"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." Matthew 19:14


God, our Father, we pray that you will protect our children. Keep them safe from harm and help them to grow healthy in mind and body.

Give them enough strength to keep their faith in you, and keep alive their joy at the Birth of Jesus as we prepare for Christmas time.
In this newsletter...

...We celebrate the wonder of children, their exuberance, their noise, their shyness, their funny jokes, their generosity, their curiosity... we could walk a long mile before we found a better profession than teaching.

It could be tempting to think of this time of year as the ‘wind-down’. That could not be further from the truth. We have had KinderStart, the Year 7 2015 Spot Day, the Drama Expo, excursions, guest speakers, visits to other schools, the celebration of a sacrament, the Martin Schoo Basketball competition, the beginning Year 10s’ Living and Learning Week...and exams for Years 7 to 9.

We are very proud of the students who entered ‘The Pitch’ competition, where they had to create a video to sell the unsellable: the practice of recycling. St Patrick’s had three teams and we came first second and third.

Further in this newsletter there is information about how you can support the school with just an hour or two of your time. The P&F needs some people to support their final fundraiser for the year: the Cooma races catering. Come and have some fun.

Don’t forget to join us for the Thanksgiving Liturgy on Friday at 12.10pm in the Church. The gifts for St Vincent de Paul can be brought to school prior to the event or on the day. We have much to be thankful for this year.

Yours in education, whatever form it might take.

Frances Robertson
Principal

Important Notices

If families are leaving the School at the end of this year, early advice would be appreciated as we have a number of families wishing to enrol for 2015. Please contact the office for a Leaver's Form.

Fees for Term 4 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, contact Mrs Debbie Moon. If you are experiencing difficulty paying the fees, please contact Mrs Robertson.

and coming events....

Thursday 20 November
Martin Schoo Basketball Yr 7-9
Pastoral Council Meeting
Yr 10 Living & Learning week

Friday 21 November
Whole School thanksgiving Liturgy - 12.10pm
Yr 10 Living & Learning week

Sunday 23 November
Thanksgiving Mass 10am

Monday 24 November
Yr 10 RFS School Cadetship

Tuesday 25 November
Yr 10 RFS School Cadetship

Wednesday 26 November
Yr 10 RFS School Cadetship
Yr 6 Captains speeches at Church 11am
School Board meeting - Sec Library 6.30pm
School Social 7.30pm

Friday 28 November
Yr 10 RFS School Cadetship

Monday 1 December
Yr 10 Work Experience
K-6 Swimming

Tuesday 12 December
Yr 10 Work Experience
K-6 Swimming
KinderStart, with their Buddies

On 11 November, Year 5 met their buddies for next year at the second KinderStart Day. It took a while for us to get to know them, but together we made parrots that could balance on a straw. We also did a gross motor course with them, which included throwing bean bags and balancing blocks, a mini trampoline and a jumping course.

We are looking forward to our new friendships and watching the Kinder children learn and grow.

Georgia Manning and Nowell Utrush
Shaking up Shakespeare

Our Year 7 2015 students had Shakespeare rolling off of their tongues as they created short sketches using some of the Bard’s most famous lines. They even learned that the current movie, “The Fault in Our Stars” was a line from Shakespeare himself - who knew?!

There was much excitement about Shakespeare and what will be on offer next year.

P & F News

As our last major fundraiser for 2014 the P&F will be catering a BBQ at the Cooma Races on Saturday 6 December. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity each year, as the BBQ is the only food available at the races for purchase. We need lots of volunteer helpers on the day, we especially need helpers from 12 noon onwards to cover the very busy period.

It is very social and a great chance to meet some new parents within our school. You will receive a free entry ticket to the races, so you can also enjoy part of the race day if you would like to.

Please complete the note in this newsletter and return to the school office by Wednesday 26 November.

Thank you the P&F Executive.
Our school K-10 Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held this Friday November 21 at midday in the church. Our Prayer Service is held each year to give thanks for the many blessings we have received throughout the year. It is also an opportunity to think of those who are in need.

To do this we are asking that you support our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Students in Years 4-10 are asked to bring a money donation sealed in an envelope. Students K-3 are asked to bring a Christmas gift for a boy or a girl. Our Christmas Gift Appeal assists people and families in need who, without our support, may not experience all that Christmas has to offer. The St Vincent de Paul Society will make up Christmas hampers for those who are in need at this time. Please do not wrap gifts. They are most grateful for our continued support of their work.

Our community has been generous in the past and we ask all in our community to once again support our appeal.

Parents are most welcome to attend our Prayer Service.

To be able to give to others as Advent draws near is a special way of focussing on Christmas and its meaning. As a school community we are truly grateful to be working with the students, (your children) and feel greatly blessed to be present as they learn and grow. We have celebrated a year of the sacred this year but every year every moment is blessed by our loving God.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.
Fun in Food Technology on SPOT Day

The menu was.... delicious ham, cheese and pineapple pizzas!
Drama Expo

Last Friday students from Elective Drama and our new Stage 4 Drama club delighted their parents and friends with two performance pieces.

The Drama Club was heard screaming, ‘I’m a Teenager Get Me Out Of Here!’ and the Elective Drama class performed a dark and mysterious piece that they had written entitled, ‘Mr Linden’s Library.’

There is a high standard of drama at our school and we look forward to more of this. Thank you to our audience for supporting this Drama Expo.
The Cooma Races will be held at Ti-Tree Racecourse Cooma, on Saturday 6 December 2014
St Patrick’s Parish School P&F will be doing the catering for this event!

A BBQ WILL BE OFFERED ON THE DAY

We need lots of helpers to assist with cleaning on Friday morning, then on Saturday for set up, cooking the BBQ and serving. Help is required from 8.00am until finish around 6.00pm. The busiest time is from 1.00pm – 4.00pm, so if you can come between these times for a couple of hours it would be appreciated.

Please return the section below indicating times you can assist to the school no later than Wednesday 26 November 2014

Or you can advise
Karen McGufficke 0417 496708 mkmcgufficke@bigpond.com

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P&F BBQ Saturday 6 December 2014 – Cooma Races Assistance Reply

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All helpers will receive a free entry ticket to the races.

Thank you for offering your time and assistance for this fundraising event, if you have any questions please contact Melinda Barrett 0439 413700, Karen McGufficke 0417 496708 or Marjorie Revelant P&F Catering Coordinator 0418 485 229
Jumping inside The Brown Box...

2W were jumping inside The Brown Box last week.

Each making a twisted tassel, getting their right brains thinking and coming up with creative uses for them that were totally outside the box! ...Shoe laces, guitar straps, hair extensions, ties for your spectacles, necklaces and bracelets.

Mrs Souter was so impressed with the creativity that 2W showed she has sponsored them with a Brown Box where they can display their creativity for the next month.

The Brown Box is space where you can visit and open the lid on your creativity. The Brown Box holds daily workshops from weaving, felting with water pistols, arm knitting and also short 20 minute Lunch Box sessions from 12 daily.

There are fantastic opportunities to come and make something special and display something creative in time for Christmas. Support The Brown Box as a community initiative - part of the Renew Cooma program.

Open the lid on your creativity today.

COMPETITION: A chance to win Your own Brown Box. Think outside the box, with 50 words tell the Brown Box why you are creative? What makes you unique, how do you see things differently? What can you make, what can you do? The winner of The Brown Box challenge will be on display from 1 December in The Brown Box.

For more information & loads of inspiration drop in or visit www.thebrownbox.com.au
Introducing Mind the Bump - a world-first App

Smiling Mind and beyondblue have teamed up to create a revolutionary App to support new and expecting parents.

**Mind the Bump** is free, clinically-based and the first mental health-related pregnancy App in the world to cover both the ante and postnatal period while featuring Mindfulness Meditation. The App was released just this week to coincide with Postnatal Depression Awareness Week (16-22 November 2014).

Mind the Bump provides a wide range of short, guided meditations (some of which are voiced by Network Ten's Carrie Bickmore!) and informal daily exercises to support mental and emotional health from **day one of pregnancy through to 24 months after birth.**

Get calm, clear and connected!

Practising mindfulness during the perinatal period can help **reduce stress, build resilience, assist in managing change and strengthening connections** with your baby and partner.

Mind the Bump is designed to support **new and expecting mothers, fathers and partners too.**

Load Mind the Bump on **Android** and **iOS**, visit [www.mindthebump.org.au](http://www.mindthebump.org.au) for more information.

Year 1 News: hanging out with ‘Madam Mulch’

Today we went to Madam Mulch and the Great Fertilizio. We watched funny tricks and how to make a good lunch. We had lots of fun! By Ben

Today we went to a magic show. We learnt about plants and worm poo! We got to meet Madam Mulch and the Great Fertilizio. Children got to pick photos out of Fertilizio’s hat of what to put into the worm farm. By Rachel

Today the infants went to see Madam Mulch and the Great Fertilizio. We saw what was good to make our plants grow. By Archie

Spring
Beautiful flowers
Trees get leaves back
Cows calving
Spring is beautiful!
By Alana

Spring
Spring roses are red
Violets are blue
People are in their gardens too
Spring is sunny!
By Esther
Students Who Achieve Greatness

- Abigail Dowton
- Jett Kelly
- Connor Brazulaitis
- Kennedy Purcell
- Lachlan McGufficke
- Sophie Williams
- Georgia Nowland
- Georgia Manning
- Clara Thornton

Webinar on Sexting and online bullying

This information has been forwarded to the school. The next webinar is on 11 December from 11.30am to 12.00pm.

Sexting and online bullying are increasingly prevalent and we need to be informed.

If you would like to log onto this webinar (which is just a seminar on the web), visit the Legal Aid NSW website. It's free for anyone to join in.
Canteen News

It’s a big week for canteen awards! The following students have been consistently making healthy choices for their lunch orders! Congratulations to Tom Whyman 1D, Tyler Cavanagh 1D, Grace Clark 3F and Grace Maxwell 2W. The students will receive the “Healthy Choice Canteen Voucher” to the value of $5.

FRIDAY’s SPECIALS
Nachos $5
Fruit Salad $2 – Strawberries, grapes, watermelon
** Please add drinks or other items as required **

Volunteers for the next week:
Thursday 20/11: 10am Jackie Bitar
Friday 21/11: 10am Sara Souter, 12.30pm Howard Brown
Wednesday 26/11: 10am Sue Bottom
Thursday 27/11: 10am Lisa Walsh
Friday 28/11: 10am: Rebecca Hain, 12pm Kathleen Bowerman

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The canteen currently has in stock WATER-PROOF DRAWSTRING BAGS, perfect for swimming lessons and other sports. Blue or pink patterns available, $9 each. Please send order and payment to the canteen or drop in Tues-Fri 9-2pm.

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TOTAL ENCLOSED: 

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager

Boco Rock Wind Farm
Community Open Day
29 November 2014

Come along and see Boco Rock Wind Farm, before it is officially opened...

When: Saturday, 29th November 10am - 3pm
Where: Boco Rock Wind Farm construction compound, Avon Lake Road Nimmitabel

Bus tours will leave every half hour from the construction compound from 10am to 2.30pm. Refreshments, a free BBQ and amenities will be available at the compound.

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