Dear St Patrick’s Community

Bernadette Moser provided our staff prayer this week, which was a reflection on servant leadership.

We don’t have to look far to see examples of servant leaders. Saint Mother Theresa, Saint Mary Mackillop and Pope Francis all epitomise people who ‘washed the feet of their disciples’. All these extraordinary people realised that, like Jesus, true leadership puts others first and allows them to develop their own leadership capacity.

Catholic Education Commission

On Monday night St Patrick’s hosted the Catholic Education Commission of the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese. The Commission serves to advise the Archbishop in his responsibilities for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. Members are drawn from key stakeholder groups in the Archdiocese including: clergy, parents (NSW and ACT), principals (NSW/ACT and Primary/Secondary and Congregational), Catholic agencies and Australian Catholic University. The Director of Catholic Education is the Executive Officer of the CEC.

All members were impressed with the warm hospitality they received and had a tour of our school. Frances and I had the chance to speak with CEC members about your school, our achievements and our ongoing challenges. They also saw firsthand issues with the school site including the secondary playground and the retaining wall.

Staff emails

In this newsletter is a copy of all staff emails. These same email addresses will also be placed on the website.

The inclusion of staff emails is to assist parents in knowing the full name of the staff member they may need to contact.

Normal protocols for using email to contact staff would apply. These were presented in the electronic communication document a few weeks ago. A few points:

♦ Staff will respond to emails during normal school hours
♦ Sometimes a staff member may request a phone conversation or an interview

♦ Staff will reply to emails in reasonable time. Please remember that often a teacher may have to obtain more information, or consult with a member of the leadership team before sending a reply
♦ You are still welcome to leave a message at the office for the staff member to make contact, or send a note in with your child.

7-10 Interim reports

This week students in Years 7-10 will receive their Interim reports. This is a mid Semester record of the work habits of each student. The semester report at the end of Term 4 will show the academic achievement across each subject, so it is slightly different to the Interim reports. I encourage all parents to speak with their child about the ratings on the Interim reports and make contact with the subject teacher if you have any concerns.

Student absences

A reminder that student absences should be accompanied by a note or a personal email to provide the reason why a student was absent.

Facebook

There have been some wonderful achievements this week, across a range of endeavours. I encourage you to read the rest of the Newsletter, but also check our Facebook page as photos are uploaded regularly.

You do not need to be registered with Facebook to view our Facebook page. Just do a search on Google for St Patrick’s Cooma Facebook and follow the instructions.

Kind regards

Mr Mark van Ommen
Acting Principal

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**Important dates to remember**

**Friday 9 September**
Fresh Faced Friday - Secondary Sticks and Stones presentation - Drama

**Monday 12 September**
Archdiocesan Public Speaking Competition Stage 2 & 3 at Bateman’s Bay

**Wednesday 14 September**
K-2 Soccer Clinic Yrs 3 - 6 Tennis Program
Father's Day celebrations

A Father's Love K-2 Mass
On Thursday 1 September, we had our Father's Day Mass. We walked up to the Church and practised our songs. Lots of fathers and not that many mothers came to our mass.

Some kids put bread, wine, water, sheep, clay and some heart shaped balloons on the altar. Some other children brought up some biscuits and then Father Mick blessed us and the fathers. The biscuits got handed out to our fathers.

After the Mass some fathers came down to the school to play soccer. It was "Kids vs Fathers" and the kids won. It was a fun day because my dad came to our Mass and he played in the soccer match.

Jackson Year 2.

On Thursday 1 September, K-2 went to Saint Patrick's Church Cooma for "A Father's Love Mass."

I carried the holy water up to the Altar and Hannah carried the bread. Grace and Toby carried some balloons shaped like hearts. Dara carried the wine and Natalie carried the clay which represents us. Mollie and Willow read a prayer.

Emelia Year 2.

Last Thursday K-2 children went to St Patrick’s Church to celebrate a Father's love. We walked up to the church. I got to carry the baskets up to the front where Fr Mick was standing. We sang some songs and said some prayers. It was relaxing. My dad came and watched. Finally, we had a game of soccer on the Infants playground with the dads. The score was one and one. It was fun!

Jackson K1D

Last Thursday, K-2, the fathers and the teachers walked up to the school church. Next we sang songs and said prayers to celebrate a Father's love. Then I carried the bread and wine. Finally, we had a match of soccer against the Dads and we won! I liked it and it was fun.

Dara K1D
The Father's day stall made $803.50. A big thank you to Marjorie and Mrs Barrett for all their help.
Thank you Tennis Australia
As part of the Sporting Schools Grant for the Years 3-6 Tennis Program Clinics with Tom Perea every Wednesday, we also received 6 tennis nets, 30 racquets and balls from Tennis Australia.

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Archaeologists, Etruscans, Rodin's Thinker, Wilma Flintstone and Sam I Am were just some of the characters played by our students on Saturday and Sunday at the regional final for Tournament of Minds. Congratulations to all of the students who competed at the Australian National University last weekend. All teams showed great perseverance, teamwork and creativity in reaching their challenge solutions, and we may have even uncovered some hidden singing and dancing talent! It was great to see so many parents there supporting the teams and enjoying their performances.

Well done everyone.
Sports Update

Last week we had a number of students representing the school at a range of sporting events. As always we thank the parents and carers who help transport students and support them at these events.

NSW Interschools Championships
St Patrick’s had a team of 8 students compete across a range of disciplines at Thredbo and Perisher. Well done to Marcus and Keegan Thomson, Charlotte Walker-Broose, Harriet Greville, Nicholas Zusak, Hamish Bottom, Ben Milford and Kadee Laird on their performances. A very big congratulations to Charlotte (5th) and Harriet (10th) on their performance in the Cross Country Freestyle event and good luck at the Australian Interschools Championships next week at Perisher.

ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships
On Friday we had four students race at Mt Stromlo against 600 students in the ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships. Bas de Ruijter, Harrison Chong, Daniel Wallis and Bailey Rogers finished 35 out of 51 teams. Well done boys!

Archdiocesan Athletics Results
Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three at the Archdiocesan Athletics in Canberra.

A big congratulations goes to Charlie Pendergast (100m) and Bailey Rogers (400m) who have qualified for their respective state carnivals later this term in Sydney. Good luck boys!

Mr Lawley

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Canteen News

Welcome to Spring! As the weather starts to warm up and the term is coming to an end I will be starting to run out of some of the winter stock. As these things run out I will replace them with another item off the menu.

I am currently working on a menu for the summer months so if anyone has any ideas or suggestions that they would like to see in the coming months please contact me.

Wednesday is mini canteen day. This week we have had fruit pizzas, homemade banana custard, and yoghurt and fruit as well as our usual items. Please don't forget to send your kids with a little money. Items are priced between 50c and $2.

Thank you again to all our volunteers. You guys are AWESOME!!

This week’s volunteers are:

Thursday 08/09  Chris Haylock
Friday 09/09  Sue Bottom

Rebecca Croke
Canteen Manager
Community Service Achievement

We are proud of the community service achievements of all of our students, especially when they are quietly going about supporting others in the community or reducing the workload of others (such as vacuuming the Church to help the older ladies on the cleaning roster) without making it known.

We are also proud when one of our students seeks to build specific skills in this area, with a view to making it a significant part of her life. Well done to Jasmin Statham Smith on her achievement in a Cert II in Active Volunteering.

School Fees reminder

Fees for Term 3 should now be finalised unless paying by Direct Debit or other approved arrangement. Any outstanding fees should be paid immediately.

If you require more information regarding Direct Debit arrangements or other approved payment methods such as Centrepay or are experiencing difficulty paying fees, please contact the Finance Officer, Mrs Jolanta Zieja or the Principal.

Arduino

Year 9 & 10 Information
Software and Technology
Students coding with Arduino.
Cooma Public School Invites you to our Art Expo

Come and view spectacular, creative, visually inspiring artworks by students of Cooma Public School.

Opening Night: Wednesday 7th September
Venue: Cooma Public School Hall
Time: 5-7pm

Cooma Athletics Club
Come & Try Day
Saturday 17th September 2016
10am to 1pm
Snowy Oval, Cooma North

All Welcome
Bring your family, come & try track and field events, have some fun, learn new skills!

Canteen available
Season starts Saturday 8 October 2016

MT GLADSTONE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE
Cooma, NSW 2630
All Abilities welcome
6th of November 2016
3km Race - $5
7km Race - $10
14km Race - $15
2km Super D Race - $15

INSURANCE COST
$15 for 18 and under
$25 for 19 and over

RACE INFORMATION
It is compulsory for all riders to wear a helmet when riding. There will be friendly officials in areas of the track to guide/assist you if you crash or don’t know where to go. You can register on the day. (If you have a MTBA race membership card you only have to pay the entry fee for each race you enter). There will be PRIZES/trophies for the top 3 of each individual race.

EMAIL
heinwete@bigpond.com or snowymountainsmtbclub@gmail.com
If you have any questions about this event, like the Snowy Mountains MTB Club page on Facebook for Maps and Times.

Cooma Champs Tennis

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS
9am – 4pm ROYAL TENNIS COURTS
2 Day Camp - $100.00 Discounted to $80.00

Please call Tom: 0404838049

Awesome prizes to be won!
Lessons available during the school term in Cooma each weekday afternoon and Sat morning. We would love to hear from you!!

Yours Forever: Accredited AITPA / Tennis Australia Club Professional / Active After School Accredited
Monaro Family Support Service Inc.
Invites
Monaro Parents and Carers of Children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

To "A Sensory Fix"
Friday 9th September
11.00am to 1.30pm
At Monaro Family Support Service
(above Pery's Newsagency, lift access from Vale Street between Newsagency and Butcher)

→ Find out about your child’s sensory needs
→ Make a sensory box to take home
→ View MFSS books and resources for loan
→ Enjoy a light lunch, cuppa and chat

For catering please RSVP by Wednesday 7th September
Phone Liz 02 6452 3450 or Kath 02 6458 4888

Yoga for Teenagers
13-17 yrs

Techniques taught for study, relaxation, self esteem, anxiety, better sleep and of course maintaining flexibility and health.

YOGA engages the heart, mind and body through its unique blend of physical yoga, social skills and mental awareness. It helps all children develop emotional intelligence, communication skills, trust and empathy.
A fun class for boys and girls—skills they will learn to help them for the rest of their lives.

Now more than ever, we all need to learn how to pace ourselves, to know how to slow down and to find the quiet that exists within ourselves.

Contact LISA on 0438 555 947
to secure your spot for
Term 4, 2016
Facebook: Children's Cooma Yoga

TAKING BOOKINGS FOR TERM 4 NOW
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Cooma Lambie Street Preschool presents
"Welcome back to Preschool!"
Art Show
16th, 17th and 18th September 2016
Please join us in celebrating our local children and their creativity

Opening Night
Friday 16th September 2016
6.30pm
When: Campfire & Live music
Art Sales and live Auction
Adults only event
Tickets $20 per person
Tickets available for purchase from the preschool

Art Exhibition
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2016
10am to 3pm
Entry by gold coin donation
Art Sales
Cake Stall (Saturday only)
Sausage Sizzle (Saturday only)

Thank you for supporting Early Childhood Education and your local Preschool