We will remember

In combination with the recent All Saints’ and All Souls’ Days, Remembrance Day this week is an important reminder that we are part of a much bigger picture. People in the past have walked the road before us, and through their dreams, their work and their sacrifice, they have contributed to our present.

By our very humanness, we are bound to one another, around the world and throughout time.

Nearly 100 years ago, when the Armistice was signed on 11 November, there must have been much joy and incredible sadness, reflection, relief and remorse. Now, so long after that time, we remember the bravery of young men and women, who through countless conflicts and peace-keeping missions, have kept the Principal goal of peace in their sights.

And so we pray;

For all who have served the cause of peace in our armed forces,
For all who have lost loved ones due to war,
For all who continue to suffer as innocent victims of war,
For those who are displaced because of conflict and whose glimmer of hope is dwindling,
For those who long for a place to call home, free from conflict,
For all who long for Christ’s peace,
For all who dedicate their lives to peace,
For all of us – called to be messengers of real peace, we pray.

Yours in peace

Frances Robertson

“Yet hope returns when I remember this one things: The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning as sure as the sunrise.”
Lamentations 3:20-23

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10 November
Yr 6 Team Skills - Cooba
Friday 11 November
Yr 6 Team Skills - Cooba
K-5 Transition Day
KinderStart 12.30pm
Saturday 12 November
MCCR Garden Party
Monday 14 November
Opening of the TAS/VA Building
Tuesday 15 November
2W Assembly 12.30pm
Wednesday 16 November
Yr 6-10 social
Thursday 17 November
Year 9 Reflection Day
From the AP’s Desk

Transition Day K-5

As part of the preparation for 2017, students in Kindergarten to Year 5 will have the chance to experience new learning with a different teacher this Friday from 12.30pm until 1.40pm. Although we have not yet determined all the teacher/class allocations for 2017, it is still important for the students to experience change. This is particularly important for our Year 2 students who move to the Year 3-6 campus in 2017.

Year 6 camp

We wish our Year 6 students all the best for their camp to Cooba on Thursday and Friday this week. Mr Joyce and Mrs Moxon will be attending.

Trophies

Students who received a perpetual trophy in 2015, could you please return these so they can be prepared for the 2016 Awards Day.

Stage 5 Electives

This week we begin the process of forming the timetable for the 2017 electives. We will continue to keep students informed of the progress of this process.

Mark Van Ommen
Assistant Principal
**Parent Buddies**

We are looking for parents and carers who would like to become a ‘Parent Buddy’ for the new parents who are joining our school community next year in 2017.

A ‘Parent Buddy’ is someone who offers advice, support or information about school life...a bit like a big sister or brother!

If you would like to become a ‘Parent Buddy’ please complete the slip below and return to school by Monday 7 November 2016.

For more information please contact Emma Hill emma.hill@cg.catholic.edu.au, Lucinda George lumargeo@yahoo.com or Melinda Barrett melinda.barrett@cg.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 6452 1721.
Congratulations to all our students who took part in the National Busking Championships last weekend. It was a delight to see them sharing the music.
Community Council of St Patrick’s Parish School, Cooma

Cooma Races - Sundowner Cup 2016

Saturday 3 December 2016

One of Cooma’s Social Highlights of the Year!

St Patrick’s Parish School is once again running the catering for this event.

We need our families to assist on the roster during the day.
You will receive a FREE PASS to the Sundowner Cup. You may pick up your FREE PASS from the School Office on Friday morning 2 December 2016 from 10.00 am onwards.

Please indicate your preferred times on the roster below along with your contact details, as the completed roster needs to be emailed out to HELPERS the Tuesday prior to this event.

* Come along and join in with the festivities on the day. *

(Please indicate your preference of times below with a tick)

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Please RSVP your completed flyer to the School Office directly or via email to:
spatoffice.acg.catholic.edu.au by Monday 28 November 2016

Name: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________

Friday 2 December 2016

We need 4-5 HELPERS on Friday, 2 December 2016 to assist with preparing and cleaning at the Cooma Race Course in the morning from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

Contact: Erika Statham (0400 787398) or Marjorie Revelant (0416 485229) if you can volunteer your time.

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K-2 Parents

Sundowner Cup - Cooma Races

Saturday 3 December 2016
(Cooma Racecourse)

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Each year St Patrick’s caters at the Cooma Races, Sundowner Cup.

This is one of Cooma’s social highlights of the year.

This event is one of our major fundraisers for St Patrick’s.

This money is used for enhanced educational learning, new equipment, maintenance and those special things that all our children will benefit from on their way through from Infants, Primary and our Secondary Campus.

We would love to see our families involved prior to and present on the day.

Why not come along and join in on the festivities.

Please contact via email:
Lucinda George: Lumargeo@yahoo.com or Erika Statham: SalemCharming@gmail.com

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New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Get in quick to order your reward. Remember you need 10 Tokens to redeem. Reward orders close **Monday 5 December** so it’s time to get Banking.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our School.
2W's Assembly  Tuesday 15 November at the Ex-Service Club @ 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. They have been busy preparing a play to perform.

Public Speaking  Tomas Carton has finally received the trophy with his name engraved on it, acknowledging that he is a champion public speaker. Congratulations Tom!

Canteen News - Half way through the term already!!  I'm hoping that everyone had a wonderful weekend with all the events that were on in town.
A huge congratulations to the students who participated in the busking; you all were wonderful.
This weekend in the canteen we have Caesar Salad bowls with a choice of plain for $5 or with chicken for $6.
Don't forget to have a look at the new menu and if anyone wants to contribute with ways we can improve or make the menu more interesting then please drop in and see me.
Also Mini Canteen is as usual on a Wednesday so don't forget to send a few coins with your child so they can participate.
This week's volunteers are:  Wednesday: (Mini Canteen) Gwen Haley, Friday: Nicole Withers
For anyone who is looking for a way to meet new people within our school community or has a couple of spare hours, we are always looking for fresh faces in the canteen, so please drop in and see me.
Rebecca Croke
Canteen Manager
Poetry in K1D

Spring is getting hotter.
Spring is flowers.
By Reuben

Spring is fun.
Spring is warm.
Spring is blooming flowers.
Spring is insects.
By Roman

Spring is warm and flowers start to bloom.
Spring is nice and we get to go outside and it is my sister’s favourite season.
Spring is pretty and I get to have ice blocks.
By Chelsea

Spring is warm.
Spring is beautiful.
Spring is when bees come out.
By Anna
Welcome to Carrie, our new School Counsellor.

Carrie will be travelling from Canberra each Thursday to support the well-being programs at St Patrick’s.
News from 5I

In Personal Development we have begun a unit on ‘Personal Power’. We started by taking a look at relationships. We have learned that a healthy relationship involves trust, respect and care. Here are some important relationships we have and why they work.

“My relationship with my mum is important because I can tell mum things that I don’t tell anyone else” – Lilly Janota

“I can tell Georgia anything and she won’t judge me” – India Dyball

“If Mitchell and I have an argument, the next day we will make up” – Ryan Pielli

“I like my relationship with Jack because I can trust him with secrets.” – Rocco Caffarelli

“My most important relationship is with my mum because I can trust her.” – Clara Thornton

“My cousin is important to me because if I am nervous, he gives me confidence.” – Harriet Greville

“I really value my relationship with my mum because I feel like I can tell her anything.” – Matilda Joyce

“I like my relationship with my mum because I can trust her when I tell her something and she will keep it to herself.” – Mitchell Reid

“I like my relationship with my dad because he understands me well for who I am.” – Safia Nassar

“I like my relationship with my mum, because she will always put us first.” – Keegan Thomson

“I like my relationship with my friends because I can trust them and they are loyal” – Laura Dawson

In our History unit called ‘Gold Fever’, we have created: front page newspaper articles about the discovery of gold, gold diaries and a gold game about the challenges diggers faced when travelling to the goldfield.

In Science, we have started a unit on ‘Light’ and are learning about the terms translucent, transparent and opaque.

In Mathematics, we have been converting metric lengths using decimals through a game of ‘tiddlywinks’.
Year 10 Mathematics students

Year 10 maths students are working collaboratively on real life group tasks to support each other to develop independent problem solving skills.

The benefits of working on mathematics as a group gives students the opportunity to develop collaborative skills such as:

- Listening
- Asking questions - making sense of your own understanding
- Explaining by telling how and why
- Helping others - by responding to their needs
- Helping others - to do things for themselves
- Sharing knowledge and reasoning
- Finding out what others think - asking for, listening to and making sense of their ideas
- Reflecting on and making use of what has been said
- Being concise - communicating thinking
- Giving reasons for ideas - communicating reasoning
- Allowing everyone to contribute
- Pulling ideas together - sharing, listening, valuing all contributions
- Finding out if the group is ready to make a decision - consensus making.

The group has to agree on the final solution which requires them to listen to each other, give reasons for their opinions and pull ideas together.

News from 5L

Last week Year 5L experienced the process of ‘Dadirri’ as part of our religion unit. Dadirri is a deep listening process which has been gifted to us through Aboriginal Spirituality. Aboriginal people practise Dadirri or deep listening, which is a spiritual skill, based on respect. Through regular practice of Dadirri, people are said to experience that deep listening is inner, quiet, still awareness, and waiting. We thank Lisa Haines who led us through this experience.