Justice Prayer -
Mother Teresa

Oh God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice:
For those who are discriminated against because of their race, colour, or religion;
For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression;
For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth;
For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship;
For those deprived of reasonable health and education;
For those suffering from hunger and famine;
For those too weak to help themselves
And who have no one else to help them . Amen

This week, we delivered the 'boxes of hope' full of donations of winter warmers and useful products to St Vinnies Winter Appeal.

It’s Book Week, an opportunity to remember that reading really can connect us all. Whether it is for relaxation, mental stimulation, gaining knowledge or just entertainment, reading has it all. In a world of omnipresent screens, it can be easy to forget the simple pleasure of curling up with a good book. There are obvious health benefits, as well. However, one of the greatest gifts a parent can give to a child is simply to read to them.

"The Reading Mother" is an old poem, and it so aptly put that "Richer than I you will never be, I had a mother who read to me." Reading to children is such a simple thing. Almost anyone can do it. It's low cost. It's low tech. Reading, as it turns out, is brain food! Let’s read to children. All of us. Every child. Every day. In infancy and throughout childhood -- even beyond the stage when they are reading independently. Although it is not generally recognised, high school students can really benefit from reading together and sharing reading experiences. It’s a powerful way to be connected. I have lovely memories of sitting in front of the fire and reading the novels set for Year 12 to my own children.

It's Oliver! Week. Get you tickets from the Information Centre. Don’t miss out!

Happy Book Week! Get Connected through reading!

Frances Robertson
Principal
From the AP’s Desk

It’s Book Week!

On Thursday 21 August, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in Book Week celebrations.

This year’s theme is ‘Connect to Reading’.

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 to take home to share.

On Thursday 21 August, we will hold the annual Book Week Parade. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. Year 10 students will be also dressed up and escorting the Kindergarten students in the parade.

A parade of characters will commence at 12:15 pm under the Primary shade shelter. If it is wet, we will transfer to the Ex-Services Club. The Book Fair will be open in the Library after the parade. Students will participate in literacy based activities during book week, 18 August to 21 August 2014.

and coming events....

Thursday 21 August
Book Week Parade (Connect to Reading)-Primary Quad 12pm

Friday 22 August
Book Week
School Production ‘Oliver!’ 7pm

Saturday 23 August
School Production ‘Oliver!’ 1.00pm & 7pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 24 August
Thanksgiving Mass for Reconciliation 10am - 11am

Monday 25 August
Fundraiser for Cooma RSPCA 10.40am

Tuesday 26 August
Southern Region Interschool’s XC

Wednesday 27 August
Oliver full cast rehearsal
Stage 2 Public Speaking

Friday 29 August
ACT schools mountain bike championships
School Production ‘Oliver!’ 7pm

Saturday 30 August
School Production ‘Oliver!’ 1.00pm & 7pm

Tuesday 2 September
PASS Cross country skiing

Wednesday 3 September
PASS Cross country Skiing
Yr 5 Assembly 12pm - 1pm
Try this with some friends...

Stories of Inclusion: A forum for parents and carers.

On Friday August 22 and Saturday August 23, from 9.00am to 2.00pm, the Catholic Education Office is holding an event: Stories of Inclusion: A forum for parents and carers. All parents are invited to attend one of the days, particularly parents of a primary or secondary student who has a unique set of learning or social needs. The forum will be an opportunity to hear from other parents and to share some of the story of their child’s journey through school. With these stories and ideas we can continue to shape our Catholic Schools to become increasingly inclusive places for all. If you would like to attend and contribute to the conversation please email the CEO via inclusiveforum@cg.catholic.edu.au. Please indicate which day you would like to attend. Each day is a repeat of the other. We look forward to your valuable contribution.
Making a tower that can hold a marshmallow on top is a real challenge, especially if want to make the tallest possible tower. These are some of the lunchtime activities that have been happening in the Science Department this week.
What does it take to be a good parent?

Literature on parenting identifies four main styles: Authoritative, Authoritarian, Permissive and Uninvolved. These are based on the extent to which parents are responsive (offer warmth and support) and demanding (level of behavioral control). Research has shown that a failure to balance these two key aspects of parenting can have very harmful effects on children and their future conduct. Children who grow up in households where there is too much or too little of one trait (or even worse, no recognizable presence of either), tend to have difficulty with social adjustment and often show poor academic performance. Furthermore, they are at risk of developing low self-esteem and disciplinary problems, which often filter into more serious conditions when they reach adulthood in the form of depression and anxiety.

Go on, try it!

Parenting Style Test
42 questions, 25 min

http://psychologytoday-tests.psychtests.com/take_test.php?idRegTest=3261

Have you got a blanket or
two at home that is not
being used?

St Patrick’s are supporting the St Vinnies’ Winter Appeal and we want to gather blankets that can be distributed in this area to people who are affected by the cold. Please bring in your spare blankets to the big blanket box in the office foyer.

OR… make a donation. Every little bit helps!
Canteen News

Congratulations to Primary students Brianna Nowland and Troy Rees who were awarded the “Healthy Lunch Choice Canteen Award” last week. Brianna and Troy received a $5 canteen voucher.

The meal deal this Friday includes a drink:

TOASTIE & A DRINK = $4

Choose from ham, chicken or tuna, with cheese and/or tomato, and milk or juice.

Thank you to those who are responding to the call for volunteer helpers.

We need everyone of you!

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager

St Patrick’s Snow Bunnies
St Patrick’s Relay for Life team

Relay For Life began in the USA in May 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, wanted to raise awareness of cancer and boost the income of his local cancer charity. He spent a gruelling twenty-four hours circulating a track in Tacoma, Washington, and raised over US$27,000, and showed that one person really can make a difference.

Since then, Relay For Life has become the largest fundraising event for cancer in the world. Celebrated by more than 4 million people in over 20 countries, this inspirational overnight event empowers and unites local communities to fight cancer.

Relay For Life is a fun and moving experience that raises vital funds for the Cancer Council’s research, prevention, information and support services. Every dollar raised goes towards funding Cancer Council’s vital research, prevention and support programs, many of which help people in your community every day.

Relay is a chance for the Cooma Monaro community to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council’s Relay For Life each year in the fight against cancer: start or join a team in the Cooma-Monaro 2014 Relay today. Sign up to volunteer at the Cooma-Monaro 2014 Relay and be part of a rewarding experience that makes a difference to your community. Help make this Relay a success!

Donations can be made to the St Patrick’s team through the website or at the school office.


Scholarships for St Mary MacKillop College

Parents are reminded that Year 10 students who have enrolled at St Mary MacKillop College are able to apply for a scholarship to assist with Tuition Fees in Years 11 and 12. Successful recipients will have 50% of their Tuition Fee as set by the Catholic Education Committee (CEC) accredited to their fees account for 2015 and 2016.

There will be two different categories of Scholarship:

**Academic**: Awarded to a student or students whose achievement has been outstanding throughout Years 9 and 10.

**Community**: Awarded to a student or students who have applied themselves consistently to their studies and who have contributed in significant ways to the community.

Application forms are available from the front office of the Isabella campus and must be completed and submitted to Mr Lee on or before Friday 22 August 2014.

Oliver!

**The opening night of ‘Oliver!’ is on Friday 22 August.**

If you are able to make or bring slices/cakes/canapés/sandwiches/nibbles for this Gala event, please let Mrs Fraser know on maryann.fraser@cg.catholic.edu.au

Your items could be left at school on the day or brought to the Cooma Little Theatre by 6:30 pm.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.
St Patrick’s School presents

**OLIVER!**

Book, Music & Lyrics by

**Lionel Bart**

7.00pm: Friday 22\(\text{nd}\) & 29\(\text{th}\), Saturday 23\(\text{rd}\) & 30\(\text{th}\) August

1.00pm: Saturday 23\(\text{rd}\) & 30\(\text{th}\) August

Tickets can be purchased at Cooma Visitors Centre

$18 adults, $15 children, $60 family

Orchestral arrangements by William David Brophy

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty. Ltd, exclusive representative of Cameron Mackintosh and the Southbrook Group.
Oliver rehearsal time... it’s nearly ready. Don’t miss out.
Oliver rehearsal time... it's nearly ready.
Don't miss out. Tickets available from the Cooma Visitors' Centre
**Fathers’ Day Gift Stall**

**5 September 2014**

Students are asked to donate a small gift which will in turn be available for sale on the Fathers’ Day Stall on Friday 5 September.

We ask that gifts be wrapped in clear cellophane so that children shopping can see what they are buying. Can all gifts be given to class teachers by **Monday 1 September**.

On **Friday 5 September** every child will have the opportunity to shop at the stall for their Father/carer. All gifts will be available for purchase and priced between $2.00 and $5.00. Funds raised go to the St Patrick’s P & F.

*Suggestions include: a coffee mug filled with sweets, magazines, sporting items, key ring, gardening supplies.*

If you would like to get involved or assist on the day, please contact **Natalee Reid** on mws@schutebell.com or text 0412910152

**Thank you**  
**St Pat’s P & F**

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**Health info …..**

The are two more links below that continue on from last week’s Australian Government guidelines;

**Does your child get 60 minutes of physical activity every day?**

**More than half of all Australian adults are not active enough.**
The Reading Mother

by Strickland Gillilan

I had a mother who read to me
Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea,
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,
“Blackbirds” stowed in the hold beneath.

I had a Mother who read me lays
Of ancient and gallant and golden days;
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,
Which every boy has a right to know.

I had a Mother who read me tales
Of Gelert the hound of the hills of Wales,
True to his trust till his tragic death,
Faithfulness blent with his final breath.

I had a Mother who read me the things
That wholesome life to the boy heart
brings—
Stories that stir with an upward touch,
Oh, that each mother of boys were such!

You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I, you can never be—
I had a Mother who read to me.

What’s On …..

Inside Look at Snowy Reunion

Parents and friends wanting to see beyond the locked gates of selected power stations of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, here is your unique opportunity to also engage with Reunion visitors. Take a tour as part of the 65th anniversary Reunion, 17-20 October, by collecting a booking leaflet from Cooma Visitors Centre and to be certain of a place, book before 1 September.
Contact Wally Mills from Snowy Scheme Association on 64527321.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have a little time to spare? Do you know a community member who would like to spend time in a friendly place helping others? Are you wanting to get to know others in the school community? If so, we would really love to hear from you.

Please call the school and ask to speak with Caroline in the Canteen.
School Board Governance 2014/2015

Last Thursday evening we had the pleasure of listening to Timothy Smith, head of Public and Strategic Policy from the CEO in Canberra. It was interesting to hear Tim referencing on the six key areas of roles and responsibilities that are to be considered in assessing the Governance model of a Catholic school. This allowed our more experienced board members to gain a refresher in these topics, while for our new members on the board; it gave them a clearer picture and understanding of the roles and responsibilities they will fulfil while they hold a position on our school board.

I am sure many of our school parental community may ask, what do our school board do? Why do we need to have a school board?

I hope what you may read in the next few paragraphs will give you some further insight into our board. How our School Board plays a vital role within our school community in terms of collaboration in working with Principal, Frances Robertson and our School Leadership team to gain the best possible outcomes for our students who attend St Patrick’s Parish School, Cooma.

Here are some systematic facts for you. These facts are within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn:

- >20,000 students
- >3,000 staff
- 56 schools
- A range of 26 to 1734 students in a school. St Mary MacKillop College in Canberra has over 1700 students in its entire Year 7-12 school.
- In NSW we have 27 schools
- Twenty nine in ACT
- ACT >13,000 students
- NSW >7,000 students
- We have 5 K-10 schools of which St Patrick's Parish School is one of those school
- One K-12 school Lumen Christi at Pambula
- Nine 7-12 schools
- Forty two primary schools and;
- A $200 million budget of which the CEO in Canberra is responsible for and cannot transfer monetary funds between the NSW or ACT budgets.

Under the school board’s responsibility are six areas of Governance. Within these specific realms the School Board has two decisive roles on these specific realms.

Decision Making Role and;
Advisory Roles to the Principal and Leadership Team of St Patrick’s.

You may ask the question: ‘what specifically is in these six specific areas’? Below is a brief and concise outline.

Catholic Identity and Character: Our Principal and our new Parish Priest, when appointed have responsibility for these area within the life of the Parish and our school. These experiences are guided by prayer; retreats, outreach and sacramental life are a priority. Our Mission Statement and goals are clearly catholic in nature while our catholic teaching permeates school life.

Academic Programs: Our Principal is responsible and looks at educational trends. Our school responds to the needs of Government and Educational Authorities, provides students at all levels of learning, implements pastoral care programs, technology is integrated across the curriculum. Frances is supported in her academic vision by the School Board members and her school leadership team. Such things as policy on numeracy and literacy obtain comments and interaction from our School Board members.
Physical Resources: This involves our Strategic Plan for St Patrick’s. This is developed for the provision of resources; facilities are maintained to a high standard and that the school maintains OH&S compliant. Facilities are maximised to their fullest potential.

New facilities are development in consultation with the CEO team in Canberra comprising of Geoff Yates and Maureen McGrath, School Board Members and the school’s Leadership team.

School Board members and our Principal, Frances Robertson, are both responsible for both a decision and advisory role in these areas.

The roles of Leadership, Finance, Growth and Enrolment will be outlined as a sequential, Part 2 for next week’s School Newsletter. So stay tuned.

Erika Statham
Chairperson, St Patrick’s Parish School Board
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Reminders:
- Please use big enough lunch bags, clearly write name, class and order and ensure that money is secured (no tape or staples please).
- Watch the newsletter for Friday Meal Deals or Specials.
- Apples can be slinkied, and oranges can be quartered.
- Mini-Canteen available to Infants & Primary on Wednesdays, items from 50c to $2.00.

Available on request:
Gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian & vegan.