



# Mt St Patrick College

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Normal?

Life at the College is mostly normal again. The exceptions being no assemblies and the regular sanitising of desks and hands. Training for community sport is back on. The return of the professional leagues on television will have only added to anticipation for their own games in the near future. Hopefully, in Term 3, we will see some return to activities such as sport, debating, choirs and certain excursions that allow our students a rich range of experiences. This may open up to more experiences depending upon circumstances.

### Voices from the field

An important factor in learning and growing is to reflect on what has happened and make adjustments into the future. The COVID-19 crisis, and our response to it, provide an opportunity to do just that. As a community, Mt St Patrick College is reviewing its response as an educational institution. Going forward will there be a new normal or will we return to what we have done in the past? As with most things the reality will probably be somewhere in the middle. For example, we are happy to have students physically back at the College as the community is much stronger and it is easier to create a feeling of belonging and connectedness with people present. Equally our students, parents and staff have all developed new skills with technology which should not be packed away and forgotten.

The Catholic Schools Office Lismore, has created the **Voices from the field - Discerning the New Normal** to craft the 'new normal' for our schools by asking the question '*What are we learning from this experience that will change the way we **learn, lead and educate** into the future?*' Students, staff and parents are being surveyed across the Diocese to assist in this process. Parents will be asked to provide input soon and I ask that you take this opportunity to assist in our decision-making into the future.

As a Catholic school, in the Presentation tradition, we want to see the values espoused by Jesus and championed by Nano Nagle, in practice. Some of these values involve sharing our gifts, pursuing justice, and having concern for the poor and marginalised. The positive manner in which students raised the issue of racial inequality in the past week displays this value and their desire to be active and engaged participants in positive change in the world, and I commend them for it. Tomorrow's 'Crazy Sock Day' will provide financial assistance to our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to provide practical help in the Murwillumbah area.

Be the Good and God Bless.

Paul Reidy  
Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Raising Awareness - 12<sup>th</sup> June

Mr Reidy praised the positive manner in which students raised and discussed the issue of racial inequality last Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. I asked Year 9 student Grace Kelly why she had written to me, as a member of the College's Leadership Team, to initiate an awareness-raising activity for the College community. Grace's response was:

*The explosion of comments regarding the 'Black Lives Matter' issue on social media, particularly Instagram, made me want to **do something**. I signed an online petition and thought that it would be good to make greater impact by raising it in the College community rather than just giving a monetary donation to the cause.*

*Young people need to be more aware of issues like the injustice of racial inequality. We have to be more active in taking a stand when we don't like what we see. We don't want injustice at the College or in the wider community, so we have to let our voices be heard.*

Thanks for your initiative, Grace!

### Crazy Sock Day/St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – 19<sup>th</sup> June

Tomorrow Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart and student SVdP Conference have organised a 'crazy sock day'. All students are asked to make a \$2 donation in homerooms which will be given to our local St Vincent de Paul Conference instead of our usual collections of non-perishable items and blankets for the Sacred Heart Mass (which is unable to occur this term). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

A special prayer for the Feast of the Sacred Heart is included in this Newsletter. It was created by Presentation Sisters in Victoria and focuses on us 'living from the heart'.

### Winter Uniform Requirements

The **new-design College tracksuits** are in high demand. We are currently awaiting the delivery of certain sizes of the tops. The order of senior girls' cardigans has arrived and can be purchased through the Front Office.

All junior students need to have a navy College jumper prior to purchasing the tracksuit (which is non-compulsory uniform item). This jumper is able to be worn with the junior boys and girls dress uniform and the senior boys uniform. New jumpers are available from Work and Country in Main Street, Murwillumbah and second-hand jumpers can be purchased for a small amount at the College Clothing Pool.

There are **Fashionbiz navy slacks** (Style No BS29320) available for girls from Work and Country in Murwillumbah that can be worn with the dress uniform. They can be worn with, or without, a thin navy belt and the cuff needs to cover the top of the shoes. Alternatively, girls who feel the cold are able to wear navy stockings or tights with their dress uniform (without the dress socks).

Mary-Anne McShane  
Assistant Principal

## FROM THE CURRICULUM CO-ORDINATOR

### ASSESSMENT TIME

Students in all year groups are currently completing Assessment Tasks. The assessments are designed to give students, teachers and parents feedback on the students' learning so that the teachers can design the learning to suit the student's needs. Parents and students are reminded about the procedure for being absent from a task:

- Text the College to inform the teacher that the student will be absent from the task
- On the day of return the student is responsible to report to the subject teacher and organise to complete the task. Year 10-12 students require a Doctor's Certificate.
- Late tasks will be penalised 20% each day late and a zero will be recorded after 3 days.

### YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Year 11 Assessments commence on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. A variety of tasks will be conducted or handed in during that period. Year 11 students are only required at the College when they are completing a task and are asked to be in full school uniform when at the College. Study rooms will be provided for students during this time for those reliant on buses or wanting to avoid distractions at home.

### YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

Year 10 students commenced this process by attending subject talks in the Gilbey Centre on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. They are now in the process of completing a survey form so that the Leaders of Learning can provide feedback on their choices. These surveys are due to the office by next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. An interview day will be provided on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July where the students' pathways can be discussed. Each student will book in an interview time with a teacher to discuss the survey sheet. Parents can attend the interview if they would like. The interview times range from 7.30 am to 7.15 pm. An invitation to these interviews will be sent to Year 10 next week.

## **SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**

Year 12 students have received their reports. Year 7 students will receive their reports by the end of the term. Due to COVID and remote learning Year 8 – 11 reports will be provided early next term. An opportunity for parents to discuss the reports will be provided.

The new dates parents can expect reports to be sent home are:

|                |   |                        |
|----------------|---|------------------------|
| Year 7         | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> July   |
| Year 8, 9 & 10 | - | 30 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| Year 11        | - | 6 <sup>th</sup> August |

Any concerns or suggestions regarding Curriculum can be directed to me at the College.

Narelle Sherrah  
Leader of Curriculum

## **FROM THE LEADERS OF WELLBEING**

### **LUCAN**

As an unusual Term 2 continues, our virtual Athletics Carnival running events will take place on the Bolt for Gold App. Lucan had the most participants in the Bolt for Gold Cross Country event and we are aiming for the same result in the virtual running events. Bolt for Gold app on your phones will be accessible for 2 weeks starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. 100m, 200, 400, 800m, 1500, and 3000m events are on the app during that time. Check your school email or see Mr McCormack for the password.

Josh McCormack  
Leader of Wellbeing - Lucan

## **FACULTY NEWS**

### **MINISTRY**

#### **REFLECTION DAYS ( Years 7, 8, 9 and 11)**

All Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 will have Reflection days in the first week of next term. Year 7 will be on Tuesday 21st July, Year 8 on Friday 24th July, Year 9 on Wednesday 22nd July and Year 11 on Thursday 23rd July (all in Week 1). These days are compulsory and are a vital part of the College Spiritual and Personal Development Programmes. The days will take place in the Gilbey Centre and students will attend Homeroom and then move to the Hall till 3.10pm. Students do not have to wear their uniforms on this day and mufti clothes are permissible. However, we ask that you supervise your son/daughter's clothing so that, as per the Excursion Policy, it is both suitable and appropriate for such a day (ie: no thongs, singlets, plunging necklines or mid-riff tops). The cost of the day has been included as part of the College fees.

The days will be facilitated by Mr Chris Doyle or Mr Chris Hopkins and they have both had extensive experience and expertise in working with young adults. The retreats focus on the idea that every young person is grace-filled and gifted and each day aims to develop self-esteem, self-respect, community spirit and positive decision-making. The Religious Education teachers for that year will also attend wherever possible. We look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Michael O'Donohue  
Leader of Evengelisation

### **FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

#### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RUNNING EVENTS**

The COVID 19 restrictions are still in place and have put a halt to our annual Athletics Carnival. However, over the next two weeks (Weeks 8 & 9) students can compete in our very own Virtual Athletics Running events. Similar to the Cross Country Carnival we ran on May 12th, students will need to use their phones to download the Bolt for Gold app and compete in any of the following events over a two-week period: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m.

The password for all events will be PATTIES. Students can compete a number of times in each event and the app will record their best time. I will recommend to all students to have a go at the events as even if you walk the distance you will be achieving 1pt for your house. (Lisieux only won the Cross Country by 40 points, that's 40 people from another house running/walking and the mighty Lisieux may have been knocked off their pedestal).

Parents please only allow your sons and daughters to compete if you are sure they can be safe while completing their event, perhaps go with them for encouragement, competition or just to spend some time with them. Be sure to pick a nice flat course, get to a park or a gentle downhill?

All events will be entered into the data base and winners declared in Week 10. No records will be set this year using the app.

How to download the app:

<https://www.boltforgold.com/app-store/> (available for apple or android)

If you need help signing up please watch this 1 minute tutorial: <https://youtu.be/f-eyfCFkaOM>

Always use your full names not just first or last. That makes allocating points easier.

### BOLT FOR GOLD GIVEAWAYS

Congratulations to Kathryn (Kate) Warren of Year 7 who recently completed in the Bolt for Gold Cross Country. Kate downloaded the app like many other students at MSPC and completed her Cross-Country run using the app.

By using the app, Kate has been successful in winning her choice of a \$250 Nike or Lorna Jane voucher from the Bolt for Gold app organisation. What more reason do YOU need to participate in the upcoming Athletics running events, using this Bolt for Gold app. You too could be a gift voucher winner, as well as a winner of points for your House!

Come on students, get into the MSPC spirit of Sporting Carnivals, and join in the fun!

### ATHLETICS THROWING EVENTS

In all Junior PDHPE classes at the moment, students are participating in their throwing events. These should all be completed by the end of next week. With the running event open at the moment also, we should be able to announce the winning House by the end of term. Below is a picture of the Open Girls and Boys Shot Put event that were held last year. Unfortunately for our Yr 12 students this COVID-19 edition of their last Athletics Carnival did not dampen their competitive spirit.



### FURTHER SPORTING CANCELLATIONS

After much delay, Catholic Schools New South Wales have issued a list of sporting cancellations for Term 3. Again, this decision, will have big impacts on sporting events and competitions within schools. With community sport starting up again very soon this decision errs on the side of "abundant caution". The Sporting events cancelled for Term 3 are:

#### CSNSW - Sport Cancellation Update Term 3

Saturday 18th – Friday 24th July

Thursday 23rd July

Friday 31st July

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd August

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th August

Wednesday 5th – Sunday 9th August

Saturday 8th - Saturday 15th August

Saturday 15th - Saturday 21st August

Saturday 15th – Saturday 21st August

Tuesday 18th August

Wednesday 19th August

- School Sport Australia 15 Years & Under Netball Championships
- NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships\*
- NSWCCC 15 Years Touch Camp
- NSW All Schools 15 Years Touch
- School Sport Australia 16 Years & Under Hockey Championships
- School Sport Australia Swimming Championships
- School Sport Australia 14 Years & Under Australian Football Championships
- School Sport Australia 18 Years & Under Basketball Championships
- School Sport Australia 15 Years & Under Volleyball Championships
- NSWCCC Netball Championships\*
- NSWCCC Rugby League Cup\*

- Friday 21st – Monday 24th August – School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships
- Sunday 23rd – Friday 28th August – School Sport Australia 18 Years & Under Golf
- Tuesday 1st – Wednesday 2nd September – NSWCCC Football Knockout Finals\*
- Monday 7th September – NSW Champion Schools Basketball Tournament\*
- Tuesday 8th September – NSW All Schools Football Challenge\*
- Sunday 13th – Friday 18th September – School Sport Australia 16 Years & Under Boys, 18 Years & Under Girls Football Championships
- Thursday 17th September – NSW All Schools Netball Challenge\*
- Friday 18th September – NSWCCC Athletics Championships\*

**Term 4**

- Monday 26th – Tuesday 27th October – NSWCCC Junior Boys Basketball Championships\*
- Saturday 1st – Friday 6th November – School Sport Australia Touch Championships
- Thursday 5th – Friday 6th November – NSWCCC Junior Girls Basketball Championships\*
- Saturday 21st – Friday 27th November – School Sport Australia Diving Championships

So that means the following events on our students sporting calendar will also be cancelled:

- Week 2 (29/7) Dio Touch Football Ballina
- Week 2 (30/7) Rugby 7's Woodlawn
- Week 3 (6/8) Q Schools AFL Quarter Finals Ormeau
- Week 4 (10&11/8) Junior Basketball Port Macquarie
- Week 5 (10/8) Diocesan Athletics Carnival Coffs Harbour
- Week 5 (20&21/8) NSWCCC Boys Hockey Championships Newcastle
- Week 5 (21/8) NRCC Aussie Rules U14 B&G Byron Bay
- Week 6 (24/8) NRCC Aussie Rules U16 B&G Byron Bay
- Week 6 (26&27/8) NSWCCC Girls Hockey Championships Newcastle
- Week 7 (2-4/9) Diocesan Netball Championships Port Macquarie
- Week 9 (16/9) NRCC Basketball Lismore
- Week 9 (18/9) NSWCCC Athletics Sydney

**YOUNG LIFESAVERS OF THE YEAR**

Bede Curnow Yr 10 (Cudgen Headland) and Chloe Brawley Yr 12 (Cabarita Beach) have both been nominated for this weekend's Surf Life Saving Far North Coast (SLSFNC) Awards as finalists in the Young Lifesaver of the Year awards.

Both young lifesavers were surprised by the nomination which reflects their tireless, selfless efforts on the beach where each give up around 80 hours a season to maintain patrols and keep the public safe.

The awards will be held virtually on Saturday night and it will be one of the awards presented at the annual SLSFNC Awards of Excellence. The College community thanks you for your dedication to community service and wishes you the best with the award.

Tim Whitney  
Sports Coordinator



**DRAMA**

**HSC DRAMA PERFORMANCES**

The Mt St Patrick College community is cordially invited to the HSC Drama Trial HSC Performances on Saturday August 15 commencing at 6.30 p.m. As a result of Covid19, the Group Performances were cancelled across the State. However, the individual performances are still being assessed. There will be three performances on the night. Each piece is unique in style and delivery but what unifies the performances is the hope and empowerment that underpins each character.

We would love to see a large crowd on the night to not only support the three wonderful performers but also to mark a welcome return to live theatre.

Michael Lill  
Drama Teacher

## **MUSIC**

The Year 12 Music class will be presenting their Trial practical performances in the Gilbey Centre this Saturday 20th June. There will be forty performances from eleven students held over two sessions. Session 1 is from 10.30am - 12.30pm and Session 2 is from 1pm - 3pm.

Due to Covid restrictions audience member will be asked to sit apart unless from the same family/household.  
Kaitlyn Rennes-Nadal  
Music Teacher

## **COLLEGE NEWS**

### **LITERACY AND NUMERACY**

#### **MINIMUM STANDARDS TESTING (YEAR 10)**

In 2018, NESA introduced a requirement for all students to demonstrate Minimum Standards in the domains of Reading, Writing and Numeracy to be able to receive their HSC. Students in Year 10 will have their first opportunity to meet these Standards in a series of online tests in Week 10 of this term (29<sup>th</sup> June onwards). More information regarding these tests will be sent in an email to parents in coming days. Students will also receive some information by email.

Students should not feel anxious about this, as the College has had a remarkably high success rate with these tests, and students have multiple opportunities to pass the tests between now and the end of Year 12 (and beyond). Further information can be found here: <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

Please contact us if you have any questions.  
Simon Holder and Kyllie Bevan  
Literacy and Numeracy Co-ordinators

### **LINK TO CULTURE**

#### **LEARNING THE DIDGERIDOO**

Earlier this week 4 students got together with Mr Campbell and Mr Togo to learn how to play didgeridoo. We aim to develop a better link to culture and provide students with another method for overcoming the stresses encountered through their learning journey. In addition to this we are working towards incorporating the didgeridoo into everyday school activities through Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country at assemblies and other major College events.

Mackenzie Togo  
Indigenous Education worker



# AWARDS

## CO-ORDINATOR'S, PRINCIPAL'S AND COLLEGE AWARDS

### LORETO

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Gian Kendrick-Morosini, Axle Ryder, Kathryn Warren.

##### Year 8

Koby Roberts, John Dunbar, Heather Pickett, Cooper Robinson, William Wallace.

##### Year 9

Jarraah Fitzpatrick, Isobel Gresham, Grace Kelly.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Kathryn Warren

##### Year 8

Koby Roberts, John Dunbar.

### LUCAN

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 8

Astra Fisher, Emmett Stepto.

##### Year 9

Ayla Fing, Sam Ford, Lily Van Den Driest, Jack Foggo, Aidan Hamilton.

##### Year 10

Dylan Drabowicz

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 10

Dylan Drabowicz

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 10

Dylan Drabowicz

### LISIEUX

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Samuel Acret, Tobias Glazebrook, Sierra McDonald, Cooper McKnight, Isabella Millar.

##### Year 8

Josie Farrell, Anja Griffin, Oliver Newland, Ned Rogers, Gabriella Bennett.

##### Year 9

Kaleb Boddie, Blake Cracknell, Charlotte Foster, Isaac Gibson.

##### Year 10

Zatalia Gumm, Morgan Evans, Lara Wegemund, Harrison Willis.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 8

Gabriella Bennett

##### Year 10

Zatalia Gumm, Morgan Evans, Lara Wegemund, Harrison Willis.

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 8

Gabriella Bennett

### NAGLE

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Uriah Gilson, Ebony Roach.

##### Year 8

Nathan Johnson, Jessica Minahan.

##### Year 9

Alex Johnston, Rosie Davis, Maya O'Callaghan.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 9

Rosie Davis

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 9

Rosie Davis

# CALENDARS & ROSTERS

## Term 2

### Week 9

|       |      |        |       |      |        |
|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| Mon   | 22/6 | Day 11 | Mon   | 29/6 | Day 16 |
| Tues  | 23/6 | Day 12 | Tues  | 30/6 | Day 17 |
| Wed   | 24/6 | Day 13 | Wed   | 01/7 | Day 18 |
| Thurs | 25/6 | Day 14 | Thurs | 02/7 | Day 19 |
| Fri   | 26/6 | Day 15 | Fri   | 03/7 | Day 20 |

### Week 10

## 2019 CALENDAR

June 19<sup>th</sup> Day 7  
 Crazy Sock Day  
 Virtual Athletics Carnival during Sport time  
 25<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> July Yr 11 Assessment Block  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> Last day Term 2

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 2

#### Week 7

22/6 Billy Battese  
 23/6 Jenny Gatt  
 24/6 Chris Reynolds  
 25/6 Tanya Kingston  
 26/6 Gene Molloy

#### Week 8

29/6 Lisa Blackwell-Barnes  
 30/6 Jacquie Harris  
 1/7 Chris Reynolds  
 2/7 Jenny Curnow  
 3/7 Lesley Bridges

## ***We open our hearts...***

In these winter days,

we open our hearts to all that

delights us...

and disturbs us...

we open our hearts to all that

comforts us...

and challenges us...

we open our hearts to that of which life

reminds us...

and reveals to us...

and pray that in opening our hearts

Love is let loose in the world

Love links us in our needs and our offerings

Love lures us more fully into life.

**We pray to Love,**

**the ever-present Love**

**we call God.**

