Dear St Patrick’s Community

The work in education is never done. In truth, education never really “gets there”. Schools are learning organisations, and if that is true, the target we aim for will continuously be slightly out of reach. There is always room to grow. The school’s Strategic Plan for this year was to focus more intently on explicit improvement. Monday’s professional learning for staff focused on using a variety of technology tools and platforms in the classroom. Our BYOD program has been deemed a successful start (using other schools as our benchmark) and we want to keep that progress rocketing ahead. This week marks the anniversary of the first landing on the moon in 1969 and it is a timely reminder that being courageous in our ideas is a good thing.

“The magic in education happens when you have great teachers in schools... and when you have parental engagement”. It was with these words, that NSW Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, recently summed up the shared goals for all involved in the education of our children. With that in mind, I invite you to the open meeting of the Community Council.

The Community Council is the forum for engagement and participation. This next meeting is at 5.45pm in the Parish Centre on Thursday 4th August. You are welcome to join us.

Although it was bitterly cold at GIO Stadium in Canberra on the last Friday evening of term, I was very proud to watch the Year 5 and 6 boys’ team play rugby, prior to a Brumbies match. The boys played valiantly and were very good sports. (and the Brumbies won). Thank you to Mr Lawley for giving up the first night of his holidays to be there for them.

I was also very impressed with the talent quest that was held for K to Year 6 on the last day. This was a student-driven initiative and lots of good fun. Thank you to Mr Joyce and staff for supporting the students.

Over the holidays we have spent nearly every day working on a new face-lift for the front office. It looks great. Thank you to the Office staff for all their work packing and moving everything. Please pop in and say hello to Bev, Jolanta and Sarah.

Kind regards

Mrs Frances Robertson
Principal
Reminder

This is the ‘termly’ reminder about ‘stop’ signs, speed zones around our school and ‘no parking’ signs. Police continue to patrol Murray and Vale Streets, with the frequency of these patrols increasing in Term 3. We appreciate your ongoing support in adhering to the speed limits (40km/h during designated times) and the signage around our school, as this keeps our children safe and sets an example to other motorists.

Parent/teacher/student conferences

In your semester report, you would have received information about the online booking system for these three way conferences. We encourage all parents and students to take this opportunity to meet with teachers and set some goals for the coming semester. P/T/S conferences for K-6 Tuesday 26 July and 7-10 Wednesday 28 July. Both evenings are at the Cooma Ex-Services Club and run from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We encourage students to attend. See the last page of the newsletter for more information.

If you forget to book, you can always turn up and teachers will do their best to find some time for you.

Father George We wish Father George safe travel as he heads to World Youth Day in Poland and then to visit family in Nigeria. He has promised to return to us in early September and is looking forward to learning to ski.

God bless

Mark van Ommen  Assistant Principal

15th July 2016

Dear Friends,

On Sunday afternoon the 17th July, our delegation from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will begin our pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland.


I attach some prayers from Pope Francis and also Pope Benedict XVI, which I will be distributing to our youth and others as little surrender prayers that maybe helpful to them.

You may wish to include them in your parish and school bulletins over the next few weeks, by way of joining with us in this time.

There is the expectation that over 2 million youth will gather with Pope Francis during these days. It would appreciate your prayers for our safety and even more so for those participating, that they will receive a deep experience of the mercy of Jesus during this Year of Mercy, World Youth Day, Poland.

Thanking you for your prayer support, and assure you of our prayers for you also, as we gather for this major Catholic youth festival.

Our delegation will arrive back in Canberra on Saturday, 6th August.

With every encouragement and God’s blessings.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Welcome

We warmly welcome some new families to St Patrick’s Parish School. We look forward to getting to know these students: Alexander Elgey, Harvey and Patrick McLean, Paris Vallianos., Charlotte and Benjamin Porter.

Interviews for Kindergarten 2017 are still progressing.
BOOK WEEK 2016: AUSTRALIA - STORY COUNTRY

Thursday 25th August 2016 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in Book Week celebrations. This year’s theme is Australia: Story Country

A Book Fair will occur during the week. Parents are encouraged to support the Book Fair as the proceeds provide books and resources for our school. Parents will be able to purchase items at the following times in the Primary LIT Centre:

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On Thursday 25 August, we will hold the annual Book Week Parade. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book.

A parade of characters will commence at 12:15 pm under the Primary shade shelter. The Book Fair will be open in the Library after the parade. Students will participate in literacy based activities during Book Week, 22 August to 25 August 2014.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible during Book Week to celebrate and encourage children’s love of reading.

Thank you for your support.

Glenyce Moxon
Teacher Librarian
Welcome back for Term 3. This term we are hoping to have lots of exciting things happening in the canteen.

**Celebrate Canteen Week** will be running from 8 - 12 August. This event allows us to showcase the benefits of having a canteen within our school and the vital role that your canteen plays. This year it coincides with the Rio Olympics which will run from 5 - 21 August and as such we are going to be running some themed days, so stay posted for information on this exciting event.

We also have **Book Week** coming up in August as well and will be trying to tie our menu for the day in with the theme - Australia - Story Country.

All these events require help from our Parents, Grandparents and Friends so if anyone is able to help out or has any ideas to contribute to these days, please feel free to drop in and see me at the canteen, send me an email rebecca.croke@cg.catholic.edu.au or call 6452 1721.
Women of the Future

A former St Patrick’s student, Liberty Thomas (big sister of Tilly in Year 10) has reached the semi-final stage of the ‘Women of the Future’ competition. This involves contestants putting forward a proposal for an action that could change the future in some way.

A scholarship is the ‘prize’ and it would be great if we could throw our support behind Libby by voting for her. Her project is aimed at creating better access for victims of domestic violence to health, legal and housing services.

Congratulations to Yr 9 student Sam Sergo on winning the NSW State Age Squash Championships for Under 15s during the holidays. This is an amazing achievement.

Graphic Design Competition
Do you love art and design?
Do you want to have your creative design seen across NSW?
Are you aged between 12 – 25 years?
Do you want to win $1,000?

CREATE THE 2017 YOUTH WEEK IN NSW DESIGN & WIN $1000

Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to express their ideas and views, act on issues that affect their lives and create and enjoy activities and events. Youth Week is now the largest annual youth participation event in Australia.

The NSW Youth Week Design Competition provides the opportunity to showcase your talents as a designer and win a $1000 cash prize.

YOUTH WEEK 2017 NSW DESIGN COMPETITION
ENTRIES CLOSE 2 SEPTEMBER 2016

Laura Dee’s 2015 Youth Week in NSW design was used on posters, banners, temporary tattoos, the NSW Youth Week website and social media sites, plus she pocketed $1000!
Within the last month we are fortunate to have a new Community Club in Cooma specifically for teenagers. Many St Patrick’s Parish School Secondary Students have been asking some of our Cooma Interact Club Leadership Committee, “what is Interact?”

Interact derives its name from the word ‘International’ and ‘action’, reflecting the nature of an organisation that exists in one hundred and ten countries and promotes active service at more than 8,600 clubs worldwide.

You may ask, “what actually is Interact and what does it do?”

Interact is Rotary’s local and international service clubs for young people aged 12 to 18 (for High School students). Interact Clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary Clubs, which provide support, mentoring and guidance. Clubs can be school or community based.

Through Interact, high school students can:

- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Raise funds for local projects, as well as overseas
- Develop leadership skills
- Create a network with other Interact Clubs from Canberra and South East Region
- Attention camps, conferences, District meetings, dinners and gain qualifications.
- Have fun!

Interact is a great way for young people to meet and make new friendships. Interactors organise dances, stalls, sporting events, and other social activities as a way to raise funds for their community.

Through this, high school students develop an awareness of serving others in our community and overseas under Rotary’s motto of: Service above Self.

Why not have a look on our new Facebook page under Cooma Interact Club for the most current up-to-date information at: www.facebook.com/Cooma Interact Club.

Please feel free to come and speak to any of our Leadership Committee of: Jasmin Statham-Smith, President, Sara Knott, Vice President, Maria Tarasyuk, Secretary or Ivy McGufficke, Treasurer.

We look forward to speaking with you all soon.

Jasmin Statham-Smith  Year 10
Game of the Week
CROCODILE, CROCODILE?

Equipment
Two lines

Play Area

Players stand on one line and try to cross to the opposite line without being caught.

The Crocodile stands in the middle of the two lines, facing the other players. This area is called the river.

How to Play

1. Choose one player to be the Crocodile, they stand in the middle of the river.
2. The rest of the players stand side by side in a straight line opposite the Crocodile.
3. The players chant “Crocodile, Crocodile, may we cross your Golden River? If not, why not? What’s your favourite colour?”
4. The Crocodile replies “You may cross if you are wearing the colour...” And the chooses a colour to say.
5. If the other children are wearing the colour the Crocodile says they may cross safely.
6. After the first group has crossed, the Crocodile counts to FIVE and then the others must try to cross the river without being caught (tapped) by the Crocodile.
7. After the crossing the Crocodile chooses a new Crocodile for the middle of the river.

Variations

- VARIATION: The next Crocodile in is the first person that the Crocodile taps.
- VARIATION: If you are tapped by the Crocodile when crossing, you move into the middle of the river with the Crocodile. The game ends when there are no players left to cross, only Crocodiles.
- VARIATION: Change the movement from walking or running to something else such as hopping, skipping, sidestepping, galloping, jumping, leaping, tiptoeing etc. After the first verse of “Crocodile, Crocodile, may we cross your Golden River? If not, why not? What’s your favourite colour?” The other players add a new verse. “Crocodile, Crocodile, may we cross your Golden River? If not, why not? How do we get across?”
- VARIATION: Change the Crocodile to a Farmer. The verse would be “Farmer, Farmer, may we cross your Golden River? If not, why not? What’s your favourite colour?”
Rewarding regular savers
with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes—a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

*To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotions start 12 June 2020 and continue 11 August 2020. Student Element. Entry is open to all institutional accounts managed: 15+ accounts: 4 entry per school (when 3+ deposits made) and 9 entry per school (when 3 deposits made). For 15+ accounts: draw closing date 15/08/20. The draw is completed and the winning school will be determined on the day of draw. For 15+ accounts: a total of 350 entries will be drawn in the draw. For 15+ accounts there will be 150 entries for 50 Camping Kits valued at $234.95 each, 200 entries for 200 Magazine Packs valued at $114 each, and two entries for 50 PlayStation 4 Packs valued at $987 each, and a total of 770 entries for 50 Instant Cameras valued at $209.60 each. The draw will be completed on 15/08/20. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schools. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking program and have at least one student enrolled on the Student Element of the promotion. A total of 350 entries per school. Entries will be divided into the following State Territory groups: Northern, ACT, East, South, WA, and NT. A total of 350 entries will be drawn in the draw. For 350 entries there will be 150 entries for 50 Camping Kits valued at $234.95 each, 200 entries for 200 Magazine Packs valued at $114 each, and four entries for 50 PlayStation 4 Packs valued at $987 each, and a total of 770 entries for 50 Instant Cameras valued at $209.60 each. The draw will be completed on 15/08/20. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights.

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Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held at 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 26th July for Primary and at 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Wednesday 27th July for Secondary at the Cooma Ex-Services Club in the main auditorium.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE on the day of the P/T/S conferences at 12pm.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones the school office can be contacted on 64521721 for your child’s interviews to be placed within the online booking system. Interviews are 10 mins for K-6 and 5 mins per subject in Secondary.

Spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 64521721

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and town.