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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 2025

SEPTEMBER

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



MSPP ARTS TRAIL: We invite all parents/carers and grandparents to our '**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.

NB: Classrooms will be locked between 2pm until 3:30pm.

As this is our last newsletter for Term 3, it provides an opportunity to reflect upon what has been a very busy Term. Without losing focus of our core business of teaching all of the Key Learning Areas of the curriculum, we also continue to provide a wide variety opportunities for all of our students so that they can 'Grow, Learn & Thrive'. A vibrant school community relies on providing opportunities for our parents/carers to be part of a variety of additional school activities. The importance of parents being involved in their child's school community is never to be underestimated. Thank you to all of those parents/carers who were able to be present at many school events this Term.

STUDENT EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

NAIDOC Day celebrations

Big Band Day Out

Year 6 Sydney/Canberra excursion

Stage 3 Gala Day & NRL Gala Day

Kinder Pirate Day

Book Parade Dress Up day - author visit

Zone, Diocesan & Polding Athletics

Tweed Public Speaking Competition

Years 3 & 4 class excursions

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

MSPP Trivia Night

Parent Assembly Workshop - Raising Adolescent Arts Trail 2025

Parent Teacher Interviews

Sacrament of Confirmation

School Disco

Father's Day stall

Assemblies - incl. Kinder Father's Day

Click on the QR Code to view our MSPP Promotional Video



Enjoy your Term break! Brendan Ryan Principal

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The rosary is perhaps the most popular devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. It is a prayer through which we meditate with Mary on the central mysteries of Jesus. In October the Church celebrates the rosary in a special way: reminding us of its simple beauty and gentle power. It is a time of grace for us to return to this prayer if we have let it slip away, or perhaps to discover it for the first time. We will be praying the rosary together as a whole school on the first day of Term 4, **Monday 13th October** and you are invited to join us in this prayer from wherever you are on that day.



CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - 29TH NOVEMBER

This year the Parish will make some changes to the format of the Carnival and Fr Peter invites our schools, parishioners and parish groups to consider how you might best support the carnival and its revised format. The parish will retain and run the parish raffle, the chocolate wheel and the cent auction. All other stalls/ideas are open for you to send us your expressions of interest about a stall, activity or food option that you and your group/family might run at the Carnival. Fr Peter and the planning committee will review and approve stalls, activities, food options by the beginning of October to allow plenty of time for your planning to start. Please note that this year the Carnival will commence with Vigil Mass at 5:00pm and the Carnival will open at 5:30pm. The Tableau will be staged in the Gilbey Hall around 7:00pm; so stalls will be operational for just on 1 1/2 hours. And...if there is a Santa Claus with a ute out there somewhere please get in touch! Thank you for your continued interest and support in keeping the Christmas Carnival spirit alive – it's been an important event in our parish community since 1961. Please reply by email to murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au by 5pm Monday 29 September with your idea/s.



*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 - PRAYER

Prayer is another characteristic of the Jubilee Year. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines prayer as: the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God (CCC 2559).

The Catechism goes on to identify three expressions of prayer: vocal prayer, meditative prayer and contemplative prayer.

The primary purpose of prayer is to respond to God's initiation of dialogue with us. It is always an act of faith and hope.



MEMORIAL OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL - 27TH SEPTEMBER



Saint Vincent De Paul (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was a French Catholic priest who was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. He is the international patron of the St Vincent De Paul Society, which was named in his honour when established in Paris in 1833.

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.

This week 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!

Tameka Harris - Assistant Principal Mission

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE 2025 ! Twenty talented Year 6 students are about to embark on their **2025 First Lego League (FLL) journey**, with this year's theme "*Unearthed*" combining archaeology and cutting-edge technology. The teams will spend the coming weeks exploring challenges that connect the past with the future, working collaboratively to design, build, and program their LEGO robots. A practice day will be held during the holidays to help the students refine their ideas and prepare for competition. With FLL being an international event and our school's proud history of outstanding performances, we're looking forward to another exciting season of creativity, innovation, and teamwork!

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



KINSHIP FESTIVAL

On Saturday 20 th September, the Kinship Festival was held in Knox Park in Murwillumbah for a day of culture, creativity and connection. Krystal Alcorn organised a site for Mt St Pats and set up activities, hair wraps and craft for children. The day began with a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony, followed by corroboree, live music, Aboriginal artisan markets, children's activities and Keith Close did fire making. The Festival was a huge success. Thank you Krystal Alcorn and Beck O'Connell for all your hard work and highlighting our school on the day.



KINDER YARNING CIRCLE

On Monday 15th September, Ava Espie, Levi Nolan and Elka Close led a Yarning Circle with Kinder with special guest Jeff Logan. The Kinder children were very respectful holding the Talking Stick while asking some amazing questions to Mr Logan. Thank you Ava, Levi, Elka and Mr Logan for a fantastic Yarn.



TERM 3 Week 8**Infants Student of the Week**

Year KB: Prada, Malakai

Year KY: Harry, Liliana

Year 1B: Nate, Opal

Year 1Y: Evan, Xander

Year 2B: Sage, Marlon

Year 2Y: Dominic, Blake

Primary Student of the Week

Year 3B: Mia, Aurelia

Year 3Y: Jack, Saxon

Year 4B: Cooper, Olivia

Year 4Y: Frankie, Isla

Year 5B: Isla, Lexie

Year 5Y: Slater, Amelia

Year 6B: Sonny, Jesse

Year 6Y: Sienna, Miles

Principal Awards

Darcy, Penelope, Lenny, Archie, Molly, Samuel,
Rose, Blake, Roy, Xavier, Olive, Olivia, Nate, Isla,
Tully, Elena

Creative Arts Awards

Infants: Lyra, Liliana, Jackson, Arella, Roy, Penny

Stage 2: Jake, Zyon, Tully, Tyson

Stage 3: Sienna, Matilda, Max, Nate, Joshua

Drama Awards

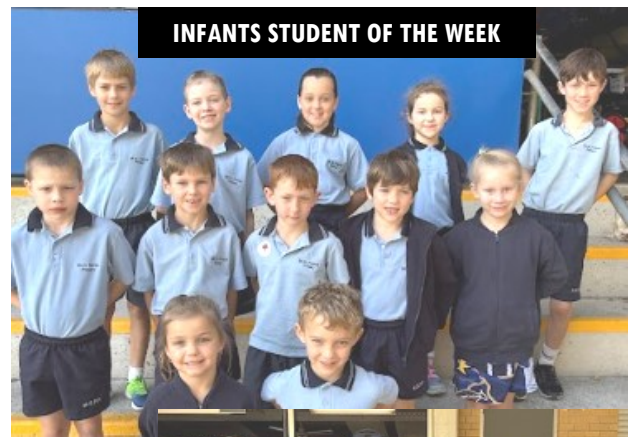
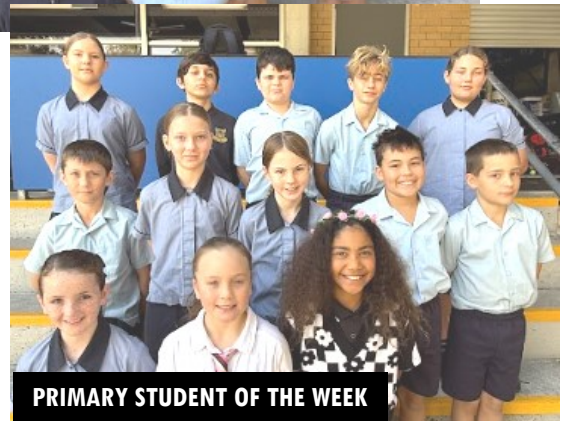
Malakai, Banjo, Molly, Halcyon, Zahra, Daisy, Tyson

Good Sport Awards

Infants: Margot, Lachie, Olive, Grace, Murphy, Dominic

Stage 2: Bella, Zahra, Aiden, Austin

Stage 3: Brock, Josie, Sonny, Lucy

**INFANTS STUDENT OF THE WEEK****PRIMARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK****PRINCIPAL AWARD: INFANTS****PRINCIPAL AWARD: PRIMARY****CREATIVE ARTS AWARD: ART****CREATIVE ARTS AWARD: MUSIC****DRAMA AWARDS****GOOD SPORT AWARDS**

TERM 3 Week 9**Infants Student of the Week**

Year KB: Archer, Banksia

Year KY: Abe, Beau

Year 1B: Thomas, Archie

Year 1Y: Ethan, Ivy

Year 2B: Levi, Isla

Year 2Y: Ivy, Lenny

Primary Student of the Week

Year 3B: Azrael, Bella

Year 3Y: Gwen, Jack

Year 4B: Eli, Ivy

Year 4Y: Tully, Jett

Year 5B: Zoe, Lexie

Year 5Y: Sienna, Theo

Year 6B: Angelie, Deagan

Year 6Y: Blake, Lucy

Principal Awards

Adeline, Tyler, Lachlan, Beau, Lyra, Liliana, Luka,
Olive, Leona, Kaden, Teddy, Aurora, Eva, Everley,
Beatrix, Archer, Harper, Dominic, Ivy, Faye,
Rose, Jackson, Max, Eli, Wyatt, Roman, Austin,
Jett, Frankie, Tyson, Matilda

Creative Arts Awards

Infants: Adeline, Koa, Kaden, Ashton, Archer, Alex

Stage 2: Ella, Patrick, Daisy, Eli

Stage 3: Natalie, Zac, Kai, Jion, Lucy

Drama Awards

Bronte, Blaise, Samuel, Wyatt, Eva, Lee, Nicholas

Good Sport Awards

Infants: Samuel, Fynn, Marliah, Matilda, Ava, Flynn

Stage 2: Rose, Baye, Sophia, Ted

Stage 3: Zoe, Oswald, Danny, Penny

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POLDING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Three students travelled to Newcastle to compete at the Polding Athletics Championships recently: Eli.M, Lucy.D and Cooper.N represented our school with fantastic sportsmanship and Heart and Pride. ***Polding is the highest level of competition in Catholic Schools!*** A fantastic achievement to reach this final level!!

- **Lucy D:** 10Yr 100m (9th in her heat just missing the final by 0.16 seconds!)
- **Eli:** 9Yr 100m (4th in his heat running a PB of 15.04 seconds and qualifying through to the finals! It was a very tense final with one competitor false starting twice. Eli placed 8th in his finals)
- **Cooper:** 11Yr Shot Put (3rd with a huge PB of 10.66m! Cooper really stood apart from the rest with 4th place a full meter behind him!) 3rd place means Cooper has progressed onto NSWPSA!!!



Congratulations to Eli, Lucy.D, and Cooper.N for reaching Polding level and an extra special congratulations to Cooper. N for qualifying to NSWPSA!! Cooper will be competing at the highest possible level there is in NSW! All Catholic schools, Public schools, Private schools and Independent schools will come together to compete at NSWPSA! We wish you the best of luck and hope you enjoy competing at this level!!

STAGE 3 GALA DAY:

NETBALL REPORT: Today we had 11 Stage 3 girls represent our school proudly at the gala day, competing in six competitive netball games. They worked hard as a team, showing determination, energy, and a positive attitude throughout every match. Their passing, movement, and communication on the court improved with each game, reflecting their dedication and teamwork. We had so much fun and we are already looking forward to next year. A big shoutout to Teigan Thompson for coaching the girls!



SOCCER (BOYS) REPORT: The boys' soccer team had an action-packed day, facing off against St. James, St. Finbarr's, and St. Joseph's South Murwillumbah. The team played with great determination, securing draws in all three games. Blake Pinkstone managed to net two goals—one against St. James and another against St. Finbarr's. Meanwhile, Archie Catt contributed with a fortunate goal against St. Joseph's South Murwillumbah. A big congratulations to all the boys for their hard work and sportsmanship on the field. Well done, team!



SOCCER (GIRLS) REPORT: In a hotly contested pool featuring St. Joseph's Primary (South Murwillumbah) and St. Finbarr's Primary, the Mt. St. Patrick Primary girls soccer team put in a great effort at the Stage 3 Gala day on Friday, showing fantastic teamwork and great enthusiasm. After going down narrowly in the first two games, the girls team rallied for a great performance in the third, finishing the day with determination and smiles all round. The improvement across the matches was a credit to their persistence, sportsmanship, and willingness to encourage each other. Congratulations to all the girls for representing the school with pride.



NRL GALA DAY:

Today our school had 43 students compete at the Tweed All Schools Rugby League Gala Day. 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!

Junior Blue Team: Tyson, Max B, Ted, Nate W, Wyatt, Leo, Eli B, Patrick C, Laine, Jackson, Hudson, Tom and Xavier

Junior Green Team: Eli M, Cooper, Freddy Jack T and nine Joeys players.

Shadow: Cooper

Senior Blue Team: 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.

Full report will be in the next newsletter once we get all the exciting news from the day!

**ATHLETICS COACHING – HOLIDAYS:**

Students interested in attending an Athletics / Running workshop over the holidays take a closer look at Gilly's Coaching And Wellness flyer! A great way to learn more about running and improve for all sports! See flyer attached.

REMINDER - SUMMER COMP - HOCKEY SIGN UP: 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!

REMINDER - ATHLETICS SIGN UP: 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!

Mrs. Samantha Daly - Sport Coordinator

Band Day Out 2025





The 2025 Band Day Out was a wonderful and very noisy day of musicianship and fun.

With the help of Mr Spurlock, Mr Friel, Ms Matthews, Ms Rennes, Mr Coulthart, Mr Postema, Mr Aitchison, plus College players helping to mentor our musicians, our students rehearsed and presented an exciting concert with lots of audience involvement.

Congratulations to all involved - the level of musicianship increases each year - you should all be proud!

A big thank you to Mr Ryan and our leadership team for all the support and encouragement you give to our Arts students.

Anna Mulholland
Coordinator of the Arts

Photos: Isobel Gresham



TERM 3

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.

ART TRAIL : LIBRARY



'The library has some beautiful artwork on display for this year's Arts Trail. Kindergarten students have helped make scales for a very special collaborative Rainbow fish, while Year 4 have made some amazingly creative mixed media Corals!'



BIRTHDAYS

15th September—21st September

Ruben KB, Koa 1B, Nate 1B, Ezra 2Y, Ziggy 2Y, Deagan 6B

22nd September—28th September

Kye KB, Archie 1B, Murphy 2B, Jack 3Y, Louis 3Y, Kennedy 4B, Matilda 5B, Eliza 5Y, Brax 6B



October school holiday running /athletics workshop

Athletics workshop: October 3rd 8am-9:30am
Location:
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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



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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



www.tweedlac.org.au



Junior Registrations

Singlet Purchase 26th September
4:30pm to 5:30pm

Fridays: Ages 6 to 16
Teams Released: 10th October
Round 1: 17th October

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