Dear Parents and Friends of St Patrick's

Creator of all, you gave us the Dreaming. You have spoken to us through our beliefs. You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus. We thank you for your care. You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change.

We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow in all people, so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen.

National Reconciliation Week celebrates the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and all other Australians. Every year, the week is held between the same dates, 27 May to 3 June. The dates draw attention to significant historical events. The 27 May marks the day in 1967 when the referendum was passed for the Australian Government to make laws so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders could be recognised in the census. The 3 June marks the day in 1992 that led the Australian Government to recognise native title and acknowledge Indigenous Australians as the original occupants of Australia.

In 2014, the theme for National Reconciliation Week is ‘Let’s Walk the Talk’, focusing on turning past conversations into actions.

Reconciliation is not about blame or guilt. It is about recognising the truth of what has occurred for many members of our Indigenous community. We are all challenged to acknowledge the past and work together for the well-being of all. Reconciliation is a process- a life-long process of celebration, renewal and recommitment to honouring the first Australians.

In this last week, it was very pleasing to see some of the St Patrick’s students preparing for Confirmation. They took the first step at one of the weekend Masses by declaring their wish to be confirmed. We join with the whole St Patrick’s community in praying for these young people as they make the journey towards being adult Christians.

We are excitedly preparing for the enrolment process to begin for the 2015 Kindergarten intake. A new program has been prepared and developed and it is called ‘Little Children, Big Steps’. This builds on the excellent work done by pre-schools and day-care centres. As well as the normal application-interview-orientation day process, we are introducing an additional stage where the four year olds will have the opportunity to come to school for two half days and a full day with the current Kindergarten children. This allows them to see how Kindergarten works and to join in simple activities. This will happen in Term 3. Then, in Term 4, they will come with their whole 2015 group for the ‘KinderStart’ program. Over the next two weeks (at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th and Tuesday 10th June), prospective parents and families are invited to come to the school for a tour. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call the school on 64521721 for an appointment. Please call to the office to get the enrolment package. We look forward to beginning the journey with our new 2015 Kindergarten students.

Kind regards

Frances Robertson
Principal
From the AP’s Desk

Welcome to 2 practicum students

In Secondary, we welcome two practicum teachers, who will complete four weeks of teaching in different subject areas this term. Danielle Trigg is a former St Patrick's student who is teaching in Science. Jo-Anne Evans is working in English. We extend to both students a warm welcome and trust their stay with us is rewarding.

Reporting period

Teachers are currently compiling assessment results and thinking about what to write on semester reports. The semester report has parents as the audience and should state:

- What a student can do
- An area for improvement
- What the student/school could do to improve or support the student to achieve their best

We also have to report on an A-E grade scale for Key Learning Areas and provide an opportunity for parent-student-teacher conferences at a suitable time after reports are issued. This will occur early in Term 3. The reports are valuable documents to monitor progress over time and can shape conversations about a student’s commitment to learning and ultimately their goal setting for the next semester.

Mark Van Ommen Assistant Principal

and coming events....

**Thursday 29 May**
Yr 9 Parish Mass 10am
School Board Meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 30 May**
Secondary Nursing Home visit 2pm - 3pm

**Tuesday 3 June**
Yr 10 Sydney Trip
Yr 7 & 8 da Vinci Decathlon

**Wednesday 4 June**
Yr 10 Sydney Trip
Information tour with new enrolments
Yr 5 & 6 da Vinci Decathlon

**Thursday 5 June**
Yr 10 Sydney trip

**Friday 6 June**
Yr 10 Sydney trip
Yr 2 Assembly - 12pm at Ex-services Club

**Tuesday 10 June**
Yr 3 - 6 Sullivan Shield
Information tour with new Kindergarten 2015 enrolments at 5.30. Meet at the Primary Library.

**Wednesday 11 June**
Yr 7 - 10 Rugby League - Cooma Showground

**Thursday 12 June**
Yr 10 Parish Mass - 10am
Yr 5 Assembly - 12pm Cooma Ex-services Club

**Friday 13 June**
NSWCPS and CCC Cross Country
*Oliver* rehearsal - 12.30pm to 3.30pm
On behalf of the St Patrick’s Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to invite all staff, parents and students of St Patrick’s Parish School to:

Fr Paul's Farewell Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 29th June 2014.

Mass will commence at 10am followed by morning tea at 11am in the Parish Centre.

For catering, we ask that if you are able to bring a plate to share, that would be wonderful.

In lieu of a gift, the Parish Council is putting together a 'wishing wallet' to be presented to Fr Paul. Donations can be forwarded to the School Office marked - Fr Paul's Farewell.

Thank You and I hope to see you there.

Simon Buckley
Chairperson - St Patrick’s Parish Pastoral Council

Musica Viva

On Monday, we had our annual Musica Viva visit. This year, the ensemble was Jacana, a group which focuses on presenting Australian music to the students.

We had the opportunity to play the whirly and they showed us how instruments can be played in less traditional ways to make sounds such as seagulls, the wind, and whale song. Musica Viva is an important part of our music curriculum and we appreciate the support of families in paying for their children to attend.

Mrs Tina Rooney  Music Teacher
3F Newsletter

3F have been enjoying varied activities at school. In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction and have been doing activities from the Maths 300 website.

We enjoyed the *Musica Viva* concert on Monday and Jack Kleven and Safia Nassar got to take part with the musical twirlers.

We have been investigating colour in art and created colour wheels showing primary, secondary and tertiary colours.

We wrote prayers of thanksgiving about creation and here is Harriet Greville’s prayer. Enjoy the rest of the term everyone!

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN PDHPE??

YEAR 7 PDHPE

As part of the PDHPE syllabus, students in Year 7 are currently working on a unit called *Growing and Changing*. In this unit, we will be:

- Identifying the physical, social, and emotional changes that occur during adolescence.
- Discussing and managing the changes associated with puberty, including reproductive health.

YEAR 9 PDHPE

As part of the PDHPE syllabus, students in Year 9 are currently completing a unit relating to sexual health.

We have organised a guest speaker, Nikki Rabbitte from the Southern NSW Medicare Local to speak with our students on Wednesday, 4th June and Thursday, 12th June. Nikki will be running three sessions based on developing positive healthy relationships. These sessions will occur during their timetabled PDHPE lessons.

We would encourage parents to support and discuss these factors with your child/children.

Ms T Wawrzyniak
PDHPE Teacher
Creation Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for your gifts of Creation.
Thank you for my family that love me so much.
Thank you for all the plants that help me breathe.
Thank you for all the animals that are so beautiful.
Thank you for the sun that gives me light all through the day.

For all your gifts of creation, I give you thanks and praise
O God.
Amen.
Term 2 SWAG

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Claiming the date

Year 10 Student Leadership Team have planned to have special fund-raiser for Youth Cancer on Thursday 19 June.

We are having a Mad Hatters’ Tea Party

All students can wear casual clothes and a **crazy hat** for a gold coin. There will be cupcakes for sale and prizes for the craziest hat.
Archdiocesan Cross Country

Last Wednesday, a large number of students from primary and secondary competed at the Archdiocesan Cross Country carnival at Stromlo Forest Park, ACT.

Our best performers on the day were Abby Macnab winning the 14yrs girls, Angela Sullivan finishing 3rd in the 16yrs girls and Samuel Campbell finishing 4th in the 15yrs boys (we are still waiting for the Primary results).

Congratulations to all students for their efforts on the day.

A big thank you to all parents who transported students to and from the carnival and good luck to those students competing at the state championships in a few weeks time.

Mr Lawley
Sports Coordinator
**Record of School Achievement: What students receive**

While most students complete the Higher School Certificate (HSC) just over 10 percent leave school before the HSC.

They move straight into the workforce and/or to further education opportunities in their chosen field. In the past, these students would have received their School Certificate with their Year 10 results and no additional information from BOSTES if they went on to participate in some Year 11 or Year 12 courses.

To address the information gap that had existed for students attending school beyond Year 10, BOSTES developed the Record of School Achievement or RoSA, which was first awarded to students in 2012.

The RoSA is a **cumulative credential**. It details all results for a student up until the date of leaving school. The RoSA has immediate use for students leaving school prior to getting their HSC.

As it is cumulative, the information shown on any given student’s RoSA will change depending on when the student leaves school.

Here is a brief overview of what students will receive:

**Successfully completing Stage 5 and leaving at the end of Year 10**

These students will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 courses with an A to E grade for each course as well as achievement details for any completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) or Life Skills courses.

**Leaving during Year 11**

Students leaving during Year 11 before they complete any Preliminary courses will receive a RoSA that lists their Stage 5 courses with their results as well as a list of Preliminary courses they participated in and the date they left school.

**Leaving at the end of Year 11**

Students completing Year 11 will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results.

**Leaving during Year 12**

Students leaving during Year 12 before completing their HSC courses and examinations will receive a RoSA listing both their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results and also a list of HSC courses they participated in and the date they left school.

**Literacy and Numeracy tests**

Students intending to leave school before the HSC can also take voluntary literacy and numeracy tests in May or October. These tests were developed by BOSTES in response to feedback from employer groups that evidence of these skills was highly regarded and an important consideration when making employment decisions.

The tests are taken at school and there are two opportunities each year – May and October. It is important that students who would like to leave school before October and want to take the tests let their school know as soon as possible. Students can take the tests and still decide to stay on at school.
P&F News

Our Fund raising committee is busy organising small fundraising activities that are also useful. Some ideas include clothing labels as well as cards with student’s artwork featured on the front.

If you would like to add your ideas or get involved please come along to the Resource Room on the Primary Campus at 2.00 next Wednesday, 4th of June.

Our next P & F meeting will be held on the 24th June at 7.00 in the Primary Library off Vale Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS
Thursday 29 May – Rebecca Croke
Friday 30 May – Grant Pascoe
Wednesday 4 June – Jackie Bitar

FRIDAY MEAL DEAL
SUPER (freshly made) SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE with SMALL GARLIC BREAD for only $5.00!
This meal DOES NOT include a drink, cost is $2.00 extra.

OR

SUSHI and a DRINK for $5.00.

If you have any suggestions or feedback, please don’t hesitate to contact me through the school. I need a volunteer to help with Mini Canteen on Wednesday 11 June. If anyone has some spare time, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Year 3 Maths

UC Brumbies vs Melbourne Rebels this Saturday evening at GIO Stadium, Canberra

Mrs Robertson has been given some tickets to this game which she will hand over for a small donation (which will go towards another football in Primary). See her soon if you are interested.

Rugby Week Activities
Choose Healthy Snacks

Lunchbox snack foods
Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

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Confectionary and lollies are very high in sugar, provide extra kilojoules and cause tooth decay. They are not recommended for lunch boxes. Keep these foods for special occasions only.

Does your kitchen need an overhaul?
Are the first foods you see in your kitchen nutritious choices? If not, make a list and stock up on ingredients needed for a healthy kitchen. Make sure fruit and vegetables are easily accessible for your children to eat as a healthy snack. Raw veggies like snow peas, mushrooms, raw beans, carrots and celery sticks are great foods to munch on. Tempt hungry children with healthy food choices. What they see is what they will eat. Some ideas include:

- salad
- pikelets
- cheese scones
- cheese on toast
- vegetable soup
- low fat instant noodles
- yoghurt and canned fruit
- wholegrain cereal and milk
- baked beans or tinned spaghetti
- ½ toasted English muffin with tomato, cheese and pineapple
- warm air popped popcorn, children will enjoy this just as much as chips!
- toasted cheese and tomato sandwich.
Environmentally friendly snack foods

Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!

Food rewards

Using food to reward good behaviour can encourage children to eat in order to feel good and to eat even when they are not hungry. Other ways to reward children include:

- chart with “good” stickers or stars
- give praise, being as specific as possible
- small presents e.g. balls, stationary, pencils
- $2 to spend at a novelty store
- a stamp on a child’s hand
- time for a story, a hug and give praise.

Treats for special occasions

Food is an important part of special occasions for everyone and should be enjoyed. Your child may be invited to a party with lots of foods high in fat and sugar or to a meal at a fast food restaurant. These meals will do no harm as long as they are only eaten occasionally. But remember, children’s parties don’t need to be filled with junk food to be fun. Try to include some healthy foods as well. Here are some suggestions:

- pretzels
- mini pizzas
- fruit platters
- fresh berries
- finger sandwiches
- low-fat mini fruit muffins
- homemade popcorn
- slices of watermelon
- frozen orange wedges
- hummus and pita bread
- cheese cubes and crackers
- vegetable sticks and rice crackers with dips
- toasted Lebanese bread in place of corn chips and crisps.
What's on

Junior Soccer 2014

St Patrick's Junior Soccer welcomes two new sponsors for the U9 Bobcats and the U10/11 Wildcats. It is with great pleasure that we announce that Melissa and Marco Giuliani from Cooma Furnishing and Natalee, Sonya, Christopher and Tim Reid of TCR Concrete Pumping have become new Jersey Sponsors for 2014.

On behalf of the U9 'TCR Concrete Pumping - Bobcats' - Coach Harry Nichols and the U10/11 'Cooma Furnishing - Wildcats' - Coach Dunbar Wilkinson; St Patrick's Junior Soccer, we say Thank You!

Thredbo St Moritz Ski Club has been offering local kids the opportunity to ski in a local club environment since 1981. It is a not for profit organisation which offers 14 days quality ski instruction and includes return bus transport from Cooma, with pick ups along the way. We have a handy club room at Merritt's Mountain house and lots of fun activities during the season including a race day and our famous Dead Horse Gap Run at the end of the season.

Family membership is $65 and the program price in 2014 is $1250 - which includes 14 days ski instruction, transport and the hire of a club jacket.

Registration day is this Saturday 1st June, at Rhythm Snowsports, 10am - 12pm.

For more information email stmoritzskiclub@gmail.com, check out our website at www.stmoritzskiclub.com and you can find us on Facebook.

Congratulations to Ivy McGufficke on winning the essay competition ‘My Country’ run by R.S.L Cooma. This is an amazing achievement.
Dear Parent/Guardian

The cost of purchasing an Oliver t-shirt is $18. The T-shirts are black, made from 165gsm jersey 100% cotton and includes an A4 size digital print on front.

Could you please complete the OLIVER T-SHIRT ORDER FORM below and return to the school office with the total amount of payment required before Wednesday 28 May (Week 5).

Box Style

Slim Fit

The image is shades of blue and grey.

Yours sincerely

Frances Robertson
Principal

Suzanne Stacey
Director Oliver/Teacher

OLIVER T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Please find enclosed the total amount of $__________ for the purchase of _____ Oliver t-shirts at a cost of $18 each.

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