Mt St Patrick Primary School, Murwillumbah

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PO Box 1226 30 Mooball St Murwillumbah NSW 2484 Dear Parents/Caregivers,

SCHOOL PROMOTIONAL VIDEO: At our Assembly last week we launched our new MSPP school promotional video. The purpose of the video is for prospective families looking to enrol their child/ren to MSPP, particularly those families that a not familiar with the Murwillumbah region or our school. The video showcases all of the wonderful aspects of our school, highlighting the variety of opportunities afforded to our students, including parent & community involvement. Our school engaged with former MSPP student Joshua Northeast, the owner and lead videographer of Jnortheast Films, who worked with our High Potential Learner coordinator Mr Tim Waugh to put together the video. I thank both Josh & Tim on



Click on the QR Code to view or MSPP Promotional Video

their final product. Please click on the QR code to access the video. I'm sure you will enjoy watching the video. The video will be made accessible via our school website and in the coming weeks it will be available on our newly developed MSPP social media account.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 2025 SEPTEMBER

WEEK 8

Fri 12th Assembly:

Assembly: Basement @ 9:10am - Year 3 BLUE

Big Band Day Out

Parish Mass: 12 noon - Kinder

& Year 6 attending

POLDING Athletics -

Newcastle

WEEK 9

Tues 16th Whole School Photo day

Wed 17th Kindergarten Pirate Day!

Fri 19th Assembly: 9:10am

Stage 3 Gala Day

WEEK 10

Tues 23rd NRL Gala Day

Wed 24th MSPP Arts Trail

Thur 25th Students last day Term 3

Fri 26th Staff Professional Learning

Day

TERM 4 2025

WEEK 1

Mon 13th Students first day Term 4

Whole school Rosary day

Fri 17th COLOUR RUN day

PRIMARY BAND DAY OUT: Mt St Patrick PS is again hosting a 'Mostly Sunny Primary Band Day Out' on Friday 12th September. The day will include various Tweed Catholic Primary School Bands rehearsing together, developing ensemble, sight reading and musical skills. Students will enjoy a day of music making with other primary band students in our region. Thank you to our music/band teacher Mrs. Anna Mulholland for her coordination of this event.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Queensland School Photography will be returning on Tuesday 16th Sept to take a whole school photo. It is hoped that students who were absent for our school photo day earlier this Term, as well as School Captains and SRC photos will be taken on this day.

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MSPP ARTS TRAIL: WEDNESDAY 24th SEPT (THEME: OCEAN)

OFFICIAL OPENING (2pm - 3pm)
OPEN CLASSROOMS (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

Please mark in your diary. Parents/carers and grandparents are invited to our second 'MSPP Arts Trail'. Our school highly values both the Visual & Creative Arts. Our students thrive in being afforded opportunities to be creative and imaginative in the areas of music, art & drama. 'MSPP Arts Trail' will showcase and celebrate our students achievements in all of these areas of learning. I would like to thank our wonderful specialist teachers, Mrs. Beck O'Connell (art) and Mrs. Anna Mulholland (music & drama) for their organisation of this special school event.

STUDENTS MAY COME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE ARTIST, MUSICIAN, ACTOR OR IN OCEAN THEME!

OFFICIAL OPENING ON THE HARDCOURT 2PM-3PM

OPEN CLASSROOMS
3:30PM-5:30PM

Enjoy your week!

Brendan Ryan Principal

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We congratulate those students who made their Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 3rd September**. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus, and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.



SEASONS FOR GROWTH AND STORMBIRDS



Change and loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or through any other life changes such as migration, change of school, or natural disasters, children may benefit from learning the skills to understand and make sense of these situations. To support our children who have experienced change, we are offering two FREE evidence-based educational programs in Term 4 called Season for Growth and Stormbirds. Please refer to the permission slips and handouts included in the previous newsletter for more information.

ALTAR SERVERS



Congratulations to Ted Cornale and Leah Gorton who have both recently completed their altar server training.

An altar server assists the priest during Mass by carrying out practical tasks in the sanctuary. Their duties include helping to set up for the service, carrying

the cross, candles, and incense, and assisting with the gifts and the preparing of the altar.

Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8.00am Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 8.00am Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 8.00am Sacred Heart Church
Friday 12.00pm Sacred Heart Church
WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6:00 pm Sacred Heart (Vigil)
Sundays: 9:00am Sacred Heart Church

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chapel is open for private prayer each weekday from 9am—3pm.

JUBILEE YEAR - RECONCILIATION

Another characteristic of the Jubilee Year is Reconciliation - the act of forgiving and being forgiven.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also called Confession or Penance, is where you can tell a priest about the things you've done wrong, and ask God for forgiveness. This is just like when you apologise to a friend and they forgive you. The priest says the words that Jesus says to us, and Jesus, through the priest forgives us of our sins and gives us fullness of life again! In this year of Jubilee we're reminded to think about the things we might need to say sorry for so we can receive God's mercy and grace to start again.



SEASON OF CREATION

Our Mini Vinnies group have been working hard to promote prayer, practical advocacy and sustainable actions during the Season of Creation to renew our ecumenical unity and care for our common home.

In Week 10, our whole school is going to have a different daily focus:

Monday - Energy/Water Conservation - 'No Power Hour'

Tuesday - Caring for Country

Wednesday - Fair Trade

Thursday - Waste management & whole school clean up Thank you to our Mini Vinnies group for being tireless advocates for such an important cause! INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS! Over the last few weeks classes have been enjoying a wide range of events including the Year 6 Canberra Excursion, Year 3 visit to The Farm, Year 4 headed off to Cape Byron and Kinder to Year 2 enjoyed an author visit here at school with Kim Michele Toft's. Her amazing Illustrations and explaining the work that goes into books was inspirational! Thank you to all the Teachers who have made these experiences happen!

Have a great week of learning and teaching everyone! Carolyn Waugh Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching



On Monday 8th of September, Year 4 went on a Geography Excursion to Cape Byron. We learned about the work involved in caring for a National Park and some students got dressed up as the workers. Year 4 went for a walk with the Rangers from the Lighthouse to Wategos Beach and saw some dolphins along the way. We had our lunch at West Wategos Picnic Area. After this, we got to make our own Miniature National Park with the help of our Teachers and Parent Helpers! Then it was time to get back on the bus and return to school.

















During our NAIDOC celebration in August, Year 6 and Shannon Kitchener, did an artwork representing our school community. The circles and arches are represented by each member of Year 6 and the teachers. The pathways that connect them all are how our community is created, around the school. The land and countryconnect to one another's families. The Cross represents our school. Ballen the river comes through.

The repetitive circles in green is Wollumbin, the mountains associated with it, and the ground we walk on. The ridge goes across. Gooramun the kangaroo goes

across, showing us that roos have been alongside the river, and the dreaming path of the red ochre and how that was created. This artwork has been hung in the stairwell near Year 6 alongside our Bundjalung Language Map. One of our beautiful new rugs looks stunning in the library and certainly brightens up the whole room. Thank you again everyone for your gold coin donation for NAIDOC. Jenny Cantrill





TERM 3 Week 7

Infants Student of the Week

Year KB: Frankie, Aurora Year KY: Fynn, Layla Year 1B: Leona, Pepper Year 1Y: Grace, Jackson Year 2B: Bria, Nina Year 2Y: Daria, Flynn

Primary Student of the Week

Year 3B: Odyn, Ella Year 3Y: Zahra, Juno Year 4B: Liam, Max Year 4Y: Austin, Maya Year 5B: Cooper, Duke Year 5Y: Ashton, Natalie Year 6B: Levi, Eamon Year 6Y: Lucy, Skyla

Principal Awards

Banjo, Jasmine, Opal, Layla, Kiera, Paddy, Cooper, Kye, Braxton, Darcy, William, Alexis, Isaac, Arkie, Grace, Marlon, Chayce, Noah, Toby, Matilda, Keeley, Juliet, Jack, Jake, Louis, Aiden, Annika, Hargun, Kennedy, Lee, Eloise, Avienda, Charlotte, Matilda, Brock, Connor, Eliza, Rocky, Leroy, Jesse, Ashton, Cooper, Tyler, Kai, Miles

Creative Arts Awards

Infants: Margot, Bonnie, Coen, Teddy, Chayce, Eva Stage 2: Baye, Piper, Jackson, Isla, Frankie Stage 3: Rhea, Archie, matilda, Oskar, Flynn

Drama Awards

Margot, Blaise, Ivy, Freddy, Keeley, Layla, Avienda

Good Sport Awards

Infants: Max, Abe, Banjo, Lou, Hector, Lenny Stage 2: Odyn, Jack, Leo, Chanon Stage 3: Koah, Oliver, Brax, Brayden





GOOD SPORT AWARDS: INFANTS

SPORT REPORT

<u>DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:</u> Results are now in for our talented athletes who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival recently in Coffs Harbour. Well done to the following students for their outstanding efforts:

Archie: Jnr Shot Put (8th) Oliver: Jnr 800m (6th)

Jack R: Jnr 1500m (4th running a PB of 5.35min which placed him 2nd out of the 8Yrs and 9Ys combined. Jack is first reserve for Polding) and Jnr 800m (7th)

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Eliza: 11Yr Discus (4th which means Eliza is first reserve for Polding!) **Eli:** 9Yr 100m (1st) running a PB that day!

Lucy D: 10Yr 100m (1st after qualifying 6th fastest in the heats!) and Jnr 200m (11th)

Cooper: 11Yr Shot Put (1st leading by 70cm ahead of the competition having thrown 9.93m!)

Congratulations to Eli, Lucy and Cooper for placing 1st in their event and progressing on to the Polding Athletics Championships this Friday in Newcastle!! We wish you all the best of luck and hope you enjoy competing at Polding level!





STAGE 3 GALA DAY:

The Stage 3 Gala Day is set to take place at <u>Arkinstall Park next Friday 19th September</u>. All schools who are part of the Tweed Zone (8 Catholic Schools from Tweed to Byron) will come together to compete in a Boys Soccer tournament, Girls Soccer tournament and Girls Netball tournament. Students in Year 5 & 6 who are not part of these teams will join us for a day of rotating sports facilitated by expert coaches in Tennis, AFL, NRL Tag and Netball. Reminder to please complete compass permission for this Gala Day!

Wishing the following students the best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming tournament:

Boys Soccer:

Tore, Kia, Jasper, Clancy, Tyler, Jion, Max H, Jesse, Blake, Rowan, Archie, Oliver, Cooper, Zac and Shadows: Kyden & Baylen. A big thank you to Justin Twohill, Andrew Marks and Pontus Lindstedt for your time to coach and manage the team!

Girls Soccer:

Audrey, Stella, Bess, Florence, Elka, Emele, Charlotte S, Skyla, Pearl, Eliza, Sienna and Macey. A big thank you to Chris Pollard for taking on the role of coach and giving your time to train and manage the team on the day!

<u>Netball:</u> Mia, Ava, Maddy, Lennox, Charlotte D, Lucy B, Sophie, Lucy C-D, Isla, Eden and Mia C. **Another big thank you to** Teigan Thompson for giving your time to the team both in training and managing the team on the day!

NRL GALA DAY:

Wishing the following boys the best of luck at the up coming gala day in week 10 Tuesday 23rd September at Dave Burns Fields Twin Towns. They've been working hard with their coaches staying back after school to prepare and train. Thank you to our coaches Rene, Wayde, Ethan and Ryan for coming to run these sessions!

<u>Junior Blue Team:</u> Tyson, Max B, Ted, Nate W, Wyatt, Leo, Eli B, Patrick C, Laine, Jackson, Hudson, Tom and Xavier <u>Junior Green Team:</u> Eli M, Cooper, Freddy Jack T and nine Joeys players.

Shadow: Cooper

<u>Senior Blue Team:</u> Brayden, Brax, Blake, Henri, Levi, Jesse, Danny, Byron, Nate M, Deagan, Oskar, Clancy, Tyler, Ashton, Rocky and Bodhi.

Senior Green Team: Leroy, Koah, Zac, Hayden, Brock, Kyden, Ozzie, Ashton, Jack R and seven Joeys players.

<u>SUMMER COMP - HOCKEY SIGN UP:</u> The local Hockey club in Murwillumbah is running an 8 week comp where you can come along to play social / fun games of Hockey in two age categories (Primary School Age and Highschool / Seniors). This is great value for primary school kids at \$20!! They are also offering a similar comp in Casurina for those who live out that way. See the attached flyer for more information about this great summer comp!

<u>ATHLETICS SIGN UP:</u> Little A's at Walter Peate Oval – Cudgen are getting ready for their season to begin and are calling for any interested families to come along and check out their club this Saturday at 8am. See the attached flyer for more information about this fantastic club!

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR 2025

TERM 3

Fri 12th Big Band Day Out

Polding Athletics—Glendale

Tues 16th Whole School Photo
Fri 19th Years 5 & 6 Gala Day
Wed 24th MSPP Art Trail Afternoon
Thurs 25th Students last Day Term 3

Fri 26th Pupil Free Day- Staff Professional Learning

TERM 4

October

Mon 13th Students First Day - Term 4

*Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion (Mon 20th—Wed 22nd)

Fri 17th MSPP 'Colour Run'

Fri 24th Years 3 & 4 Excursion: Mur'bah Theatre

Mon 27th Parent Community Group (formerly Parent

Forum) Meeting

Tues 28th EXURO - selected Year 5 students

Fri 31st GRANDPARENTS DAY

TERM 4

November

*Kinder 2026 Orientation (Mon 3rd & Tues 4th)

Sat 29th Parish Christmas Carnival & Tableau

December

Mon 1st EXURO - all Year 5 students

*Infants Intensive Swimming (Mon 1st - Fri 12th)

Tues 9th Primary Presentation Day
Thurs 11th Infants Presentation Morning
Fri 12th Primary Swimming Carnival

Mon 15th Orientation 2026 & Year 6 Treat Day

Tues 16th Graduation Mass

Year 6 Farewell Guard of Honour

Wed 17th Students Last Day 2025

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR 2026

Term 1 - Wednesday 28th Jan to Thursday 2nd April (2026 Easter break—Good Friday 3rd April Easter Monday 6th April 2026)

Term 2 - Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July (School holidays Mon 6th July to Friday 17th July 2026)

Term 3 - Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September (School holidays Mon 28th September to Friday 9th October 2026)

Term 4 - Monday 12th October to Thursday 17th December (School holidays Friday 18th Dec to Wednesday 27th January 2027)

Details of Staff Professional Learning Days (Pupil Free Days) for 2026 will be determined before the end of this school year.

BIRTHDAYS

1st September - 7th September

Bronte KB, Tyler KB, Prada KB, Luka KY, Beau KY, Dex KY, Jett 1Y, Zoe 2Y, Olivia 3Y, Connor 5B

8th September - 14th September

Jayla KB, Adeline KB, Capri KY, Jasmine KY, Rorie 1B, Euan 1Y, Lily 2Y, Tanika 2Y, Piper 3Y, Charlie 3Y, Sonny 6B, Florence 6Y















Join our community and experience the joy of athletics!



Tweed Little Athletics 2025/2026 Season Sign-On

Registrations for Under 6 through to Under 17 athletes

Saturday mornings at 8am Season commences September 13 at Walter Peate Oval, Kingscliff

Sign up for a trial before registering (\$20 for two weeks)





Registrations are open through Sport80 NSW Active Kids Vouchers accepted











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2025

Summer Hockey

Hockey Tweed Centre

Murwillumbah

Starts Monday
13th October for 8 weeks



PRIMARY SCHOOL COMP

YEARS 3-6(NO TEAM REQUIRED)
5PM TO 6PM
\$20 INDIVIDUAL REGO



HIGH SCHOOL& SENIORS

6PM TO 8PM \$80 INDIVIDUAL REGO

Casuarina Hockey Fields

Starts Thursday

16th October for 8 Weeks

PRIMARY SCHOOL COMP

YEARS 3-6(NO TEAM REQUIRED)
5PM TO 6PM
\$20 INDIVIDUAL REGO



HIGH SCHOOL& SENIORS

6PM TO 8PM \$80 INDIVIDUAL REGO

Find out the details by simply scanning the QR code!



















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MSPP Arts Trolil 24th September 2025

YOU ARE
INVITED TO
JOIN THE
PRIMARY
CHOIR AT THE
ARTS TRAIL
OPENING.

PLEASE JOIN
US IN SINGING
WALKING ON
SUNSHINE.
LYRICS WILL
BE PROVIDED.

YOU CAN PRACTISE AT HOME WITH THIS: This Friday, we have a Big Band Day Out happening in the Gilbey Centre. More than 100 band students from across our region (including 30 of our years 4-6 band students) are gathering, along with our Primary Choir, to prepare and present a concert of happy, sunshiny music. You are all invited to our concert at 1:15pm. I think you'll enjoy it, and you may even sing along.

Two weeks later, at our MSPP Arts Trail, our band students and choirs will officially open our wonderful whole school art gallery. Our school will be transformed into a stunning collection of visual art and I can't wait to see it.

But how do our music students get to the point of being able to play different rhythms and pitches and hold different parts independently, all while staying together? It actually starts in kindergarten...

Just this term, this is some of what we've been doing.

Kindergarten: we've been investigating soft and strong sounds, using balls, instruments, scarves and our bodies.

Year 1: we've been exploring 1, 2 and NO sounds on the beat, and singing and playing our pentatonic notes.

Year 2: we've been conquering the long sound of 1 sound over TWO beats. We catch our butterflies and release them. Ask your year 2 student about how we NEVER kill butterflies. We've also met all the neighbours on Solfa St, and can sing the whole hill. We sing a song while we play a different rhythm on a xylophone.

Year 3: we've been studying the soprano, alto and tenor recorders. We can play three different parts at the same time, and regulate our breath, and move our fingers independently. We're also writing our own songs using the pentatonic scale.

Year 4: We've been learning chord twins on ukuleles. We can play percussion on a uke WHILE we play chords on our ukes. We can mix and match chords, play a rhythm and sing at the same time. We've been using knobbly balls to bounce out mixed French rhythms while we sing English lyrics. We can identify when chords change in a song and figure out what chord it is.

Year 5 and 6: We've been studying sea shanties and writing our own harmonic and rhythmic play alongs to sea shanties. We've learnt guitar chords and xylophone bass lines. We can use all sorts of pitched and unpitched instruments to compose our own parts.

This is how our students can achieve what you will get to see on Friday this week, and again on Wednesday, in week 10.

I am ridiculously proud of what your wonderful students can do.









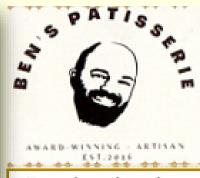






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