Leadership is hard to define. Lord, let us be the ones to define it with justice. Leadership is like a handful of water. Lord, let us be the people to share it with those who thirst.
Leadership is not about watching and correcting. Lord, let us remember it is about listening and connecting.
Leadership is less about the love of power and more about the power of love. Let our greatest passion be compassion. Our greatest strength, love. Our greatest victory the reward of peace. In leading, let us never fail to follow. In loving, let us never fail. Amen

I would like to acknowledge those who received their Leadership badges at the Opening School Liturgy this week. I hope that they always wear those badges with pride. People often consider leadership to be associated with wearing badges and titles. I would also like to challenge everyone to be a leader.

There are really three levels of leadership: **personal leadership, shared leadership and then public leadership.**

**Personal leadership** is about striving and seeking to attain a ‘personal best’, whether that is being part of the musical this year or trying something new and it’s also about doing your best in the classroom every day. It’s about managing yourself and working to have positive relationships so you can be part of the community.

**Shared leadership** starts in the classroom with accepting the responsibility of being a team player in the business of learning. We are not alone in the Kingdom of God. Shared leadership is also about service to others. The word 'hero' comes from the ancient Greek word, meaning 'to serve'. In this way, we can all be heroes.

**Public leadership** is demonstrated every time a student puts on the St Patrick’s uniform. It includes representing the school. However, badge wearing isn’t limited to just the public events such as ANZAC Day, assemblies or receiving visitors; our school leaders need to roll up their sleeves and raise funds for charities, be involved in the school working bees and be prepared to always speak honorably about our school.

In essence, leadership comes down to basically three things: **to be, know and do.** Whatever level of leadership (personal, shared or public), at St Patrick’s, we must work together to be good people, to know how to manage our learning and personal relationships, and to do whatever it takes to fulfill the St Patrick’s spirit.

Kind regards

*Mrs Frances Robertson*
Principal
K-6 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

The K-6 staff will be holding Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences throughout Week 5 this term; the week commencing 24 February 2014. We encourage you to take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. Naturally, your child is also encouraged to attend. This is also a valuable time to share information with the teacher and build a partnership.

Please refer to the time sheet that has been sent home and nominate three times that you would be available for an interview. On receipt of your requested time, we will send a confirmation note home with your child. Please return this timesheet by Friday 14 February. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting with you.

Steve Joyce
K-10 Coordinator

From the AP’s Desk ........

K-10 Opening school liturgy

On Monday we celebrated our opening school liturgy, which is the first time this year we are together as a K-10 school. We always ask the students to respect the location we gather in, to be quiet and reflect on the experience. This can be hard to do, especially on a hot day. For most of us, a Church still frames the important moments in our lives. It is where we get baptised, where we confirm our faith, where we get married and where our friends and family farewell us. Expecting a quiet and reflective atmosphere shows a deep respect for the importance of St Patrick’s Church in the lives of our community. Thank you to all the students for respecting the sanctity of the location last Monday.

Road safety

I am on crossing duty three mornings a week and often witness situations that could be harmful to parents and students. Some things to remember to ensure that you arrive at school safely:

♦ Don’t run. I know most of the Primary students are very keen to get to school, but running down the hill has caused serious injuries.
♦ Don’t expect that a car will stop at a crossing.
♦ Make sure your bag is on your back. Too often I see students dragging or holding their backpack. It is too easy for you to drop your bag in the middle of the road.
♦ Remind mum or dad to only park in the designated areas. Parents have been booked by the Police in the past.

Once at school please move inside the gate. Cars and buses will sometimes stop, thinking that students are waiting to cross the road. This in turn can cause traffic congestion.

Please remember those in our school community who are sick or in need of support.

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal
A splish and a splash at the Infants/Primary carnival

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: 5.30pm-7.30pm in the school senior library on 3 March 2014. Call Mitch on 02 4221 2770 to book a place. Parents of Yr 9 and 10 are especially encouraged to attend.

Mitch May

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
Swimming carnival results

and coming events....

Have you looked at the calendar on the school’s website? If you have not yet returned your child/children's medical form please do so as soon as possible.
Primary Swimming Age Champions

Positive Partnerships
There is a two day workshop and information sessions for Parents/Carers of school age children on the Autism Spectrum. Infoline number 1300 881 971
Location; Cooma Ex-Services Club
When: Tuesday and Wednesday 18/19 March
Time 9am-3.30pm
Registration closes 16 March Online registration: www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Canteen news

VOLUNTEERS
A new canteen roster will be going home this week. If the day allocated is not suitable, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your help. I am really looking forward to seeing some “old” and “new” faces.

CANTEEN MENU
I would like to make some changes to the menu in keeping with promoting healthy eating. This will mean salads, wraps and sandwiches will be available everyday, BUT other items on one day per week only e.g. pie day, sushi day, hotdog day, etc.

The following items will no longer be available every day, only on "treat days" which will be twice a term:

- Pythons/Raspberry licorice/Fruit sticks and Freddos. These will be replaced with popcorn bags and frozen fruit juice sticks, priced at $1-00 each. Also now available are frozen apple juice cups and gluten free ice cream cups. Thank you for your support with these changes. A new menu will be sent home within 2 weeks.

MEAL DEAL FRIDAY
This Friday the meal deal is homemade NACHOS and a DRINK for $5.50. Please place order in a bag on Friday or include 10c extra for the bag. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE ONLY CHOICE AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY AND INFANTS. Thank you

Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager