



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Examinations, Assessments and Beyond**

Students are currently sitting a variety of examinations. Mt St Patrick's approach is to normalise the process of examinations and assessments in order to both relieve stress and to help prepare students for the bigger tests that are to follow. These tasks are only assessing the effectiveness of learning in the classroom and provide important feedback for students, parents and teachers, allowing us to plan for future success. We should all understand that success looks different for each of us and therefore we would like to judge ourselves on our individual growth, not in comparison to others. As a College, we continue to have high expectations for all students to achieve their full potential.

After the final assessments are completed, learning continues and I would ask that parents support the College in ensuring students continue to attend. We would like our culture to be one of growth and high expectations regardless of whether or not an assessment is at the end of it. It is important that we applaud students who meet our goals, and that others aspire to improve. The Presentation Day on 11th December 2020 will be an opportunity to do this.

### **HSC to Formal**

Our 2020 Year 12 have completed their HSC examinations and I trust that they have performed to their potential. This week their final activities as Mt St Patrick College students will occur and we hope to see them off in style at the formal on Friday night.

### **Final Thought**

A vital part of education should be opening our eyes (students and teachers) to new ideas and to different experiences. Hopefully, we go into the world excited by our differences not fearful of the unknown.

Pope Francis says...

*"This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good."*

Be the Good and God Bless.

Paul Reidy  
Principal

# FACULTY NEWS

## MINISTRY

### PRAYER SPONSORS FOR YEAR 12 HSC STUDENTS

With the HSC Examinations over, on behalf of the Staff and Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College, may I thank all those people (parents, students, staff, especially parishioners, former Primary schools and their staff and students) who prayed for our Year 12 students during their HSC examinations. We appreciate your generosity in being a Prayer Sponsor for them and be assured that your prayers have made a difference.

### YEAR 10-12 RETREATS 2021

The 2021 Year 12 Retreat will take place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February (Week 4, Term 1)** and the Year 10 Retreat in two groups from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March (Week 7, Term 1)** at Camp Bornhoffen. The large number of Year 10 students has meant the division into two smaller groups to ensure an effective retreat experience. This is an important opportunity for students to reflect upon their lives in a very busy year, especially their relationships with family, friends and God. A letter regarding details (eg **cost \$210.00**) and more specific information will be given in the first week of next year.

The **early notification** of the retreats is to enable families to **plan and budget** for these important occasions (they are part of School Fees), as the early part of the new College year is always expensive. As the retreats are seen as integral to the philosophy and ethos of the College, the retreat is **compulsory** and all students need to make sure that work or other commitments do not prevent them from attending. It is also an essential part of their holistic development. Parents are asked to ring the College if further clarification is needed.

### CHRISTMAS HELP

I am sure for many people this Christmas will be like no other, and for Mary MacKillop Conference of St. Vincent de Paul it will certainly not be the same.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions imposed, CHRISTMAS HAMPERS will not be available this year. We know the impacts of poverty on individuals and families are far-reaching, and that the effects of removing supports will be felt hardest by those already vulnerable and doing it tough. The deep uncertainty about the future of these crucial income supports mean that for many families this Christmas, they will not know whether they will be able to budget for essentials after the rent is paid.

The College Vinnies Group are staging a unique fundraiser to provide a cash donation to the MacKillop Vinnes Conference.

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you need assistance leading up to Christmas we will provide you with additional IGA vouchers to enable you to purchase food and Christmas treats for you and your family.

This has been a very hard decision for all our members as Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, however we hope that by providing additional monetary assistance your families you will get to celebrate a special Christmas. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, if you need additional help please telephone our Centre on 0409 777674 between the hours of 10am to 12 noon on a Monday or Wednesday and we will arrange for the help required.

As we move towards the celebration of Christmas may we be watchful in faith, hope filled for our world and those we service, offering the cup of love to all in need.

President, Mary Mackillop Conference  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MURWILLUMBAH

Michael O'Donohue  
Leader of Evangelisation

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### IMPORTANT 2021 TERM 1 DATES

At our recent Sports Coordinators meeting held via zoom, the sporting dates for 2021 were set. You can access these dates via the College calendar or by viewing the Lismore Sport webpage

[https://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1544140477.403861999511718750000](https://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/?doing_wp_cron=1544140477.403861999511718750000)

Below are some important dates for Term 1 2021. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions are still in place which does not allow for parents / adults to attend any sporting events. Traditionally we have a great support from our wider College Community so I would ask for your patience with these rest assured we can't wait for them to ease either.

## Term 1 Sports Dates

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February College Swimming Carnival - TRAC

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February NSW All Schools Triathlons (entry opening in 2020, check <https://csnsw.sport/>) - Penrith

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Diocesan Touch Football Individual Trials – Coffs Harbour

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Lismore

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March Diocesan Winter Sports Trials (Football & League Lismore) Diocesan Tennis (Arkininstall Park Tweed Heads)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March NSWCCC Hockey selections – Moorebank

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Diocesan North open Football – Lismore

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March Diocesan Open Basketball – Coffs Harbour

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March NSWCCC Swimming – Homebush

## MOTOR CYCLE RACING SUCCESS

Fresh from finishing fourth in the 2020 Queensland Road Racing Championship last month, Year 9 student Zak Pettendy came away with a hard-earned victory in the first two-hour motorcycle endurance race held by The Motorcycle Sportsmen of Queensland at Morgan Park Raceway in Warwick last weekend.

After about 40 laps each on their Yamaha R3 race bikes, battling for the lead with two local young guns throughout the entire two hours at near lap record pace, Zak and his teammate Patrick Bognar won the gruelling Enduro 400 race by a narrow 0.02 seconds – before both of them collapsed in a heap afterwards!

Zak now has his sights set on the final round of the 2020 Australian 300 Supersport Championship at the Wakefield Park circuit near Sydney next month.

Tim Whitney  
Sports Coordinator



## COLLEGE NEWS

### 2021 ACTIVITY WEEK YEAR 9 AND 10

Thank you to all parents who have responded to an email survey regarding their child's option for the 2021 Activity Week, Snow or Burleigh excursions. At this point due to the changing Covid restrictions we cannot confirm that these excursions will take place, therefore we will make a more informed decision early 2021. When a decision is made we will communicate this to parents and students. Keep fingers and toes crossed.

### ST VINNIES - HEART ART 2020

Thank you to those students who entered the Heart Art, "Heroes in Our Hearts" competition which raises money for the St Vincent De Paul Society.

**1st Place winner for 2020 is Molly Dean of Year 7** who submitted a framed photograph, explaining as her heroes: "My Dad and my Great Grandfather. My Dad served in the Army for 5 years and specialised in artillery (weapons on the frontline). My Great Grandfather enlisted in 1940 then was discharged from the army in 1944. He then decided to join the Airforce for 2 years. He has 6 different medals for his work and my Dad has an Australian Defence medal for his work. Both men chose to enlist and serve".





**Congratulations to 2nd Place recipient Caitlyn Bice of Year 8** whose hero was,  
 “organ/tissue donation because people choose to donate organs and save other people’s lives even if they will never meet them. The person on the left is a donor”.

**Congratulations to 3rd Place recipient Summer Gibbons of Year 8** who chose,  
 “a youtuber by the name of Mr Beast who in 2019 partnered with a company and launched a group called, ‘Team Trees’ which raised \$20 million to plant 20 million trees and completed this goal by the end of 2019”.

Best Wishes  
 St Vinnies Team 2020



### **ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This year more than any other year, many families, children and individuals in our community will go without this Christmas. Due to Covid restrictions, MSPC are unable to create Christmas hampers as has been the tradition in past years, so we are instead raising money for the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

All students will have the opportunity to send their friends Candy Canes with a Christmas message (called a 'Candy-Cane-Gram' and based off the movie 'Mean Girls'). Students can purchase for \$1 each in the Canteen Basement at lunchtime during **Week 7**. Deliveries will then be made by the St Vinnies Team during homeroom in **Week 8**.

Additional money donations can be handed to the front office with all money raised going directly to the 2020 Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

**So remember, 1 candy cane + Christmas message + delivery will cost only \$1.**

Thanks for your support,  
 The Vinnies Team

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Does your child own any of the items in the following pictures? If so, could they please collect them from the tubs outside the main Staffroom or you might be able to score some free Christmas presents for your child/ren. I'm, sure they would really appreciate such a gift.

Yours in generosity  
 Miss McShane.



# CALENDARS & ROSTERS

## Term 4

### Week 7

Mon	23/11	Day 1	Mon	30/11	Day 6
Tues	24/11	Day 2	Tues	1/12	Day 7
Wed	25/11	Day 3	Wed	2/12	Day 8
Thurs	26/11	Day 4	Thurs	3/12	Day 9
Fri	27/11	Day 5	Fri	4/12	Day 10

### Week 8

## 2019 CALENDAR

Nov	20 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Yr 12 Formal
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 9 & 10 Catch up Exams
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7 2021 Orientation day - Group 1 Lucan and Nagle
Dec	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wildfire 10.10 Presentation, Gilbey Centre
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 7 2021 Orientation day – Group 2 Loreto and Lisieux Newsletter home
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 10 PASS Excursion
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 9 PASS Excursion
	10 <sup>th</sup>	College Assembly / End of Term Liturgy – Christmas theme, Gilbey Centre
	11 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm Presentation Assembly, Gilbey Centre Newsletter home

## AWARDS

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

#### NAGLE

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Isabelle Biersteker

##### Year 8

Isabella Collins, Nathan Johnson, Maya Rogers.

##### Year 9

Layla Marr, Leo Molinari, Geordie Render.

#### LISIEUX

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 8

Anja Griffin

##### Year 9

Ella Rainford, Oliver Webb.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 9

Ella Rainford

#### LORETO

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Cruz Kill

##### Year 8

Elise Albertini, Caitlyn Bice, Bronson Hockley.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 4

#### Week 7

23/11	Chris Reynolds
24/11	Lisa Stella
25/11	Tanya Kingston
26/11	Stacey Weaver
27/11	Gene Molloy, Stephanie Leipper

#### Week 8

30/11	Helpers Needed
1/12	Lisa Blackwell-Barnes
2/12	Chris Reynolds
3/12	Jenney Curnow
4/12	Billy Battese, Lesley Bridges

#### Year 9

Hallie Nash

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 8

Elise Albertini, Caitlyn Bice, Bronson Hockley.

##### Year 9

Hallie Nash

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 9

Hallie Nash

#### LUCAN

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Isabella Levings, Emelia Thompson.

##### Year 8

Tom Logan, Caitlyn Moore, Kai Mumford.

##### Year 9

Mahalia Ashforth, Jayda McDermott, Sierra Mudgeway-Freeman, Ebony Northeast.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Isabella Levings

##### Year 8

Tom Logan

## Available for Tutoring

**Saxon Wales (Yr 12 2020)**

**Phone:** 0417027257

**Email:** [saxon.wales2002@gmail.com](mailto:saxon.wales2002@gmail.com)

Yr 7 – 10: English, Maths, HSIE, Science

Yr 11 & 12: Chemistry, English, Maths, Business Studies, Earth & Environmental Science

**WORK 'N' COUNTRY  
GEAR**

74 Main St, MURWILLUMBAH  
PH: (02) 6672 6283

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**MURWILLUMBAH COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**NULLUM STREET, KNOX PARK**  
**02 66723003**

**JANUARY DATES**  
11<sup>TH</sup> , 12<sup>TH</sup> , 13<sup>TH</sup>  
18<sup>TH</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup>

**FREE YOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB**

**MURWILLUMBAH YOUTH CENTRE**  
OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10YO – 18YO  
10.00AM – 3.00PM MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED  
**PLACES ARE LIMITED!**  
Please call Murwillumbah Community Centre on 02 66723003 to secure your spot!


# Getting Ready for Christmas with Fr Rob



**Tuesday 24th  
November**



**7.00pm - 8pm**



**Webinar**  
Watch from the comfort  
of your home



**A night for all  
the family**



**Fr Rob Galea**

CATHOLIC PRIEST // KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
RECORDING ARTIST // AUTHOR

## Join Fr Rob in music and message as we:

- Prepare ourselves for something great, for greatness that has happened and greatness that is yet to come.
- Focus on the reason for the seasons of Advent & Christmas
- Open our hearts for the coming of Jesus

Peace

Love

Joy

Hope

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