Coming Events:

**Wednesday September 4th**
- Book Week / Book Fair continues
- 9 a.m. Book Week Dress-up Parade

**Thursday September 5th**
- Elective Sport continues

**Saturday September 7th**
- Election Day Cake Stall and Car Boot Market

**Monday September 9th**
- Year 5 Leadership day

**Tuesday September 10th**
- 7 p.m. School Forum P & F Association meeting

**Sunday September 15th**
- 2 p.m. Parish Afternoon Tea & Entertainment Fundraiser

**Thursday September 19th**
- Term 3 ends

**Friday September 20th**
- Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday October 8th**
- Term 4 commences

**Friday November 8th**
- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. St Joseph’s School Dance at the Sacred Heart Catholic Hall

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**From the Principal’s Desk**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book fever is in the air! This week is a true celebration of reading. It is always a pleasure to see students so enthusiastic and genuinely excited about books and reading. As you would be well aware, we as teachers place a huge emphasis on reading from the moment we get your children within our midst. Reading is central to our learning. We find ourselves reading everywhere we go and in everything we do - you can’t escape it! However the better you do it the easier life can become.

Reading is essential to success in our society, you can assist your children in some very simple ways to further enhance their love and desire of reading;

- Provide positive role modelling toward the practice of reading. Talk about it in a positive manner. Do it yourself, for yourself, as well as with the kids. Talk to them about what you are reading and what they are reading (not just on paper, on the computer too). You are the first and foremost influential role model for your children in life, don’t underestimate the value of your attitude toward reading as instilling enthusiasm and a positive attitude within your children.

- Value reading and the benefits of it. Reading a range of material opens up opportunity and desire to inquire further, to find out more and explore a topic or theme. I know many times as my children were growing up I used a book or story to instigate some of those difficult conversations that one must have with their young. Reading, in all its forms, is the font of knowledge.

- Developing creativity and imagination. In this world of rapid change and growth our children are entering a workforce driven by collaborative workspaces and the constant call to be innovative and creative. Reading a wide variety of texts and web sites will foster your child’s ability to problem solve creatively and open up a world of varying ideas and processes that others have encountered on their road to success (or failure).

Read. Read with your children, regularly and consistently, no matter how old they think they are! Discuss what you read together, explore the author’s motives together, hypothesise, play with the story/characters etc. Enjoy it (and even if you’re not make sure the kids think you are!).

I look forward to my first experience of St Joseph’s Book Character dress up day tomorrow, I’m told it is an experience to behold…and there will be a special guest appearance from a well known character to further excite the crowd…I wonder who it will be?

Have a great week.

Peace and blessings,

Jason Clarke

Principal
Elective Sport - Tennis

Tennis would have to be the most popular of our elective sports. All the students love to try out the new skills they have learnt with Brandan and Dave. They particularly enjoy making the teachers work hard during a game.

“Tennis is cool.” Mac Mehrtens

“Lots of fun and very enjoyable.” Ruby Achurch

“Tennis is the second best sport in the world….after swimming!” Brendan Piccini

“It’s harder than it looks.” Jacob Chandler

“I think everyone should try it.” Kobi Hunter

ICAS Spelling Competition

We recently received our results back in regards to the National ICAS Spelling Competition. There were six students from our school who entered. Congratulations to Rory Flynn (Yr 3) and Eddie Dover (Yr 6) who received a Credit Certificate and special congratulations to Latisha Giddy from Yr 4 who received a Distinction Certificate. Latisha was placed in the top 5% of students who entered this National Competition.

The students were presented with their awards at our Wednesday morning assembly.

You Can Do It Awards

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School forum P & F Association

The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Tuesday September 10th at 7 p.m. All are most welcome to attend.

Agenda Items:
- Walk-a-thon
- Election Day / Carboot Market
- Bushdance
- Uniform
Thank you!

It was so lovely to see so many people at our Father’s Day Liturgy and then afterwards to enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch and play with the children.

A huge thank you to all those who helped cook and serve at the BBQ.

Canteen

Wednesday 04/09 Kim Stephan
Emma Todd

Friday 06/09 Sue Evans
Michelle Robson

Wednesday 11/09 Angie Mellows
Helper Needed

Friday 13/09 Jane Farrell
Belinda Glazebrook

Big Thank Yous:

A huge thank you to Sarah Hendrikse for helping out with the ordering.

Also to Trish Kent who has done five Wednesdays this term.

The Benefits of Helping Out

✓ A canteen shift is only 3 hours and you will meet some lovely ladies and have a good laugh.
✓ Your kids absolutely love to see you in the canteen.
✓ You get a free lunch!

Religion Education Test Results

Congratulations to our Year 6 class on their recent outstanding results in the Year 6 Religious Education Test.

Our students performed extremely well 8% higher than the Diocesan average! 7 High Distinctions, 9 Distinctions, 12 Credits and 2 Participations - what a super effort! Well done Year 6.

Healthy Lunch Box Magnet

Last week each child received a magnet about healthy choices for lunches each day.

Next week your family will receive a short survey about the effectiveness of this magnet. Please take the time to fill it in and return it in the self-addressed envelope.

Thank you.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Wayne Tagget and Julie Schiller for all the extra work they have done around the school in the last couple of weeks preparing for the schools entry into the Murwillumbah Garden Club Garden Competition.

Thank you also to the enthusiastic band of students who gave their time so willing to help, displaying pride in their school.

Your efforts were very much rewarded with the school looking great.

Happiness cannot come from without. It must come from within. It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us which makes us happy: it is that which we think and feel and do, first for the other fellow and then for ourselves.

Helen Keller
It’s Here! Our Book Fair has arrived!

Please come and view our Library Book Fair for a huge selection of quality books, along with some great bargains. You may like to shop early for Christmas. Whilst you are there don’t forget to have a look at the beautiful art work and displays.

See you there!

DONATING A BOOK

When you visit the Book Fair, please consider presenting a special gift to the St Joseph’s school library.

We’ve asked teachers to preview the Book Fair too and a “Wish List” has been prepared so you’ll know exactly which books would make a real contribution to your students’ knowledge and imagination.

Congratulations to the winners of our art competition.

1st Prize
$15 Voucher from the Book Fair
- Amarae Smith
- Kierra Dolan
- Olivia Glazebrook
- Bailey Ouslinis
- Taryn Gale
- Ruby Achurch
- Sophie Cummins

2nd Prize
$4 Poster from the Fair
- Ben Hendrikse
- Lillian Gibb
- Isobel Gresham
- Sienna Mellow
- Ellee Farrell
- Ella Kent
- Dylan Marshall

3rd Prize
$3 Lunch Voucher from the canteen
- Lillian Grant
- Alexis Pelikan
- Lachlan Shoobridge
- Summah Young
- Taylah Brown
- Madison Wyborn
- Neisha Sharp

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Congratulations Matilda!

Congratulations to Matilda Stephan who was crowned Senior Princess at the Banana Festival over the week-end.

Matilda is pictured with last year’s winner Taylah Brown helping her with her cloak.

Jelly Bean Guessing Competition Results

Liliana Evans, Ruby Achurch, Sarah Stuart and Alexandra Macdonald from Year 5 have been running a Jelly Bean Competition as a fundraiser for endangered Animals for the last couple of weeks.

At last Wednesday’s assembly they the winners were announced.

1st Cooper Stephan
2nd Jacob Chandler
3rd Tom Robson

They raised $70-50 which will be going to Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers and Australia Zoo’s Endangered and Injured Animals Foundation.

Well done girls!!

You are invited to
Afternoon Tea & Entertainment
at 2.00pm Sunday 15th September
Catholic Hall, Murwillumbah

Featuring: Ben Reynolds, Riley Chaffer, Molly Dittmar, musical items from MSPC students & Solomon Island dancing.

Tickets: $15; $12 concession; $40 per family.
Available from the Parish Office (9am-3pm) 6672 1118. Bookings are essential.

A fundraiser for a building project at St. Mary’s Primary & Secondary Schools, Tanagai Parish, Solomon Islands.

Murwillumbah Taekwondo

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Monday 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MT. ST. PATRICK HSC STUDENTS

Prayer Sponsors have been proposed for the Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College during their HSC exams.

A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person at specific times with a specific intention in mind. Knowing that someone is praying for you at a difficult time is a source of great strength and consolation.

If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor for a Year 12 student from Mt St. Patrick College, please phone during office hours in the next few weeks (66722340), and leave your name and name of student (if specific student wanted) with Lisa or Jan at the office.

The following prayer may be of use.

Today I wish to remember _____________________ from Mount St. Patrick College.

During her/his HSC Exams, give them the strength to complete the exams to the best of her/his ability. Help them to remain calm and to think and write clearly so that they remember the things which they have learned and studied.

Give them the opportunity to show what they know and to have acceptance of her/his efforts after the exam. Fire up in them the determination of St. Paul who ran the good race till the end and who proclaimed 'If God is for us who can be against'.

We pray this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

SIGN ON DATES
2013 JUNIOR
SUMMER SIX A SIDE

WEDNESDAY 11/9/13  4pm till 6pm
WEDNESDAY 18/9/13  4pm till 6pm

At the clubhouse Jim Devine Field
Cnr Mooball Street and Queensland Road

THE FIRST MATCH DAY, IS ON WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013 AND THE LAST ROUND (FINAL NIGHT) IS ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE A WEBSITE (www.murwillumbahfc.com) WHERE YOU CAN ACCESS INFORMATION CONCERNING TEAMS, DRAWS, KICK-OFF TIMES

Vacation Care Inc

Bookings are now open for the next school holidays. Vacation Care is a community based not-for-profit organisation and as such fees are most reasonable. Childcare Benefit subsidies apply.

To obtain more information please phone 0755233708.

A full program for the school holidays is available from the school office.
St. Joseph’s School
South Murwillumbah

CARBOOT SALE

AND MARKET DAY  8AM - 12PM
Set up a table or park your car!

**ONLY $15 FOR 3m x 3m PREPAID**

Date:  Election Day - Saturday 7.9.13
Where:  Our school grounds, Wardrop Street, South Murwillumbah

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in our school library.
It’s like visiting a book store for kids! Find something for Christmas.

*There will be a cake stall and raffle as well*

CONTACT THE SCHOOL BETWEEN 9am & 3pm TO BOOK YOUR SPOT  (02) 6672 1867

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  Sunday 8:00 a.m.