Dear St Patrick’s Community

What an exciting week it has been!

Year 10 students enjoyed the annual Sydney trip. Every year, the itinerary changes a little to provide challenges and up to date links to our curriculum. I am very appreciative of the time spent by Mr Summerville, Mrs Mackay and Mrs Hulley in organising and supporting this huge undertaking. The photos on Facebook and inside this newsletter speak a thousand words.

In Secondary, we stopped all normal lessons. We wanted to disrupt learning to foster some real thinking.

In the spirit of enquiry based learning, we created a scenario that required serious investigative competence. The students had to learn many new skills and work collaboratively.

It began with a ‘news flash’ reporting a murder in the school grounds, accompanied by a smashed car on the basketball courts and a chalked outline of a body in the ‘secret garden’.

Over three days, the students learnt about finger and foot prints, DNA testing, questioning techniques, evasive manoeuvres, mathematical analysis of data, hand writing analysis, identikit photos and code breaking, creating webpage and blogs, gathering evidence and news reporting. We are able to clearly demonstrate that there were links to every subject area.

By Friday, the students needed to prepare their case to identify the guilty culprit.

All I am going to say is that I was framed… and I am innocent!

The very first Community Council meeting was held and I am very pleased to have such a supportive team assisting in the leadership of our school. These people have taken on the following roles:

Chair: Lucinda George
Deputy Chair: Erika Statham
Finance: Simon White
Secretary: Brian Williams

The staff representatives are Mark van Ommen and Suzanne Stacey. Fr Mick and Fr George are our spiritual guides.

There is still much work to be done in establishing all of the protocols and setting up the working parties. At this stage, the Community Council will meet twice a term, with one of those meetings an open meeting for anyone to attend.

I’m sure that you join me in wishing this team every success. I really appreciate the support of these, and all parents at our school.

Kind regards

Frances Robertson
Principal
From the AP’s Desk

Learning is about stimulating curiosity. We have seen plenty of that at St Patrick’s this last week. Apart from some of the adventures in Secondary with their ‘whodunit’ murder mystery activities, there has been some other interesting happenings.

In Mathematics with some Year 6 and Year 1, we have combined to explore different aspects of measurement.

Some Science students in Year 7 have represented their understanding of a cell with an edible model.

Year 10 students stepped out into the world to visit many different sources of information. No doubt they learned some things about themselves as well.

If you click on our facebook page, (https://www.facebook.com/StPatsCooma) you will see many more of the activities that are happening every day. You don’t have to be a regular facebook user to read and watch the activities. Just scroll through and have a look.

Our goal is to stimulate curiosity and generate thinking.

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal
St Patrick’s Cooma
Yr 10 Sydney Trip

After Sydney was nearly washed away in the days before this year’s Year 10 Sydney Excursion, the weather that we experienced from last Tuesday to Friday couldn’t have been better. We hit the ground running with our first stop, a tour of ANZ Stadium happening before we even got to our accommodation!

Over four days we had opportunities to visit historic sites (Hyde Park Barracks), astronomical wonders (Sydney Observatory), zoological attractions (Tooronga Park Zoo) and Sydney Under Lights (VIVID), as well as get plenty of exercise (we calculated 13 kms one day) and the chance to shoot one another (Laser Skirmish) then beat Mr Summerville at 10 pin bowling (not).

The high point probably was the ‘high point’ when we had dinner at the Centrepoint Tower revolving bistro, all dressed up and looking pretty posh.

Thanks Mr Summerville, Mrs Mackay and Mrs Hulley for being our escorts. It was great!
Rostrum Public Speaking

On Thursday 2 June, Tom and I competed in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition, held at the Cooma Ex-Services Club. Schools from all over the Snowy Mountains competed including Cooma North Public, Cooma Public, Snowy Mountains Christian School, Snowy Mountains Grammar School, Jindabyne Central School and St Pat’s Cooma.

There were some fantastic speeches there that were really well practised and presented. The guest speakers were also really entertaining and different in their own way. It would have been a really tough decision but Jindabyne Central School came out on top and the runner up was St Patrick’s. Tom will now compete at semi-finals in Canberra.

Overall the competition was really enjoyable and was a great experience. I saw some really good speakers and was very entertained. I’m sure Tom and all of the other speakers would agree that it was really fun and was great practice for future speeches. Every one that competed did a fantastic job and well done Tom for making it on to the next level!

By Molly Brabham 6J

STOP PRESS: P&F Meeting – next Wednesday

The last official P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 June at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, as this meeting will also include a tour of the new Visual Arts and Timber Technology building in Secondary.

It is a great learning space and we want our community to see it!
Thank you to so many people who got involved and supported the ‘Whodunnit’ Murder Mystery with the Year 7 to Year 9 teams last week.

We are very grateful to the Judges, Fr Mick, Administrator Dean Lynch and Counsel assisting, Robert Coyte. They were very adept at sifting through the evidence and keeping the rabble in check.

Thank you to Snowy Monaro Regional Council for use of the council chambers on judgement day. It certainly added some authority to the event.

Thank you also to the SES team for demonstrating the ‘jaws of life’ on a wrecked car.

Thank you to Peter Rooney and Gary Bowen with assistance in creating the ‘news flash’.

Thank you to our wonderfully creative staff who dreamed up this adventure, especially Amanda Knott, Suzanne Stacey and Danielle Trigg.
Confirmation June 24 2016

Our Year 6 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with The Vicar General Reverend Anthony Percy on Friday 24 June at 6pm.

In preparation for this, students have been working with their class teacher Mr Joyce and Fr Mick and Fr George, learning all about the seven gifts of Confirmation.

On Tuesday 21 June all Year 6 Students, along with students in the State schools who will join us for Confirmation, will take part in a full day spiritual retreat here at school, led by Mrs Stacey, Mr Joyce and Fr Mick.

National Judo Championships

India Dyball – Silver Medal!

Congratulations to India Dyball and Jack Kleven who travelled to Geelong on the weekend for the National Judo Titles. This is a great achievement to reach the highest level of competition in Australia. Jack had 4 bouts. India had 4 bouts and reached the play off for the Jnr gold medal. In a very close match, India was narrowly defeated, to gain a silver medal!

Some thoughts from Jack:

“I was really disappointed when I lost my bouts, because I just made a mistake. Now I am going to train even harder, to make the Nationals again next year.”

Some thoughts from India on her performance and her goals:

“My goal going into the tournament was to get a gold medal. I would have liked to have won, but it is not the end of the world to lose, I was only one place off. Now my goal is train even harder, to try to make it to the National titles again next year. My over all goal is to make it to the Olympics in 2024.”

We wish India and Jack all the best for their future in Judo.

We continue to welcome the Kindergarten students for 2017. There have been delightful conversations with these young children. The interviews are being held now and can be arranged by making an appointment through the office on 64521721.
Sullivan Shield Round 1

On Wednesday 8 June our Stage 3 rugby league team travelled to Phillip Oval to participate in the first round of the Sullivan Shield Competition (Southside). There were 21 schools competing on the day.

The team played 6 x10min games on the day and should be very proud of their performance. Congratulations on the teamwork displayed; there was great goal line defence, terrific attacking runs and sportsmanship in every game. The team performed exceptionally well considering they were a player short for every game and 2 players short in the last game.

Thanks to our appreciative parent support on the day of Jodie Pendergast, Antje Brademanne, Kim Kleven, Tim Reid and Rebecca Inskip. A special thank you to Richard Inskip who coaches the boys each week, instilling in them skills and attitudes that bring the best out of them. Our results will determine what pool we will be competing in on 22 June.

St Patrick’s 16 d Bonython/Charles Condor 4
St Clare of Assisi 8 d St Patrick’s 0
St Patrick’s 16 d Duffy 0
St Patrick’s 8 d St Jude’s/St John Vianney 0
St Patrick’s 4 d Duffy 0
Calwell/Richardson 8 d St Patrick’s 4

About Real NSW

Children and young people have told us that they are tired of being stereotyped, in particular, through the photos and images used to represent them. ACYP together with children and young people want to shift the way children and young people are portrayed in our newspapers, on our televisions, and on our screens.

If you’re under 25, we invite you to participate in the Real NSW photo competition which gives you the opportunity to show NSW the real you!

Get involved by taking a photo that’s a glimpse into your world, such as your creative hobbies, engaging with your local community, volunteering, playing sports, exploring your favourite places, or hanging with your friends at school.

Enter the competition to win prizes and have your photo publicly displayed.
An Experience in Korea

I got offered the amazing opportunity to go to Seoul, South Korea for the 2016 Rotary International Convention in Term 1. The idea of traveling to a new country that had amazing amounts of culture and history and getting to meet countless other Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors from around the world would be an eye opening experience. I left Australia on 25 May, had a stop over at Hong Kong and then arrived at Incheon International Airport on the 26th. At the Hostel we stayed at (Hi Seoul Youth Hostel) we met a large group of Rotaractors that were in Seoul for the convention but also for the Young Leaders Summit. The opening ceremony for the Rotary International Convention began with a flag ceremony and during the week we listened to the now past RI President, KR Ravindran, the President of Sri Lanka, John Hewko RI General Secretary, Gary Knell, Mahatria Ra, Dr Rebecca Martin, Michael K McGovern, Rosie Batty just to name a few. Listening to these inspirational people made me realize how much Rotary does that you don’t see. For example I didn't know what ShelterBox was until I went to the convention. I personally thought that Polio was eradicated until I found out that only two countries have a few cases left, and how Rotary has helped exterminate this disease. One activity that my fellow Interactors and I enjoyed was exchanging our badges. We got given a handful each to exchange for another or to give out, I received badges from Germany, Southern France, New Zealand, Japan, India, Korea and many more. We also had to do a little performance in front of a crowd, we had two inflatable kangaroos which became a hit. From a past convention, our district met an Interact group from California USA, and we got to meet them again in Korea. It was amazing to talk to an overseas Interact group. One of the tours that we were able to do was at the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) which was the 2km separating us from the border between North and South Korea. The tour guide explained some history about how North Korea tried to get past the border by building four tunnels near the main city, Seoul. We got to take a selfie with a very nice Korean solider and we also got to walk down a 350m tunnel to where they found evidence of North Korea building a tunnel. We also got to see PSY perform and it was mind-blowing. I had an absolutely amazing time with my mentors and my fellow Interactors.

Going to a Rotary International Convention opened my eyes to a lot of issues Rotary has helped solve and I want to help teenagers in our community that we can, ‘Be a gift to the world.’

Jasmin Statham-Smith
Cooma Champs Tennis

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS
9am – 4pm ROYAL TENNIS COURTS
2 Day Camp - $100.00 Discounted to $80.00
Discount given if booking and payment received by June 30
Please call Tom: 0404838049
Awesome prizes to be won!
Lessons available during the school term in Cooma each weekday afternoon and Saturday morning.
We would love to hear from you!!
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The simplest way
...to use leftovers in lunch boxes.

Cooking extra for dinner and using leftovers for lunches is a great way to save time, money and add extra veg to the midday meal.

Here are some great lunch box-ready meals:
- Noodles, pasta, stir fry or fried rice.
- Homemade pizza.
- Cottage pie or spaghetti bolognaise (added to a bread roll).
- Frittata or vegie slice.
- Baked veg (roast pumpkin or sweet potato on wraps and sandwiches), corn on the cob.
- Homemade potato salad or coleslaw (on a sandwich with home-cooked meat, chicken or tinned tuna).

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A musical based on Shakespeare’s
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Show Dates:
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Tuesday 21 June - 5.30pm
Wednesday 22 June - 7pm

Tickets:
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$80 per family of four or more
Children under 5 are free (ticket required)

Bookings essential. Tickets are available through the Front Office at SMGS.
For all enquiries: (02) 6457 1022
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Cooma Outreach Service

The Assisting Responsible Care for Kids program (ARCK) is currently being offered in Cooma on a fortnightly basis.

This program works with separated families to assist them in maintaining a positive relationship with their children and working relationship with the other parent.

Please note that parents are not expected to attend joint sessions.

For further details please contact:
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