Dear St Patrick’s Community

Welcome to Week 7.

The jonquils and daffodils are opening their buds and offering a welcome to some Spring sunshine, as it begins to warm the region. It’s a lovely time of year to live on the Monaro.

This week, as we prepare for the canonisation of Mother Teresa, I hand over to Fr Mick for his words of wisdom.

Who is worthy to sit at the Lord's table? That’s the question raised by Jesus in the Gospel last weekend. We are encouraged to ask ourselves whether we judge others to be worthy or unworthy to sit at the Lord’s table.

Next Saturday, in Rome, Mother Teresa will be canonised as a saint. By her life and her work, she showed us that all people are invited to sit at the Lord’s table. She ministered to all classes of people, but particularly the poor and the outcast.

Today, Mother Teresa’s nuns continue to minister to the poor and the outcast.

Jesus, in the Gospel, is not trying to preach revolution; he is simply asking us to consider everyone as fellow pilgrims on the journey of life, regardless of their circumstances. He is reminding us that we should all be humble together before our God. Our Parish and our school must be a place where all know and experience the welcome of Christ through us.

I can proudly say, ‘Welcome to the Lord's table’.

The same words are used when a family of another faith makes enquiries about enrolment at our school. We don’t apologise for, or dilute, our shared experience of Catholicism, but we do say welcome.

The special Mass for Father’s Day on Thursday at 10am is another form of welcome. We wish to acknowledge the special love of every father in the light of the Heavenly Father’s love.

Next Monday, we will be hosts to the Catholic Education Commission who will travel from Canberra to have their meeting at our school. They will begin with a tour at 4.30pm. We will have a warm welcome for them.

After that meeting, I will be taking a couple of weeks of Long Service Leave and Mark van Ommen will be the Acting Principal.

I wish you all a peaceful end to the term.

Kind regards
Mrs Frances Robertson
Principal

Special Dates this week

Wednesday 31 August
Kaye Lowe session with Parents 7pm

Friday 2 September
P & F Father’s Day Stall

Saturday 3 September
Tournament of Minds

Sunday 4 September
Tournament of Minds

Wednesday 7 September
Yrs 3 - 6 Tennis Program
K-2 Soccer Clinic

Monday 7 - Sunday 11 September
Australian Interschools Snowsports
Dear Parents and Students

**Sickness**

During the last few weeks there have been quite a few staff and students who have been sick for extended periods. I would like to thank those parents who have kept their sick child at home so that the risk of other students getting sick is minimised. Having an obviously sick child at school increases the risk that other students will get sick, the teacher may get sick and that the sick child will take longer to recover.

I would like to acknowledge our staff who have filled vacancies and taken extra duties for their sick colleagues. They often volunteer to do extra duties in an already busy day.

**Informing the school of student absences**

Parents should inform the school of a student absence either via a handwritten note or a personal email. If you phone the school office to alert teachers of a student absence this should also be accompanied by an email or handwritten note when the child returns to school.

Thank you

*Mark van Ommen*

Assistant Principal

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**Year One visits the Library**

The Year One students had a lovely time visiting the Monaro Regional Library last week. They heard a story, had a tour and were able to apply for library cards.

Thank you to Ira the librarian for letting us visit.
Canteen News

Wow ...... What a week! Firstly, a big congratulations to one of our mums, Keira and her family, on the safe arrival of their baby boy. We can’t wait to meet him.

A massive thank you to Marjorie Revelant, Elsa Wagner and the Year 6 and Year 9 students who helped out with the Book Week BBQ and all the teachers and parents for your support. Without your help, this would not have been as successful as it was and I was so proud of each of the students who helped us on the day. Their enthusiasm and dedication to the jobs they were doing were fantastic.

This week we are offering fresh homemade hamburgers $5 each (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot and beetroot on a fresh bun with a homemade beef pattie and your choice of bbq or tomato sauce).

Mini Canteen will be as usual on Wednesday. Items will be available for between 50c and $2.

Volunteers this week:
Wednesday 31/08 - Zoe Hoctor Mini Canteen - Gwen and Marjorie Charlotte
Thursday 01/09 - Kelly Gill Tom
Friday 02/09 - Nicole Withers Joel

Thank you to all volunteers. Without you, we couldn't do it!!
My Two Blankets is a beautiful book about Cartwheel who moves to a new country with her auntie. Everything is strange: the animals, the plants—even the wind. An old blanket gives Cartwheel comfort when she’s sad—and a new blanket just might change her world.

After Year 5 I read this book they shared their wisdom:

Accept each other for what we are because we are all different.
Be yourself, not anyone else.
Different doesn’t mean scary.
Just because you come from a different country doesn’t mean you can’t be treated the same.
Skin colour is not important.
Just because people are different doesn’t mean people are not as important.
Just because people are different, doesn’t mean we can’t be friends.
Everyone is different.
A simple act can make someone’s day.
Don’t judge someone on their looks and language.
You have the right to belong.
Street art workshop with Mel from The Hub
On Wednesday 25 of August 2016, 5L walked down to the hub where we did graffiti art and painting as part of our Visual Arts program for Term 3.

We started with getting split into groups and four people went to start painting a mural that said class 5L. On the side it said 2016.

The other group started with cutting out stencils and later using them for their graffiti. We used real spray cans and had lots of fun painting.

We swapped over and the other group did stencils. Some people did 13 and some did one. Overall we had an awesome experience.

Lilli Jauncey & Charlotte Porter
Year 5L

Public Speaking
We have had several students take part in the local heat of the Rotary 4 Way Speaking Competition. Each participant may choose their own topic, but the four principles of the Rotary Four Way Test must be explored in the speech: - Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Congratulations to Rylie Marks in Year 8 who will now go on to represent Cooma Rotary at the district competition in Canberra.
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (often abbreviated RCIA) is the process through which interested adults and older children are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life, and received into the full sacramental life of the church through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

To understand what Catholic RCIA is all about, it is important to understand that it is an adult journey of change, growth and conversion. It is the journey to join the Catholic Church, deepen our faith in Christ, and live the Christian way of life and prayer.

This year, one of our staff members, Danielle Trigg, has participated in the RCIA program as she prepared for her journey towards becoming a Catholic. She has been working with her sponsor, Suzanne Stacey and Fr Mick in her preparation. This culminated with her reception for Confirmation and First Holy Communion last Sunday morning at the 10am Mass. It was wonderful to witness this special event.

“We are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”
— Mother Teresa

“Joy is prayer - Joy is strength - Joy is love - Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.
(Mother Teresa)

It is very fitting in the Year of Mercy that this weekend we join with Catholics everywhere in celebrating the canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa.

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, the ethnic Albanian Teresa helped the poor in India for most of her life. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 and gained worldwide recognition for her work, including a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

The Pope will lead a Mass in St Peter’s Square during which he will be asked three times, in Latin, to add Teresa to the pantheon of Catholic saints.

Mother Teresa’s message is universal; every human being understands kindness and compassion.
Writing from different points of view was the focus of a workshop presented by local author and illustrator Rowena Evans, at Cooma library as part of Book Week. Students from Years 7-9 were motivated to write from several perspectives by Rowena’s readings of extracts from *Holes* by Louis Sachar, *Summerland* by Jackie French and from her own novel *Drums and Power Lines*. Some original and very creative stories were written and shared in each session.
**ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships**

Congratulations to our senior mountain bike team who finished 35th out of 51 teams at the ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships last Friday. Harrison Chong, Daniel Wallis, Bas De Ruijter and Bailey Rogers represented the school.

A big pat on the back to Bas who had the 9th fastest lap of the day out of 600 competitors!

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**Interschools Skiing**

The following students have been competing at the NSW Interschools Championships this week.

Harriet Greville and Lottie Walker-Broose (XC), Keegan Thomson (Snowboard X), Keegan Thomson (Snowboard), Kadee Laird (Moguls), Lottie Walker-Broose (Skier X), Nicholas Zusak, Ben Milford, Hamish Bottom (Alpine), Marcus Thomson (Alpine), Kadee Laird (Skier X), Kadee Laird (Alpine) and Nicholas Zusak (Skier X).

Congratulations to Harriet and Lottie as they progress to the next level.

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**Tournament of Minds**

Good luck to our TOM Teams for the ACT championships this weekend at ANU: Georgia, Charlotte, Sam, Eli, Alex, Georgia, Tomas, Siobhan, Nick, Georgia, Jackson, Nowell Molly, Julia, Ava, Declan, Ivy, Charlotte, Eli, Fergus, Andrew, Emily and Megan.

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Cooma Champs Tennis

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS
9am – 4pm  ROYAL TENNIS COURTS

2 Day Camp - $100.00  Discounted to $80.00

Please call Tom:  0404838049

TOM PEREA : ACCREDITED ATPCA

SCHOOL BANKING
TERM 3 COMPETITION

Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights
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, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more deposits during Term 3, you’ll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.
To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Cooma Lambie Street Preschool presents
“Welcome back to Preschool”
Art Show
16th, 17th and 18th September 2016
Please join us in celebrating our local children and their creativity

Opening Night
Friday 16th September 2016
6.30pm
Wine, Canapes & Live music
Art Sales and Live Auction
Adults only event
Tickets $20 per person

Art Exhibition
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2016
10am to 3pm
Entry by gold coin donation
Art Sales
Cake Stall (Saturday only)
Sausage Sizzle (Saturday only)

Thank you for supporting Early Childhood Education and your local Preschool
Science

Year 5 investigated how states of matter can be changed. We were able to extract salt from a liquid in this experiment. Our team collaboration skills are also improving!

Thank you everyone for the great support for BOOK WEEK!
The Book Fair in the library raised over $600... to buy more books, of course!

Thank you to the Ex-Services Club for allowing us to hold the parade in the Auditorium.
The Photography and Digital Media class has been out in the community experimenting with images.

Jasmin Statham-Smith (Year 10) spoke to the Rotary Club meeting last week and thanked the club for the opportunities she has been given. She attended Camp INTERACTion, learning about volunteering and meeting people with similar interests. She spoke about some of their activities when they went to Korea for the annual convention. There, they listened to international speakers and joined with Interactors from other places and became very friendly with a club from California. Jasmin has been inspired to start up a community Interact club here in Cooma, receiving a certificate from Danielle in recognition of her community service.
Cooma Athletics Club

Come & Try Day

Saturday 17th September
2016
10am to 1pm

Snowy Oval
Cooma North

All Welcome

Bring your family, come & try track and field events, have some fun, learn new skills!

Canteen available

Season starts Saturday 8 October 2016

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Yoga for Teenagers
13-17 yrs

Techniques taught for study, relaxation, self esteem, anxiety, better sleep and of course maintaining flexibility and health.

YOGA engages the heart, mind and body through its unique blend of physical yoga, social skills and mental awareness. It helps all children develop emotional intelligence, communication skills, trust and empathy. A fun class for boys and girls—skills they will learn to help them for the rest of their lives.

Now more than ever, we all need to learn how to pace ourselves, to know how to slow down and to find the quiet that exists within ourselves.

Contact LISA on 0438 655 847 to secure your spot for Term 4, 2016

Facebook: Children’s Cooma Yoga

TAKING BOOKINGS FOR TERM 4 NOW
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

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MT GLADSTONE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE
Cooma, NSW 2630

6th of November 2016
3km Race - $5
7km Race - $10
14km Race - $15
2km Super D Race - $15

INSURANCE COST
$15 for 18 and under
$25 for 19 and over

RACE INFORMATION
It is compulsory for all riders to wear a helmet when riding. There will be friendly officials in areas of the track to guide/help you if you crash or don’t know where to go. You can register on the day. (If you have a MABA race membership card you only have to pay the entry fee for each race you enter). There will be PRIZES/trophy for the top 3 of each individual race.

EMAIL
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If you have any questions about this event, like the Snowy Mountains MTB Club page on Facebook for Maps and Times.