.au

Some helpful tips before beginning:

PRIMARY CHILD MOVING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL
- If your child has started high school and already has an account – LOGIN using your username (email address) and password. There is no need to set up a new account, use the login details that you set up for NSWCPS
- Please note the following: You must keep the same account details, but you need to ensure you change your child's SCHOOL details (e.g Maria Regina Catholic Primary School TO Mater Maria Catholic College).
- To change your child’s school details, LOGIN. Under ACCOUNT OPTIONS and go to EDIT MY DETAILS.

CREATING A LOGIN
If you have not used the website you will need to create a Log In.

Go to www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx

- Click Help
- Click on I am a Parent/Guardian for a student
- Click on Secondary student (NSWCCC)
- Click on How do I get a login for the website
- Scroll down to the information If you don’t have a login
- Click on Click here to get a new account and login
- Complete the page titled Parents Register Here and click Register after you have completed all fields.
- You will now need to check your email account for the password and the login. You will received a computer generate text and email with your password (you may need to check your Junk Mail if you don’t receive an email)
- If you wish to change your password, go to my account and Edit my Details Here you can change your password and add other children (Please note that your child will stay in the system and will go up an age group each year. The only time a parent will need to edit their child’s details is if your child changes schools. Each year we roll the system over to progress them to their next school year
- Always remember to click Save your details button on the bottom of the page.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO A SPORT

- Login to your account
- Go to NSWCCC Home Page
- Go to the Sports link e.g SOFTBALL
- Click on Register
- Click on the team you wish to register for (it is a hyperlink)
- Follow the prompts to register.
- Click on Register Expression of Interest for this Sport to complete your registration
- Once you have successfully registered, both the Sports Coordinator and Principal of your child’s school will be notified of your nomination. You registration will then be accepted or declined, based on whether your child meets the criteria as set by NSWCCC.
- All consent and payment for ALL Individual sports will be done online.
- Team sports such as Swimming, Diocesan/Associations may use their own paperwork for consent, payment and uniform orders
- PLEASE NOTE: You will be unable to register if the Closing Date has passed. Please check the Sports Specific Information page for these dates.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with this registration process please email k.skerritt@csss.nsw.edu.au