Mission Sunday

For this year’s World Mission Sunday celebration, we are focusing on the words from St. Matthew’s Gospel, “I Will Build My Church” (Matthew 16:18), highlighting the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away.

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God’s people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all God’s family. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished. Before returning to the Father, Jesus sent the Church to continue the mission given him by the Father and empowered her with his Spirit: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21).

St Patrick’s first ever COLOUR Day is a special way to commemorate and celebrate the contribution of our former Visual Arts teacher, Ms Sabina Kovats. On Friday, all students are invited to come dressed in as many colours as possible (whilst still being sun-safe and WHS compliant) and make a small gold coin donation to Relay for Life. This was an important project for Ms Kovats and she was instrumental in setting up and being involved in Relay for many years. The Year 10 students have been busy preparing some fun activities for the day.

All families are invited to register for Relay for Life this weekend with the St Patrick’s team. We will not have overnight supervision for students but we encourage you to come as a family.

Next week, we begin the KinderStart and SPOT Days for the Kindergarten 2015 and Year 7 2015. If you have missed getting information about these, please contact the school office. There will be a welcome BBQ on Tuesday 28 October at 5pm at the Infants oval for the new Kindergarten and existing Infants families. I appreciate the support of the P&F in arranging this.

As a result of observing some very dangerous driving practices around the school such as drivers crossing over double lines, parking in wrong places and not stopping at the stop sign, we have asked the police to be present morning and afternoon. There is an event number for this. They may use unmarked cars. Please remember that children’s lives are precious and accidents usually can’t be fixed with band-aids.

Kind regards

Frances Robertson
Principal
Choices
In many of my conversations with students and parents the word ‘choice’ is mentioned. We always have a choice when it comes to our actions. Sometimes, we think we have to act a certain way to generate status, to get attention, maintain our place in a peer group or because society expects this of us. However, what leaves a lasting positive legacy on others are the choices we make that move beyond thinking only of ourselves.

Thankfully, we don’t have to look far into history to see examples of actions that think of others. I would like to tell a story about Greg Inglis. When Greg first came to Sydney the boss of South’s, Shane Richardson, let Greg live at his place with his family until he found somewhere to live. Shane’s daughter was getting a hard time at school due to being a large young lady. Her peers were teasing her saying that she would not get a date for her end of year formal. Greg heard this and offered to attend the formal with her. When she turned up with Greg, all her peers were shocked and very jealous. Throughout the night, many of the girls wanted to dance with Greg. His comment to them was that he was here with his date and would only dance with her.

Greatness for Greg is enhanced by his deeds off the field, as well as those on the field. We can do the same. Including a student in a game, walking away from a situation, stepping in to ‘de-escalate’ a situation or informing a teacher of a student who may need support are all practical examples of making good choices.

Camps
This week Stage 3 and Year 9 will be away at camp. These are important opportunities for students to experience the non-academic aspects of school life. I have mentioned before that many of the most important lessons happen outside the classroom. These camps provide opportunities for students to demonstrate teamwork, resilience and interact with students they normally would not associate with at school. We do use information from camps and other activities to help inform our opinions of who would be most suited for school leadership roles in the following year. This demonstrates the importance of these activities in providing a holistic view of the student.

Please keep in your thoughts those who are sick or lonely. In particular, please keep Mrs Janice Dunlavie in your thoughts, as her mother passed away this week.

Mark van Oommen
Assistant Principal

St Patrick’s Rugby - article to follow next week.
Canteen News

Don’t forget to order your reusable lunch bags by this Friday 24 of October. They make life lots easier for canteen workers and students!

This week’s canteen volunteers are:

- Wednesday 22/10/14: 10-11.30am Linda Quodling
- Thursday 23/10/14: 10-11.30am Lisa Walsh & 12-1.30pm Melinda Barrett
- Friday 24/10/14: 10am Sara Souter & 12.30-1.30pm Howard Brown

Congratulations to Lucy Pope in Year 1 who received the canteen award last week for making healthy lunch choices - well done!!

This Friday you get to wear and ....... EAT lots of colours with the canteen offering two rainbow meal deals. Please note that the meal deals do not include a drink, see page 4 for details.

You will notice some new items in the canteen this term, we are "greening" up the menu! Chicken nuggets are now ONLY available as a "Chicken Nugget Snack" which is two nuggets served with a small salad for $2.50. The popular “St Pat’s Pasta” is available every day for only $5, it’s made in the canteen and contains lots of yummy, healthy, fresh ingredients.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any feedback or would like to come and help!

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager
caroline.blyton@cg.catholic.edu.au

and coming events....

**Thursday 23 October**
Stage 3 Camp at Cooba
Yr 9 Camp at Mimosa Rocks

**Friday 24 October**
Colour Day to Commemorate Sabina Kovats

**Saturday 25 October**
Relay for LIFE

**Sunday 26 October**
Relay for LIFE

**Tuesday 28 October**
Kinder Start Day
Family BBQ & Picnic for Infant families and 2015 Kindergarten 5pm at K-2 Campus

**Thursday 30 October**
Yr 7 SPOT Day
Kinder Assembly 12pm

**Friday 31 October**
Stage 2 & 3 T/20 Cricket

**Saturday 1 November**
P&F catering for The Snowy Ride Checkpoint and Cake Stall at Cooma Markets

**Saturday 8 November**
First communion 6pm

**Tuesday 11 November**
Kinderstart Day
Yr 7 SPOT Day
The canteen is offering the two following meal deals on Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} of October:

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As a special commemorative day to celebrate the contribution to Visual Arts by Sabina Kovats, we are inviting all students and staff to come to school dressed in bright colours on Friday 24 October. This will be a chance to support Relay for Life with a gold coin donation. Mrs Kovats was very committed to Relay for Life. We will remember her in a colourful way!

Students can try to wear as many colours as possible. There will be lunchtime activities organised by the student leadership team and prizes for the most colourful costume.

The gold coin donation will be collected in the morning in classes and in Home-room.
The Snowy Ride checkpoint will be at Centennial Park Cooma on Saturday 1 November 2014.

St Patrick’s Parish School P&F will be doing the catering for this event.

A BBQ will be offered on the day, as well as a cake stall.

We need helpers to assist with set up, cooking the BBQ and serving. Also helpers will be needed on the cake stall, which will be a separate stall at the Rotary Markets.

**Help is required from 8.00am until finish around 2.00pm** - So if you are around, a couple hours of your time would be appreciated.

Please return the section below indicating times you can assist to the school no later than **Tuesday 28 October 2014**

Or you can advise

Karen McGufficke 0417 496708 mkmcgufficke@bigpond.com

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P&F BBQ Saturday 1 November 2014 Assistance Reply

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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
Payments may be made on card or by cheque and the details are on the back of each catalogue.

Please return the orders to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 22 October 2014.

We are looking forward to supporting this worthwhile way of encouraging reading.

Glenyce Moxon and Margaret Field (Coordinators)

Book Club is due!

Can you look in your cupboards?
The Committee members of the are seeking donations of preloved novels/quality books, handbags, hats & fascinators, so if you have any you would like to donate please leave them at the office or contact Karen McGufficke at kmcgufficke@boyceca.com.

Peer Support Leaders Prepare for their 2015 Kinder Buddies!

Year 5 Students have been learning and practising some of the skills and strategies involved in being a Buddy and Peer Support Leader so that they are able to provide advice, emotional, social and practical support to their new 2015 Kinder Buddies.

They can’t wait to meet their new Kinder Buddies on KinderStart Day on 28 October, where they will meet and greet their new buddies as they come in for their first combined experience of Kindergarten.

So far the Year 5 students have focused on six important qualities of a Peer Support Leader: Responsibility, Confidence, Patience, Kindness, Enthusiasm, and being Helpful. Next on the training agenda includes lots of fun learning experiences in how to apply these qualities.
St. Patrick’s Parish School Parents & Friends Assoc.
Welcomes and Invites our
Kinder start & existing infants
families to a

Family BBQ & Picnic

Tuesday 28 October 2014
5.00pm to 6.30pm
St Patrick’s K-2 Campus

BBQ Sausages, Bread & Poppers provided
(The BBQ is available to cook any additional picnic fare)

BYO chairs and picnic blanket

Meet some of the existing families in our school community and the teaching staff.
Enjoy some great games and fun for the whole family.

Any questions contact Karen McGufficke on 0417 469 708

RSVP to School Office by Friday 24 October 2014
Family Name: ____________________________
No of adults attending _____
No of children attending _____
"The world is passing through troublous times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age. They are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they knew everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness with them. As for the girls, they are forward, immodest and unladylike in speech, behaviour and dress."

I often find consolation in the above quote, attributed to Peter the Hermit in AD 1274, along with a similar one attributed to Socrates. After all, if we’re honest, things haven’t really changed much in 750 years! Most of us parents weren’t saints as teenagers, much as we would like to whitewash our past from our teens. If I’m honest, I was certainly guilty of much of the above.

It can be tempting as parents and teachers to be despondent about our young people but, as a colleague pointed out to me recently, sometimes this is because we are too well aware of the pitfalls surrounding our children, having been through many of their dilemmas ourselves. "In our day" many young people were also disrespectful and they did drink excessively, smoke, and make poor choices in cars and with relationships.

The young people I teach, like those I’m attempting to grow at home, frequently demonstrate honesty, compassion and leadership. As our school’s Welfare teacher, I am often approached by students exhibiting leadership in different ways – they may be concerned for their friends’ welfare, they may be alerting me to boys smoking in the loos (not uncommon from both genders even in my parents’ era!), or simply making suggestions to improve certain outcomes for themselves and others.

Like us, our young people like to be heard and valued. They need to be sure that they have a role in our lives and have ownership over aspects of it.
Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

Very soon the Responsible Pet Education Program is coming to visit you at your school!

My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dogs with their owners!

There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.

My dog may even meet you during the visit.

Cooma FC Summer Six-a-side competition 2014

The Cooma Football Club will once again be running the hugely popular Summer Six-a-side Football (soccer) competition between November and March.

The competition is a fun way for the whole family to get involved in soccer and a perfect way to keep fit over the summer months.

With nearly 50 teams last year, and over 300 registered players, the local community has really taken to the game.

So get your friends, family, and colleagues together and register now for this year’s summer six-a-side competition.

Registration forms are available from Monaro Discount Tyres or on-line at http://www.coomafc.net/six-a-side/

We are having a registration evening on Wednesday the 22nd of October from 4:30pm to 7pm at Nijong oval.

You can also give your completed registration forms and payment to David D’Amico at Monaro Discount Tyres.

For more info, please visit http://www.coomafc.net/six-a-side/
Message from the Holy Father for World Mission Sunday 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born "to go forth". World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy. A celebration of grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength to those who are obedient to his action. A celebration of joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, sent to evangelise the world, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts. This joy of Jesus and missionary disciples leads me to propose a biblical icon, which we find in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 10:21-23).

1. The Evangelist tells us that the Lord sent the seventy-two disciples two by two into cities and villages to proclaim that the Kingdom of God was near, and to prepare people to meet Jesus. After carrying out this mission of preaching, the disciples returned full of joy: joy is a dominant theme of this first and unforgettable missionary experience. Yet the divine Master told them: "Do not rejoice because the demons are subject to you; but rejoice because your names are written in heaven. At that very moment Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said: 'I give you praise, Father...'. And, turning to the disciples in private he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see'" (Lk 10:20-21, 23).

Luke presents three scenes. Jesus speaks first to his disciples, then to the Father, and then again to the disciples. Jesus wanted to let the disciples share his joy, different and greater than anything they had previously experienced.

2. The disciples were filled with joy, excited about their power to set people free from demons. But Jesus cautioned them to rejoice not so much for the power they had received, but for the love they had received, "because your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10:20). The disciples were given an experience of God's love, but also the possibility of sharing that love. And this experience is a cause for gratitude and joy in the heart of Jesus. Luke saw this jubilation in a perspective of the trinitarian communion: "Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit", turning to the Father and praising him. This moment of deep joy springs from Jesus' immense filial love for his Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who hid these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to the childlike (cf. Lk 10:21). God has both hidden and revealed, and in this prayer of praise it is his revealing which stands out. What is it that God has revealed and hidden? The mysteries of his Kingdom, the manifestation of divine lordship in Jesus and the victory over Satan.

God has hidden this from those who are all too full of themselves and who claim to know everything already. They are blinded by their presumptuousness and they leave no room for God. One can easily think of some of Jesus' contemporaries whom he repeatedly admonished, but the danger is one that always exists and concerns us too. The "little ones", for their part, are the humble, the simple, the poor, the marginalised, those without voice, those weary and burdened, whom Jesus pronounced "blessed". We readily think of Mary, Joseph, the fishermen of Galilee and the disciples whom Jesus called as he went preaching.

3. "Yes, Father, for such has been your gracious will" (Lk 10:21). These words of Jesus must be understood as referring to his inner exultation. The word "gracious" describes the Father's saving and benevolent plan for humanity. It was this divine graciousness that made Jesus rejoice, for the Father willed to love people with the same love that he has for his Son. Luke also alludes to the similar exultation of Mary: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Savior" (Lk 1:47). This is the Good News that leads to salvation. Mary, bearing in her womb Jesus, the evangeliser par excellence, met Elizabeth and rejoiced in the Holy Spirit as she sang her Magnificat. Jesus, seeing the success of his disciples' mission and their resulting joy, rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and addressed his Father in prayer. In both cases, it is joy for the working of salvation, for the love with which the Father loves his Son comes down to us, and through the Holy Spirit fills us and grants us a share in the trinitarian life.
The Father is the source of joy. The Son is its manifestation, and the Holy Spirit its giver. Immediately after praising the Father, so the evangelist Matthew tells us, Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Mt 11:28-30). "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew" (Evangelii Gaudium, 1).

The Virgin Mary had a unique experience of this encounter with Jesus, and thus became "causa nostrae laetitiae". The disciples, for their part, received the call to follow Jesus and to be sent by him to preach the Gospel (cf. Mk 3:14), and so they were filled with joy. Why shouldn't we too enter this flood of joy?

4. "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience" (Evangelii Gaudium, 2). Humanity greatly needs to lay hold of the salvation brought by Christ. His disciples are those who allow themselves to be seized ever more by the love of Jesus and marked by the fire of passion for the Kingdom of God and the proclamation of the joy of the Gospel. All the Lord's disciples are called to nurture the joy of evangelisation. The Bishops, as those primarily responsible for this proclamation, have the task of promoting the unity of the local Church in her missionary commitment. They are called to acknowledge that the joy of communicating Jesus Christ is expressed in a concern to proclaim him in the most distant places, as well as in a constant outreach to the peripheries of their own territory, where great numbers of the poor are waiting for this message.

Many parts of the world are experiencing a dearth of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Often this is due to the absence of contagious apostolic fervour in communities which lack enthusiasm and thus fail to attract. The joy of the Gospel is born of the encounter with Christ and from sharing with the poor. For this reason I encourage parish communities, associations and groups to live an intense fraternal life, grounded in love for Jesus and concern for the needs of the most disadvantaged. Wherever there is joy, enthusiasm and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations arise. Among these vocations, we should not overlook lay vocations to mission. There has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the lay faithful in the Church, as well as a recognition that they are called to take an increasingly important role in the spread of the Gospel. Consequently they need to be given a suitable training for the sake of an effective apostolic activity.

5. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). World Mission Day is also an occasion to rekindle the desire and the moral obligation to take joyful part in the mission ad gentes. A monetary contribution on the part of individuals is the sign of a self-offering, first to the Lord and then to others; in this way a material offering can become a means for the evangelisation of humanity built on love.

Dear brothers and sisters, on this World Mission Day my thoughts turn to all the local Churches. Let us not be robbed of the joy of evangelisation! I invite you to immerse yourself in the joy of the Gospel and nurture a love that can light up your vocation and your mission. I urge each of you to recall, as if you were making an interior pilgrimage, that "first love" with which the Lord Jesus Christ warmed your heart, not for the sake of nostalgia but in order to persevere in joy. The Lord's disciples persevere in joy when they sense his presence, do his will and share with others their faith, hope and evangelical charity.

Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelisation, that the Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world.

From the Vatican, 8 June 2014, the Solemnity of Pentecost
Last Friday a group of secondary students from Year 7 to Year 10 took part in a workshop as part of the BighART project that visits rural school communities. The object of the day was to create musical pieces that reflected the theme ‘Cosmopolitan’ and prepare them for performance next year at the Canberra Theatre.

Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen were the facilitators who took small groups of children through a process of lyric writing and musical composition until a final product was achieved. This song was performed in Centennial Park on Sunday morning and heartily welcomed by the local community and the many people visiting for the 65th anniversary of the Snowy Scheme.

The children also created a soundscape piece called ‘Australia’ which was very effective and greatly impressed the Gentlemen.

Leader of the group, Mikelangelo said that he and his fellows were ‘blown away’ by the level of creativity that the students showed and are looking forward to on-going work with the group.

Congratulations to all those who participated in a very challenging but rewarding day. It was great fun and the end product was well worth all the effort!
Year 5 news

Term 4 Goals
At the beginning of the Term, we had to write down one Academic and one Social goal we would like to achieve this term. Here are some goals we are working towards.

Social Goals
“To burst my bubble and go beyond my friendship group” – Aidan Childs
“To let my friends have a go and not to take over! – Nowell Utrush
“To thank my swimming teacher after swimming lessons in the morning” – Sami Frazer
“To have less sour faces!” – Georgia Manning

Academic Goals
“To use more adverbs and adjectives in my writing!” – Jessica Norris
“I would like to improve with my homework by focusing on having a specific time to do my homework and forget about everything else!” – Olivia Heise
“To look at teachers and students when they are talking!” – Cambell Wenban

Last Thursday Yr 5 met with Kindergarten to have some shared and paired activities, to practice working with buddies in 2015. Here are some of our thoughts.

“My Buddy was really persistent when we were reading together!”- Sam Rumball
“I enjoyed how my buddy was having fun learning and reading!” – Lisa Haylock
“I enjoyed how my buddy changed his mind every ten seconds!”- Jorja White
“I was happy and excited to work with my buddy!”- Arthur Bottom
“It was great to interact with younger students! “- Lachlan McGufficke

During Personal Development this term Yr 5 have been learning about decision making and having a good attitude. Here are some attitudes we think are worth putting into action!
You can see these statements and more displayed as posters on the windows of Year 5.

“Standing up for what is right isn't always easy!” - Ivy McGufficke
Students Who Achieve Greatness

SWAG – Week 2 Winners
Theme: Confidence
Don’t forget Relay for Life this weekend.
Coma along to Rotary Oval and walk a lap or two with us.

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.
The Dorramitas have uncovered the ancient Gem of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip ’N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here’s how to win
Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically enter you into the competition. The more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

Competition runs: 30 October – 30 November 2014

To find out more, visit coomabank.com.au/deepsavesavers