Dear Parents, Staff and Students

This Christmas let us not forget to keep a place for Christ in amongst all the focus on giving and receiving and be mindful of the ultimate sacrifice that he made for us. When we say that Christmas is about presence, and not just presents, we are asking that he has a place in our hearts and minds as we gather with family and friends over the Christmas season.

We look forward to welcoming more than 50 students in 2013 across Kindergarten to Year 10 and wish all students moving on to other areas and/or new schools all the best.

Again we would like to thank those staff members who are leaving us, Katarina Ivancic and Jenni Fraser and wish them all the best for the future.

Thank you to the parents for the ongoing support of all aspects of our school this year. Congratulations to all students on their efforts and achievements in 2012. A very big thank you to the teaching and support staff who give so much of themselves every year for the benefit of the whole school community.

May you enjoy a restful and joyful Christmas season and the best of good fortune in the New Year.

Kind regards

Phil Stubbs
Principal
Tennis Report

Last Friday students in the secondary campus competed in the school’s tennis championships. Students were able to play in junior (Year 7 and 8) or senior (Year 9 and 10) singles or mixed doubles and it was encouraging to see so many students having a go and enjoying some tennis. In the singles competition Erin Pearce defeated Meg Pearce and Jesson Bowerman defeated James Russell in the junior competitions, whilst Kevin Fraser defeated Christian von der Burg and Meg Bracher defeated Gabrielle de Rooy in the senior competitions.

In the doubles events it was Meg Pearce and Andrew Devereux who defeated Patrick Connolly and Shaye Thornton in the junior event and Meg Bracher and Christian von der Burg defeated Gabrielle de Rooy and Kevin Fraser in the senior competition.

Well done to our finalists and congratulations to all students for the way they competed on the day.

Mr Lawley

Thank you to all the parents and students who donated fruit for our Mini Vinnies Mini-Canteen last week. We were able to raise $257.00 for the St Vincent de Paul Society. A big thank you to our band of workers, the Stage Three Mini Vinnies group, for all your efforts this year.

Merry Christmas One and All!

Some of the Mini Vinnies group with Damian Kenneally and Ruby Everett from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Around Town

- Michelle’s Swim School – School Holiday Learn to Swim Program: Monday 7 to Friday 18 January 2013. All levels of Learn to Swim and Stroke Correction will be catered for. Our Squad Development Camp will again run for 3 days from Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 January. For bookings and enquires phone Michelle on 6452 4289. Or email: michellethomas7@bigpond.com

- In2Cricket School Holiday Training Camp: Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January 2013 10am-3pm at the Cooma Squash and Sports Centre, Murray Lane, Cooma. Boys and Girls Ages 7-14 - only 15 places available. Cost: $90 Register Online at www.in2cricket.com.au by typing in 2630 (Cooma Cats) or call Stuart 6452 1213 or 0422496400.

- Vacation Care – Cooma Children’s Centre (OOSH): Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 5.30 pm from 7 to 25 January inclusive and on pupil free day Tuesday 29 January. Holiday program available at school offices or OOSH located at Cooma Public School. For information, contact Bill or Leonie on 0450 127 090 or email ooshcooma@dodo.com.au

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- St Patrick’s Cooma
  - Christmas Vigil Mass, Monday 24 December, 6pm
  - Christmas Day Mass, Tuesday 25 December, 10am
  - New Year’s Day Mass, 1 January 2013, 10am

- St Andrew’s Nimmitabel
  - Christmas Vigil Mass, Monday 24 December, 9pm

- St Mary’s Adaminaby
  - Christmas Day Mass, Tuesday 25 December, 8am

Christmas 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

TERM 1 2013 COMMENCEMENT DATES

- Wednesday 30 January
  - Years 1 - 7 first day
  - Thursday 31 January
  - Kindergarten and Years 8 - 10 first day