Dear St Patrick’s Community

As we commemorate Pentecost, we pray:

Spirit of truth, breathe life into us and move us to new places. Help us to see the ways in which we have power and resources to change the world; and urge us to use what we have for the good of all. Through the one who motivates us to new living, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I am pleased to inform you that we interviewed a significant number of quality applicants for the positions of Finance Officer and Canteen Manager at St Patrick’s last Friday.

Each gave considerable time, effort and professionalism to their application and interview. It was all impressive.

I am pleased to be able to offer Jolanta Zieja the position of Finance Officer.

She brings substantive experience in a variety of financial settings, qualifications that include a degree in business and two postgraduate qualifications in accounting, experience in similar positions of financial management and a visible commitment to the ethos of the Catholic school.

I am pleased to be able to offer Rebecca Croke the position of Canteen Manager.

Rebecca has an inside knowledge of the canteen as she has been a frequent volunteer. She has considerable experience in food handling, people management and book-keeping.

We congratulate Jolanta and Rebecca on receiving offers of positions at St Patrick’s. I know that we will make them both very welcome.

New appointments mean that we farewell some St Patrick’s friends: Debbie Moon and Caroline Blyton. They have given so much to this school, as students, then as parents and finally as employees. We are very grateful for their positive influence on many aspects of school and their care for students, parents and staff. Although they move to new challenges, they take the blessings of St Patrick’s with them.

Kind regards

Frances Robertson
Principal
May the peace of Pentecost be yours this week

Transition to Community Council

As we indicated in last week’s newsletter, we now announce all positions vacant on both the P&F Association and School Board as we transition to form the Community Council. The School Community Council provides the opportunity for members of the school, parish and Archdiocesan communities to support the mission of Catholic education in our school. Working with the Parish, Principal and staff, Council members provide leadership to the school community.

In general, the responsibilities of the Community Council are to:

- Contribute to, and support the educational programs and practices at work in the school
- Provide financial policy approval which focuses on effective budgeting and financial planning,
- Contribute to maintaining and developing buildings and grounds to provide a suitable environment for the learning process to flourish,
- Take suitable steps to build up support for the school among the community it serves, which may involve the promotion of the school and developing a community spirit through genuine pastoral care of members of the school and community.

We call for nominations to fill the positions on the executive of the Community Council. These can be dropped in the school office or forwarded to St Patrick's Parish Cooma (coomaparish@bigpond.com).

Formal nominations should simply indicate a willingness to be part of the Community Council Executive and include your contact details and a brief biography (for publication, if it is necessary to go to an election). There is more information on the school's website under the Parent Partnerships tab. Nominations close 25 May. An election will be held after that if necessary.

You are welcome to contact me if you have more questions. I look forward to your involvement in our school.

Fr Mick
Acting Chair
From the AP’s Desk...

Dear parents and students

Surveys
In recent weeks we have been collecting data on student perceptions about school and learning at St Patrick’s. On Wednesday this week staff completed a survey on teacher satisfaction.

This information meets one of our goals on the Annual Improvement Plan. Staff are beginning to discuss the results of the surveys and synthesise key themes that are emerging.

The goal of this process is to use the data obtained to inform future directions at St Patrick's by giving students and teachers a voice across a range of areas.

NAPLAN
I wish to thank students for the way they conducted themselves during the NAPLAN tests last week. Things went smoothly and all students were given optimal conditions to do their best.

Sydney trip
Planning is well underway for the annual Sydney trip. The Sydney trip is a chance for students to demonstrate high levels of responsibility and share new experiences with their peers. I wish to acknowledge Mr Summerville for his organisation, and Mrs Hulley and Mrs Mackay who will also be attending.

Walk safely to school
This Friday is Walk safely to school day. We live in a community where it is safe for all ages to walk to school. This is not always the case for many school children in Australia. We meet at Centennial park at 8:30am. Students, parents and families are welcome to walk with us to St Patrick's.

Thank you

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal
St Patrick's Cooma

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

Our enrolment period for 2017 is now open. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, please call into the office to pick up an enrolment form.

Spread the word

If you know of any families who might be considering St Patrick's for their children’s education next year, please let them know to contact the school office to collect an enrolment pack—phone 6452 1721.

A quality Catholic education for all
Southern Region Cross Country

A large contingent of primary students travelled to Wolumla outside of Merimbula to compete in the Southern Region Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 3 May. All students competed to a high level and should be commended on their behaviour on the day. Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 6 in their age group and qualified for the Archdiocesan Cross Country Carnival in Canberra. Those students are:

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<td>Shelley Kleven</td>
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Good luck to all primary and secondary students competing in Canberra at the Archdiocesan Cross Country Carnival. Results next week.

Mr Lawley
Coordinator

BRIGHT Award

Congratulations to:
- Gabrielle Lloyd
- Mollie Sands
- Charlotte Walker-Broose
- Liam Goodman
- Emily Smith
- Millie Blyton
- Sarah Bodycott
- Tom Carton
- Ben Smith
- Mitchell Burke
Leo Debating

How do you feel about the dilemma of animal cruelty? Well, it was just one of the heavily argued topics in last Tuesday’s Monaro High LEO Club debating competition. On Tuesday 3 May, four teams of St Patrick’s debaters participated in the competition with every team performing strongly.

The Year 7 team was lucky (and skilled) enough to triumph over every team in the Year 7/8 division before coming home with the trophy for first place in the Stage Four competition. It was a great start to everyone’s debating year, and we can’t wait to get back into it again.

Ty McKenzie and Sam Rumball
Primary Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, 17 May 2016, we held our annual primary athletics carnival at Snowy Oval. The weather was fine, although setting up in the wind was a challenge! A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all students who attended on the day. Your outstanding participation in all events and great house spirit is to be commended.

Thank you to house captains for their efforts with war cries, of which Terra emerged the winner. We ran our novelty event, "the Hyena House Hustle" which was again won by Ignis with 121 runs, although closely followed by Terra who were only 1 run behind. The challenge is on next year for Aqua and Caelum to outdo this record!!

A special thank you to the Year 9/10 PASS students: Matilda Thomas, Bas de Ruitjer, Bailey Rogers, Bailey Harriden, Damon Battye, Jasmin Statham-Smith, Kadee Laird, Sam Sergo and Caitlyn Pratt. These students were outstanding in terms of their encouragement to the primary students and assisting staff/parents on the day, as well as at the end of the carnival with clean up and packing up of equipment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and the wonderful parents who assisted on the day to act as officials. Thank you to the ladies in the canteen who kept student's energy levels at their peak throughout the day and to Caitlyn Pratt who was very efficient in organising morning tea for staff and parent helpers. The collective efforts of staff, parents and students contributed to the success of the carnival. Without your support, the carnival would not have run efficiently.

**Final Pointscore**

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<td>4th</td>
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**Age Champions for 2016**

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in:

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<td>Marcus Thomson</td>
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<td>Meg Schofield</td>
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Primary Athletics Carnival continued ...

RECORDS BROKEN
Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day:

**GIRLS**

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**BOYS**

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<td>Mitchell Reid</td>
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<td>Snr 4x100m Relay</td>
<td>Terra</td>
<td>1.07.16</td>
<td>1.07.22 (2015)</td>
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Ms T Wawrzyniak
Carnival Organiser

5I thoughts on the Primary Athletics Carnival

- I thought that everyone was a good sport because I saw lots of smiles – Abby Douch
- I felt that the carnival was very well organised – Elle McGufficke
- I liked how every house was cheering each other on and a lot of people had a go at different events – Mitchell Burke
- It made me feel that people cared when everyone was cheering and encouraging people – Laura Dawson
- I liked the fact that no matter what you did, or how you went, people still supported you – Grace Clarke
- I felt that nearly all people had a positive attitude and I hardly heard any complaining at all – Keegan Thomson
- I liked the enthusiastic cheering – Jack Kleven
- I feel proud, even though I may not have won anything, I still went in every event – Josh van Ommen
- I noticed that some people didn't want to go in events, but they did, so their team could earn points – Matilda Joyce
- I like that everyone had a go – Deizel Barrett
- I liked how everyone tried their best, even if they didn’t win – Lilly Janota
- I noticed that no-one was critical of someone who didn’t win, instead I heard encouraging comments – Harriet Greville
- I liked how most people went in everything – Ryan Pielli
- I liked how people were aiming for personal bests – Rocco Caffarelli
Brumbies 7s Finals Gala Day

Last Wednesday the Year 7/8 girls Rugby 7s team travelled to Lyneham in Canberra to compete in the southern NSW final. Here the girls played against teams from Bega, Narooma, Goulburn and we also played Monaro High School.

The girls played outstanding football all day and despite having the smallest team in both physical size and number of players, our girls really challenged a few of the other teams. Scores were Trinity 17 – St Pats 15, Bega 20 – St Pats 5, Narooma 25 – St Pats 0 and Monaro 20 – St Pats 5.

The girls are now looking to build on this experience for next year. A very big thank you goes to the Rankin family and Kylie Hain for transporting students on the day.

Mr Lawley
Coordinator

Homework Group

Homework group is a support group providing opportunities for students to complete homework and assessment work in a quiet uninterrupted environment. Afternoon tea is provided as well as access to computers, reference materials and required support in completing tasks.

Venue: St Patrick’s secondary library
Time: Thursdays after school until 4.30pm.
Supervising teacher: Mrs Mackay

Following Homework Group, students are expected to make their own way home or to have pre-arranged their pick up by a parent or carer.
This Friday (20 May) is **National Walk Safely to School Day**.
We would like to encourage as many parents, carers and their children to walk to school on this day. You can also meet us at Centennial Park and walk with us as a school group.
We will meet at the park at 8:30am and start walking to school at 8:45am.

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**Canteen News**

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received on the commencement of my new role. I am looking forward to working with the students, staff and school community in continuing to provide healthy and delicious options in the canteen. If you would like to join the volunteer roster, please call the school office on 6452 1721. Thank you!

**Things to remember this term:** Tacos on Tuesdays (K-10) and Mini-Canteen on Wednesdays (K-6).

Next week’s volunteers are (thank you):
- Friday 20 May, 10am Elsa Wagner
- Tuesday 24 May, Annie Ford
- Wednesday 25 May, Keira Lennon and Howard Brown
- Friday 27 May, Keira Lennon

Can you help with mini-canteen? Two volunteers are needed each week to help with mini-canteen at second break on Wednesdays, one on the Infants campus and one on the Primary campus. It only takes about half an hour, and it’s fun! If you can help, please let me know by phoning 6452 1721. Thank you!

**Rebecca Croke**
Canteen Manager