

Mt St Patrick Primary School, Murwillumbah

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2025

OCTOBER

WEEK 2

Fri 24th Years 3 & 4 Excursion

WEEK 3

Mon 27th Crazy Sock Day
Parent Community Group
Meeting 6pm

Fri 31st Grandparents Day

NOVEMBER

WEEK 4

Mon 3rd Kinder 2026 Transition Day

Tues 4th Kinder 2026 Transition Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week I'm on camp with our Year 5 students at Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreational Centre. The students will engage in activities like beach games, marine studies, archery and indoor rock climbing & team challenges. These activities can build resilience, confidence, and teamwork. Away from screens and daily routines, students learn to appreciate nature, navigate new challenges, and support one another. Lake Ainsworth is a unique experience that allows children to grow in ways the classroom can't always offer – and adds something special to their learning journey!

Thank you for our staff: Miss. Elizabeth Holst, Mr. Scott Lewis & Mrs. Narelle Edmonds for their generosity of time in supervising and being responsible for our Year 5 students whilst away on camp.

KINDER 2026 TRANSITION DAYS: On Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th November (9am - 12pm) we will be welcoming our Kinder 2026 cohort for their transition days. The transition days enables all Kinder 2026 students to familiarise with the kinder classrooms and playground. They will have an opportunity to meet those teachers who they will have most contact with next year and also meet their 'big buddies' (current Year 5 students). Next week our Kinder teachers, Inclusion coordinator and myself will visit some of our local pre-schools to meet some the Kinder 2026 students and to discuss with the pre-school staff each individual students transition to Mt St Patrick PS for next year.

A reminder that on **Tuesday 4th November @ 5pm** there will be a parent information session in the Kinder classroom.

CLASS REQUESTS FOR 2026: Parent requests for specific classroom teachers or class placement with particular students can often compromise the process that classroom teachers take in deciding a student's class placement for the following year. I am asking all parents/carers to trust the process of classroom teacher's determining the class lists for 2025. Classroom teacher's take much time and consideration when selecting classes for the following year. Teacher's look at all aspects including: academic, social, learning support & emotional needs. Classroom teacher's are best placed to do this. Students are also afforded the opportunity to name five students across their cohort that they believe they would best work with in the 2025 class. Each student is guaranteed at least one student out of the five names they've nominated.

STUDENTS / FAMILIES NOT ATTENDING MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY IN 2026:

Families/students who are not returning to Mt St. Patrick Primary in 2026(excluding our current Year 6 students) are kindly requested to notify the Principal as soon as possible. As you may be aware, our school has waiting lists in certain year levels, and your notification would assist us in determining possible enrolments and class placements.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Parents please note comment regarding hair colour as outlined in our Uniform Policy in the Parent Handbook :

HAIR

Hair should be neat and tidy and appropriately cut. Extremes in style or cut are unacceptable. Hair colour is also not permitted.

Girls and boys who have shoulder length or long hair **must** have it tied back at all times with a **navy blue** ribbon, band or scrunchy.

Enjoy your week! Brendan Ryan *Principal*

GRANDPARENTS DAY - FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

9:15am:MASS - held in Sacred Heart Church (students will be allowed to sit with their grandparents / parents during Mass)

10:15am: OPEN CLASSROOMS

11:00am: MORNING TEA - held outside of Year 6 classrooms

11:45am— 12:30pm OPEN CLASSROOMS

NB: Traditionally grandparents/parents were welcome to take their grandchildren across to the Murwillumbah Show. Unfortunately, the Show won't be open until after school (4pm) on Friday and consequently students won't be attending the Show on this day.



Here in Australia, October marks World Mission Month, a celebration of the global work of the Church and the dedication of missionaries, both religious and lay, as they reach out and support children and communities in need around the world. Socktober is a celebration and engagement with mission for our school community. Through the head, heart and hands model, students will experience the reality of children in developing countries and take action to support them. On Monday 27th October we will hold a Socktober event day. Students are encouraged to wear their day uniform with their 'craziest' socks and bring in a gold coin donation. We have also created an online fundraising page where you can make a donation or share the link with family and friends. All monies raised will be donated to Catholic Mission and go towards supporting families and communities in Zambia with vital resources to help them overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty.

Fundraising link: <https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/MountStPatrickPrimarySchoolMurwillumbah>

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - 31ST OCTOBER

Pope Francis has frequently said that, "Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please, take care of your grandparents: love them and let them talk to your children!" He sees grandparents as a vital part of the family, from whom we can all learn valuable lessons.

To honour the many gifts that grandparents bring to the family, we will be **celebrating a Mass in the Sacred Heart Church at 9:15am on Friday 31st October** and would love families, friends and parishioners to join us. You are then invited to visit our open classrooms and share morning tea.

We would also like to offer the following prayer:

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health. Amen.



*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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1st NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church which commemorates all the saints, both known and unknown, in heaven. All Saints' Day is a time to consider the example saints offer us and to reflect on how we can imitate their lives. As Pope Benedict XVI said, All Saints' Day calls us 'to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints.'

ALL SOULS' DAY - 2nd NOVEMBER

All Souls' Day follows All Saints Day and is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died.

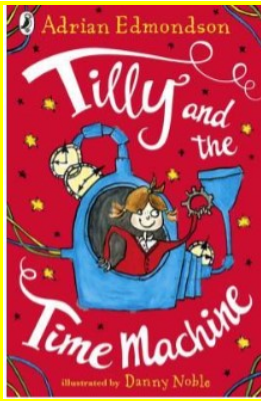


Year 6 students presenting Denise Banner from St Vincent de Paul with a cheque for the money raised from the Year 6 Mission Day last term.

JUBILEE YEAR - LITURGY

According to the Vatican, another characteristic that will mark the celebration of the Jubilee Year is Liturgy. Catholic liturgy is the official, public worship of the Church, which includes the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), the other sacraments, and the Liturgy of the Hours. Derived from the Greek word for "work of the people," it is a communal activity that draws the faithful into the "work of God" through a structured system of rites, ceremonies, prayers, scripture readings, and symbolic actions.

Tameka Harris - Assistant Principal Mission



MURWILLUMBAH Theatre Company-TILLY AND THE TIME MACHINE— Years 3 and 4 will be attending a performance of “Tilly and the Time Machine” an exciting and poignant adventure though time this Friday. Encountering all sorts of interesting people along the way, Tilly and the Time Machine is a funny and heartwarming adventure by the multi-talented actor and playwright Adrian Edmondson.

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. A practice day was 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!



Saturday November 1st our First Lego League Teams will be heading to Benowa State High School to compete ! GO LEGO !!

LIFE EDUCATION HEALTHY HAROLD TERM 4 VISIT MT ST PAT’S ! During Week 6 and Week 7 we will be welcoming the Life Education Team and Healthy Harold. Each grade has nominated a variety of topics/ modules. There is an opportunity for students to purchase healthy Harold products BEFORE the day—flyer accompanies this newsletter- these items can be collected by the students at school during the scheduled visits.

Content strands to be covered are included below. A COMPASS event will be sent out prior to the visit with further details . **COST PER STUDENT**

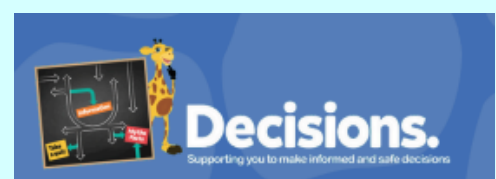
\$13.00 Have a great week of learning and teaching everyone!

Carolyn Waugh Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching



LIFE EDUCATION TERM 4 VISIT 2025

GRADE	MODULES
KINDER	Body Matters
YEAR 1	Ready Steady Go
YEAR 2	Growing Good friends
YEAR 3	CYBERWISE
YEAR 4	FRIENDS & FEELINGS
YEAR 5	Relate, Respect and Connect
YEAR 6	DECISIONS





Healthy Harold products

Bring Healthy Harold home with you



Healthy Harold Plush Toy
Small 20cm Large 35cm

\$8

\$15



Healthy Harold
Lunch Bag

\$14



Healthy Harold
Drink Bottle

\$10



Healthy Harold
Backpack

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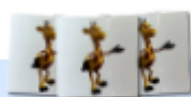
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How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- 1 **Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store:** Go to <https://bit.ly/haroldshop> to access the store
- 2 **Select your customer type:** Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- 3 **Place your order:** Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 4 **Important Dates:** Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and **close one day prior**. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 **Delivery:** All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.

COLOUR RUN FUN: Last Friday our school enjoyed our annual colour run which usually takes place on St Patrick's Day but was postponed due to the cyclone that threatened right around St Patrick's Day. It was great to finally be able to celebrate this occasion as a school and get very colourful and messy! A big thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible from Ashley Scholl at IGA getting our ice blocks organised and frozen in time, to parents and colour house captains setting up, cutting 400 ice blocks, packing up and helping to throw the powder! An extra special thank you to Kathryn Butt and Peter Butt for all the assistance in organising our helpers and moving all the equipment from the morning right through to the end of the day. This day could not have come together without our wonderful school community of helpers!



POLDING ATHLETICS: Lucy D and Eli M received their Polding Certificates at assembly this week. Congratulations once again! Such a fantastic achievement to compete at the highest possible level in Catholic School Competition!!



NSWPSSA ATHLETICS: Wishing Cooper Nilon the best of luck for this Thursday as he prepares to compete at the NSWPSSA Athletics Championships! 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 NSWPSSA! Looking forward to hearing all about you experience Cooper!



TWEED ZONE SUMMER TRIALS:

Last week 5 students attended the Tweed Zone Cricket trials at Banora Point. Austin Lee, Connor Reading, Archie Catt, Oliver Catt and Molly Buckley tested their skills against very strong competition. Congratulations to Molly Buckley who was selected to progress to the Diocesan trials! We wish you the best of luck as you prepare for this next level of cricket! Touch Football, Softball, Basketball and Tennis trials for students in years 4 and 5 are set

for week 3 – 5 depending on the sport. School trials will need to take place this week for boys Touch Football as the maximum each school can send to the Tweed Zone trials is 6 boys and 6 girls in each sport.

ELECTIVE SPORT FOR YEARS 3 -6: Students have received their allocated sport and are looking forward to the program starting in week 4! Students in Skateboarding and Gym will need to complete a waiver and all students will need to be given permission via Compass. Permission and Waivers will be available on Compass by this Friday 24th October.

PRIMARY BASKETBALL ACADEMY SIGN UP:

Any student who is in Years 4, 5 and 6 is invited to join the MSPC Primary Basketball Academy!
It is for all abilities (beginners, intermediate or advanced). The following information has come from Lauren Frankham, the creator of this academy (both high school and primary). She is not only a fantastic basketball coach but one of our valued members of staff at the College doing great things for our students in all things basketball and in the subject area of Science!

MSPC is thrilled to invite your child to participate in the MSPC Primary Basketball Academy. Following the success of our High School Academy, we've had growing interest in a Primary Development Squad. In response, we're excited to announce that in Term 4 we'll be trialling a Primary Basketball Academy in Murwillumbah!

This initiative at our college is designed to offer a limited number of interested athletes from year 4-6 across MSPP and SJP in term 4, 2025. This program is designed to support the skill development of athletes as they pursue their sporting goals, providing a structured environment for improvement in technique, fitness, and basketball IQ.

Our vision is to nurture the basketball athletes of tomorrow and create pathways for success for those athletes within our MSPC community and beyond.

The Primary Basketball Academy is run by enthusiastic accredited coaches and teachers.

What does the MSPC Basketball Academy package include?

1. Access to high-quality coaching and development opportunities via weekly Training sessions.

2. Facilitated avenues of success in Basketball. (Local Tweed Valley Basketball, school regional and BNSW)

Term 4 start date: Oct 24th (Friday week 2)

Term Cost: \$180

When: 7:30am, Monday + Friday weekly.

Where: MSPC basketball facilities

Coaches: Troy Stanley and Lauren Frankham

We are incredibly excited about trialling this new program and the opportunities it will provide for our primary students.

Once you have completed your registration, you will receive a follow up email on how to make a payment.

Follow this link to complete your registration:

<https://forms.gle/UVFD3LsbJrLKbA5z9>

NRL GALA DAY:

In the last week of Term 3, 43 students competed at the Tweed All Schools Rugby League Gala Day. All four teams represented our school with outstanding sportsmanship and played as a strong, unified team throughout the day. Thank you to our coaches Rene, Wayde, Ethan and Ryan for preparing the boys with training sessions over the term and managing the teams on the day.

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.



RUNNING CLINIC FOR ALL ABILITIES AND AGES:

The attached running clinic is for students, siblings (young or old) and parents who are interested in learning all about running technique, nutrition, strength and recovery. A great all round session for all ages and abilities!

A CLINIC FOR RUNNERS OF ALL AGES



Running technique, nutrition, strength & recovery clinic for runners of all ages and abilities

Sunday 23rd November 8:00-9:30am Murwillumbah NSW

Sunday 23rd November 4:00-5:30pm Kingscliff NSW

Come along and learn all about Proper Running technique, nutrition, strength & recovery for runners.

A great opportunity for the whole family, yourself or kids

You will be learning from elite runners & highly experienced & knowledgeable running, strength & nutrition coaches.

Kids & adults will be split into separate coaching groups at certain times throughout the clinic.

REGISTER ONLINE

limited spots available
register by the 30th
october for the family
discount offer



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TERM 4
October

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

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

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

Fri 7th Year 1 Excursion
LIFE EDUCATION 19/11– 26/11– Class times tba
 Sat 29th Parish Christmas Carnival & Tableau

TERM 4
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
Holidays—29th September—12th October

Pepper 1B, Beatrix 2Y, Tulleah 2Y, Perry 3B, Halcyon 3B, Skylar 3B, Olive 3Y, Aiden 4B, Abigail 4Y,
 Lexie 5B, Elsie-May 5Y, Blake 6Y

13th October—19th October

Lyra KY, Leon 2Y, Liam 3B, Thomas 3Y, Kyden 5B, Pippa 6Y

20th October—26th October

William KB, Jackson 1Y, James 6B

COMMUNITY NEWS
Free Online Program to Support Children's Mental Health

Are you a parent, grandparent, carer or other adult living in a regional, rural area, or supporting a child aged 10–13 who has unmet mental health needs? Southern Cross University is offering a *free online education program* designed to help you better support the mental health needs of the children in your care.

The program includes flexible online learning and a weekly 90-minute group session led by experienced mental health clinicians. It has been co-designed by parents, carers, teachers, and children's mental health experts.

Participants will also be contributing to valuable research that aims to strengthen community responses to children's wellbeing. Those complete the program and the survey at the end will receive a \$50.00 voucher.

To learn more or express interest, please email **Professor John Hurley** at john.hurley@scu.edu.au.

2025 Term 4 Curriculum Overview

NB Specialist drama lessons: Semester 1 = Years 6, 5, 2 & Year 1 Blue, Semester 2 = Years Kinder, 3, 4 and Year 1 Yellow

	Religious Education	English	Mathematics	Science and Technology	HSIE - Geography	PDH	PE	Music	Visual Art	Drama
K i n d e r	K.7 God's Creation K.8 Advent and Christmas	Narrative	Whole Numbers Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division (grouping) Data Area Non-Spatial measurement Volume Mass 2D & 3D Space	Santa's Little Helpers	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander places. Location of places.	Growing Up Healthy and Safe	Start Up the Game: Static Balance & Vertical Jump T Ball skills Basketball skills	Establishing beat and musicality through singing, drawing and conducting games. Introduction to the Christmas canon - the essential Christmas list.	Space and Planet Artwork (Making marks and playing with paint) My home artwork Advent Art	Space Exploration: Vocal Dynamics and Improvisation
Y e a r 1	1.7 Creator God 1.8 Advent and Christmas	InitialLit-Reading, Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar, Handwriting, Storybooks and writing.	Whole Numbers Addition and Subtraction Fractions Length Multiplication and Division Patterns and Algebra (odd and even numbers) 3D shapes Mass Volume and Capacity Chance	Energy- Forces and Materials	Wonderful Weather	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind	Let's Play It: Vertical Jump, Short Skipping Rope T Ball skills Basketball skills	Students are further developing the ability to read music within the range of do, re, mi, so and la, using ta titi, ta-a, ta-a rest and ta rest, whilst developing practical skills on the xylophone. Christmas carols Canon - the essential Christmas list.	Frottage & Mark Making exploration Poinsettia Christmas Art	Robots and Machines: Playbuilding
Y e a r 2	2.7 Caring for all Creation 2.8 Advent and Christmas	InitialLit-Reading, Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar, Handwriting, Storybooks and writing.	Working Mathematically Forming Groups (Division) Representing Whole Number (Place Value) Combining and separating quantities (Jump & Split Strategy) Non Spatial Measure (Time) 2D Spatial Structure (Area) Three-dimensional Spatial Structure (Volume)	Investigating Food and Fibre	Country Connections	Safety Supporters	Let's Play It: Vertical Jump, Short Skipping Rope T Ball skills Basketball skills	Students are further developing the ability to read music within the range of do, re, mi, so and la, using ta titi, ta-a, ta-a rest and ta rest, whilst developing practical skills on the xylophone. Christmas carols Canon - the essential Christmas list.	Creatures in the Park drawing Pete Cromer Christmas Art	No drama this semester.

	Religious Education	English	Mathematics	Science and Technology	HSIE - Geography	PDH	PE	Music	Visual Art	Drama
Y e a r 3	4.7 Prayer: Being with God 3.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time for Responding in Love	Power of Poetry	Whole numbers Length, Fractions Volume and Capacity Multiplication and Division Area Addition and Subtraction 2D Space Angles 3D Space	Harness the energy.	Places are Similar and Different- Australian Neighbours	Changes	T Ball skills Basketball skills Beep Test Vertical Jump Test	Continue developing musicianship and ensemble skills through recorders; including whole notes, half notes and corresponding rests; establishing fingering and breath control up to high doh. Christmas carols canon.	Bunyps from Folklore Explore colour mixing - Lines of Marks as Pattern Christmas Ornament Art	Improvisation with traditional and fractured fairy tales
Y e a r 4	4.7 Prayer: Being with God 4.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time for Journeying in Hope	Persuasive writing- Persuade Me	Addition and Subtraction Chance Time Multiplication & Division Position Whole Number Length Fractions and Decimals Multiplication & Division	Forces- May the Force be With You	The Earth's Environment	Contribution- Healthy, Safe and Active lifestyles	T Ball skills Basketball skills Beep Test Vertical Jump Test	Developing musicianship through ukulele and singing; including ti tika; tika ti; tum ti, ti tum; using the keys of C and F. Christmas canon.	Grace Lillian Lee inspired woven paper bag Candy Cane blending study	Improvisation with traditional and fractured fairy tales
Y e a r 5	Unit 4 - Responding to the Call	Making Meaning through Multimodal Texts	Multiplication and Division Fractions and Decimals Addition and Subtraction Data Volume and Capacity Time Mass	The forces that control our physical world	Factors that Shape Places - Australian Bushfires	Community Connections	T Ball skills Basketball skills Beep Test Vertical Jump Test	Developing musicianship and performance skills through analysing and recreating pop music using the instrument skills learnt through primary school.	Kandinsky inspired Colourful Abstract Artwork Advent Candle Artwork	No drama this semester.
Y e a r 6	6.5 Mary: Faithful Disciple 6.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time for Longing and Fulfilment	Poetry: Words that Breathe	Fractions & Decimals Chance Patterns and Algebra 2D Space Angles Area Volume and Capacity Position Mass	Materials Matter: Properties of Materials - Design and Technologies	A Diverse and Connected World - Exploring countries on the Asian continent	Let's Take a Selfie! How connections with people and media affect wellbeing. Students research how a healthy, safe and active lifestyle will enhance the connection they have with people in their community.	T Ball skills Basketball skills Beep Test Vertical Jump Test	Developing musicianship and performance skills through analysing and recreating pop music using the instrument skills learnt through primary school.	Perspective drawing Mixed Media Identity Canvas Christmas tags	No drama this semester.

Staff Development Day a Resounding Success! 🚀

Our recent staff development day, with the majority of the day focused on Digital Technologies, was an outstanding success. Tracey Catling Lead, Digital Technologies for Learning from Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Office came to Mount St Patrick Primary School to work with staff across the school. It was brimming with high-quality professional learning that left our team better equipped for the future! The day was strategically designed to enhance our digital literacy and integrate new tools into our practice.

Diving Deep into Digital Technologies

The morning session kicked off with an in-depth exploration of Generative AI and its potential applications within the Diocese of Lismore Catholic School framework. Staff were introduced to powerful tools like Gemini, demonstrating how these AI assistants can transform research, content creation, and personalised learning experiences. We also explored the impressive new AI features within Canva, offering exciting possibilities for creating visually stunning and dynamic educational resources. We explored the Generative AI Resource Hub, a dedicated space for staff to access best-practice guides, tutorials, and ethical considerations for using AI responsibly in the classroom.

Hands-On Hardware and Creative Coding 🤖

After a well-deserved lunch, the afternoon shifted to hands-on, tangible technology that brings coding and creation to life!

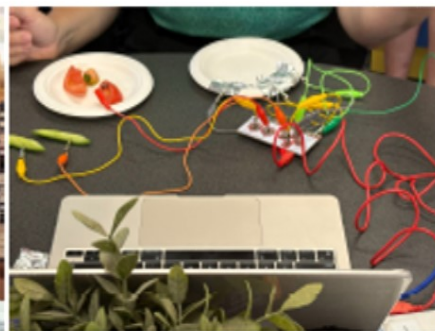


- **Meet Edison!** The session began with an engaging introduction to Edison robots, demonstrating how these affordable, programmable robots can be used to teach core concepts in coding, engineering, and problem-solving across various grade levels.

- **Creative Hardware Exploration:** Staff then had the opportunity to work at interactive stations introducing Makey Makey (turning everyday objects into touchpads!) and Microbits (small programmable computers for physical computing projects). This "Explore & Play" segment encouraged experimentation and sparked ideas for integrating physical computing into the curriculum, making abstract coding concepts concrete and fun.



Thank you to all who participated and contributed to such a productive and inspiring staff development day!



An Invitation to Join the Sacred Heart Church Choir!

Are you passionate about **singing**? Do you play a **musical instrument**?

We are joyfully extending an invitation to all parishioners who wish to deepen their connection to our faith community and enhance our worship services through the gift of music. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist, a talented instrumentalist, or just someone who loves to sing, we would love for you to lend your voice and talent to the **Sacred Heart Church Choir**.

Joining the choir is a wonderful way to serve the church, connect with fellow parishioners, and enrich our liturgies. All levels of experience are welcome!

Practice Schedule

- **When:** Every Friday evening
- **Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Sacred Heart Church

Come share your musical gifts! If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please speak with our **Pastoral Associate, Barbara Grant** after Mass, or reply to this invitation at barbara.grant@lism.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to making beautiful music with you!



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