Dear Parents and Friends of St Patrick’s

As we approach the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli on 25 April, 2015, the school is preparing to engage in a range of activities across the school. It is important to mark the event that emphasised the ideas of ‘mateship, courage and sacrifice’. The significance of the Gallipoli Campaign is felt strongly in both New Zealand and Australia. This campaign is referred to as both nations’ “baptism of fire” and linked to their emergence as independent nations.

Gallipoli is argued to be the birth place of the ANZAC spirit and marks a tragic campaign in Australia’s war history. After an eight month stay, an estimated 8,709 Australian and New Zealand soldiers were killed (about Cooma’s population) and 19,441 wounded, many of them not too much older than our Year 10 students.

It was with pride and humility on a family visit to Gallipoli (ANZAC Cove) in 2003 that I discovered the brotherhood and bond that exists between the ANZACs and the people of Turkey. It was a very emotional experience reading the words of Ataturk:

"Those heroes that shed blood and lost their lives.... you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us, where they lie side by side in this country of ours... you, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are at peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well."

On Sunday the final hymn’s words were ‘let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me’. These are fitting words for the week of the ANZAC centenary.

There is a warm welcome to Term 2: to some new students (Gracie, Yr 9 Ben-Yr 6 and Cody-Kindergarten); to a new staff member (Mr Matt Rebbitt, teaching Religious Education and replacing Mrs Mary Sullivan who has had to return to Sydney for family reasons); to Mr Mark van Ommen and Ms Tina Wawrzyniak after their long service leave; to a new appointment of Ms Pip Daley as the Wellbeing Support Person; and to all families and students as we journey together in the pursuit of learning.

Yours in peace

Frances Robertson
Principal
A message from the AP’s Desk...

As you know I have been visiting relatives in Germany and the Netherlands from the middle of last term. This was the first time I had met many of my cousins, second cousins and so on. Although there were many highlights, in light of the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli, I would like to share with you a plaque we saw in Lindau (Germany).

In the old church on the island of Lindau was a memorial to German soldiers that fought in the First World war. This is the last paragraph of the plaque:

“The city of Lindau is aware of the war crimes in which the Wafen (SS), not to mention Wermacht (German army), were involved. However, it is not in a position to assess the extent of complicity of the individual fallen soldiers who are commemorated here. Their names are intended to induce an awareness that all wars are pointless and therefore to be prevented. The memorial plaque with the names of the victims of NAZI persecution are ‘a reminder’ of the need to oppose all anti-democratic and inhuman strivings.”

Lest we forget.

ANZAC Marches
Our students have always well represented our school community at the various ANZAC marches around the region. This is a very special year and we especially encourage participation to recognise the centenary of the ANZAC landing. As students are representing the school and wearing their uniform, Secondary students will have this recorded as ‘school service’.

Students march in full winter uniform. If it is hot, they are encouraged to bring a bottle of water.

Below are the meeting places and times for the various marches.

**Cooma:**
Students meet at Mack’s Corner at 10:15. The March begins at 10:30.

**Berridale:**
Students meet at the town square from 10:45. The March begins at 11:00.

**Jindabyne:**
Students meet at the old shopping centre from 9:00. The March begins at 9:30.

This year, as a special honour, our school captains Meg and Lachlan, will be providing the address at the dinner at the Ex-Services Club after the march. Next week we will reprint their speech.

There will also be a Parish Mass on Friday at 4.30pm in St Patrick’s Church to commemorate ANZAC Day.

There will also be a concert at the Ex-Services Club at 6pm on Friday where there will be singing, poetry, narratives and sing-a-long. Tickets are available at the Club or Marine’s (The Fabric Salon).
SCHOOL BOARD WELCOME!

The School Board welcomes all our existing and new families, students, teachers, ancillary, administrative staff, Father Mick and our members of the Parish Pastoral Council back for another busy Term 2.

We hope you are all looking forward to the challenges that await you. Whether it’s in the office, the classroom, on field trips, during pastoral care or in the sporting arena, there are plenty of opportunities to excel at St Patrick’s.

The Board thanks those parents, grandparents, carers and students who are working hard at our P&F fundraising events, particularly thanking our P&F Executive who strive to provide that important interaction between parents at any level. The P&F Executive continue to provide important funds for our school. One of those important fundraisers will be the Art Show being held in Term 2 on 29 May 2015.

Our School Board will be busy looking at budgets, proposals for the new building project commencing in our Secondary Campus later this year, as well as dealing with many other priorities and challenges that we will face in this busy term.

Have a happy, healthy, positive and challenging term.

Erika Statham
Chair - School Board

Accelerated Reader Program

All students in year 5, 6 and 7 are participating in the Accelerated Reader program (AR) this year. In Term 1, we had a high number of students in Years 5 and 6 achieving well beyond their set targets. As a result of this, I am inviting students to apply to be a part of an extended reading group. This group will be taken to the high school library so that they have the choice of more challenging reading books.

New targets have been set for Term 2 and incentives for the students to reach their targets have been discussed.

I encourage parents to log on to the website for Renaissance Home Connect to see the results for their child on the AR program.

Please read the following comments from students about the AR program.....

I think that the AR tests are pretty interesting. You can read a good book and then you think quite hard about what you have read. I think this is a great way of improving a students’ literacy.  Sam Rumball

Accelerated reader is good because it adds a fun aspect to reading. It encourages the reader to read their books more in depth so that they can answer the quiz correctly. Ty McKenzie

I love AR because it gives me a reason to read more often. I also love the encouragement AR gives you to keep reading. Molly Brabham

The AR program helps parents to know what their kids are up to so they can help their kids with their reading. Kennedy Purcell

The P&F meeting on Thursday 23 April will be held in the Primary Library at 7.30pm.

For those new to the school, the Primary library faces Vale St, so come through the double gates and an open door will be in front of you. Please feel welcome to join us.
**Term 2 = Winter uniform**

**A plain black jacket**, without prominent decorations, brand names or logos, may be worn on colder days. **Shoes**: All students must wear black lace-up leather shoes with regular heels. No skate, canvas or ballet shoes permitted.

**Girls: 7-10 Winter**

Tartan skirt with two inverted pleats with elasticized sides and back zipper, length: below the knee OR Tartan slacks, in the same fabric as the skirt. White 'Peter Pan' long sleeved blouse, no tie is required. New plain white 'over-shirt' is permitted. Black tights. Green school jumper with embroidered crest. Black scarves, beanies and fingerless gloves without obvious brands/logos.

**Boys: 7-10 Winter**

Plain grey long pants – approved designs: cargo pants are not permitted. Plain grey or white socks, with no other colour markings. Long-sleeved white shirt with a button-up collar. Green with gold stripe school tie. Green school jumper with embroidered crest. Black scarves, beanies and fingerless gloves without obvious brands/logos.

**Girls: K-6 Winter**


**Boys: K-6 Winter**


**Second Hand Uniform Shop** will be open Saturday 2 May 10-11am.

**MCCR STRICTLY MUSICAL**

Strictly Musical is coming soon and all donations must be finalised before the end of May!! If you were thinking of making a tax deductible donation, please visit [http://specialoccasion.gofundraise.com.au/page/MCCRStrictlyMusical](http://specialoccasion.gofundraise.com.au/page/MCCRStrictlyMusical) and choose the team you would like to support!

**Upcoming fundraisers:**

**Italian night – team No Direction Dance School**

Saturday 2 May at the Cooma Hotel
Tickets $50 available from Your House, Landmark Cooma and The Cooma Hotel

**Mother's Day High Tea – team Fifty Shades of Fabulous Dance Academy**

Saturday 9 May at the Cooma Car Club
Saturday 16 May at Altitude 1260 Crackenback
Tickets $50 from Cooma Fabric Salon Cooma or High Country Outfitters Jindabyne
A reminder to all parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be undertaking National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Week Three of this term, 12 - 15 May. The schedule for testing in the Primary is detailed below. We request that appointments that may be required in this week are made outside these times.

Further information about NAPLAN can be found on the following website - http://www.nap.edu.au

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EQUATING NAPLAN TESTING
A reminder to parents of students in Years 7 & 9 St Patrick’s has been chosen as a equating school for NAPLAN testing. This involves only a randomly selected group of students from Year 7 and 9 who will complete a trial Languages conventions test on 29 April. This testing is conducted by an external body in school time and results are used by the external body only. This will be a great opportunity for students to experience a test situation before the actual day.

Canteen News
The canteen is gearing up to provide yummy, healthy food to warm you up in the winter months. Please see the new price list for this term. There are some new options, some prices have gone up, and some prices have gone down. Check the newsletter each week for Friday meal deals and specials.

No sushi this week, but it will be back in stock from Wednesday in Week 2. Mini-canteen will also recommence in Week 2, and will happen each Wednesday. Items are priced from 50c to $2.

The new price list is attached to this week’s newsletter and can also be found on the school website. If you need a print out, just mention it on your lunch order and I will send one home to you.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, dietary requirements or feedback. Thank you for your support. The volunteer roster for this term will be circulated by the end of this week.

Canteen Volunteers Needed - Secondary Athletics Carnival
If you can spare a couple of hours on Thursday 7 May to help out in the canteen at Snowy Oval, please contact Caroline Blyton - phone 6452 1721 or email caroline.blyton@cg.catholic.edu.au

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager
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- St Patrick's Canteen Price List ~ Term 2, 2015
- Open: Tuesday to Friday
- Canteen Manager: Carolene D'Broto
- Phone: 6452 1721
- Email: caroline.dbroto@stpatricksschool.com.au
- **Parents/Teachers:**
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  - Full canteen information can be found on the school website:
  - www.stpatrickschool.com.au

**Volunteers are always welcome**!

Available on request:

- Vegetarian and vegan options
- Gluten-free, dairy-free,

**NO** nuts or seeds.

Money is scarce (no tip on and please and thank you.

Please use the money lunch.

**Meal Deals and Specials:**

- Watch the newsletter for Friday.

**Tuesday:**

- **2:** Wondersavers' vans from 5:30

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**Tomato or BBQ Sauce**

- Pork Ribs (unit of 4)

- Sausage Roll

- Beef Pie

- **WARM Ham & Cheese Roll**

- Garlic Bread

- **Homemade Pizza: Ham or chicken**

- Served with a small salad

- Chicken Nugget 2 Pack: Two children nuggets

- Tender served in a wrap with salad

- Sweet Chilli Chicken: Tender Wraps: A chicken

- Burger served on a bun with salad

- Chicken: Beef or Lentil Burger: Your choice of

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**St Patrick's Pasties:**

- Home-made, filling & healthy

- Toasted (2 fillings): A toasted cheese and

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Congratulations to Miranda McGufficke

Miranda has been awarded The Raglan Young Artist Prize for the 16th John Briscoe Memorial Art Award at the end of last term.

Her entry was a lino print that had been prepared at school with the support of Mrs Nuridin our Visual Arts teacher.

Mini Vinnies

Amanda Omodio (Youth Liaison Officer St Vincent de Paul Canberra Goulburn) ran a small induction ceremony for our Minnie Vinnies students on Wednesday 22 April in the Primary Library. She presented certificates and badges for the students and gave a presentation to the students about the importance of this work.

K-2 ANZAC Prayer Service

All parents of children in K-2 are warmly invited to attend our ANZAC Day Prayer Service on Friday 24 April at 12pm in the Kindergarten classroom. We look forward to sharing this important time with you.

Snowy Supercats 2015 AFL Auskick Program

The NAB Auskick program offers the chance to learn all the skills of AFL in a fun and safe environment! No matter the skill level come along and give it a go!

Ages: Kids aged between 5 & 12 years old

Dates:  
- Saturday 23 May 2015 9:30am – 10:30am
- Saturday 30 May 2015 9:30am – 10:30am
- Saturday 13 June 2015 9:30am – 10:30am
- Saturday 20 June 2015 9:30am – 10:30am
- Saturday 27 June 2015 9:30am – 10:30am

An additional session will be on Saturday 25 of July when we get to take part in the halftime activities at the GWS v Geelong game in Canberra.

Cost: $70 Includes Auskick Bag, Ball, Magazine, Hat, Footy Cards Coaching, Snack, Drink

Time: Sessions are 9:30am – 10:45am Saturdays except for our ½ time AFL

Venue: Snowy Oval, Yarra Street, Cooma

Register: at www.aflauskick.com.au, type in the local postcode (2630) and follow the prompts or register at the first sessions For further information about the program please contact Stu Wood on 0422 496 400

Stuart Wood  
NSW/ACT AFL Development Officer Monaro Region  
Ph: 02 6452 1213  
Mob: 0422 496 400  
Email: stuart@sportsbusinessconsulting.com.au  
Web: www.sportsbusinessconsulting.com.au
Cooma Colts Junior Rugby League would like to establish a Girls League Tag Competition for our 2015 season, to be played on **Friday Afternoons/Evenings** at Cooma Showground from 4/4:30pm onwards. (depending on the number of registered teams) We aim to have **U/10, U/12, U/14 & U/16** competitions should we have sufficient registrations for each age group.

Girls will be able to create their own teams, with any new to the sport or the area, placed in a team most suited for them, if necessary. If you are a girl aged between 9/10 up to 16yrs & are interested in playing League Tag, please come along to our registration & information days.

**Where** – Cooma Showground  
**When** – Friday 1 May 4:30pm  
Friday 7 May 4:30 pm  
(includes training & skills session)  
**Registration Costs** - $30 per player (includes player insurance)

Players need to wear adequate foot wear such as football/soccer boots, as well as football or sports socks & sports shorts. Skins are allowed to be worn for extra warmth if desired.

**Competition to commence Friday 14 May 2015**  
For any inquiries please contact Rob Zusak 0413 045613

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**School Banking**

Hello St Patrick’s Parish Students

My name is Marjorie Revelant & I am your new Commonwealth Bank School Banking Coordinator. I have taken on the job from Jo Heise who had 10 years as Commonwealth Bank School Banking Coordinator. Thank you Jo for your years of service.

Parents who are interested in registering their child/children for Commonwealth Bank School Banking, please email marjoriem66@hotmail.com or phone: 0418485229 (day) or 64521652 after 7.30 pm. I will send you a 2015 Parent Pack so your child can start their savings plan & receive rewards.

**Rewards Program update**

Available in Term 2, we have 2 reward items from our Outer Space Savers range for students to redeem for 10 deposit tokens.

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket

Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. This astronomical prize includes return fights, five nights accommodation, transfers, three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.
Big hART, South-East Arts, Cooma-Monaro Shire Council, Canberra Theatre Centre and the Cooma community invite you to:

**PROJECT Cosmopolitana**

5.30 pm Saturday May 2

**COOMA MULTI-FUNCTION CENTRE**
Cromwell St Cooma

**A FREE EVENING OF FOOD, MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE!**

**featuring**

A cast of Cooma locals

Original Cooma songs by Mikelangelo & the Black Sea Gentlemen & Short theatre performances celebrating Cooma’s heritage

Concert Cosmopolitana celebrates the rich underbelly of Cooma’s stories through music, poetry, movement and performance.

This event is part of the broader Project Cosmopolitana.

The concert will interweave songs from the Gents, excerpts from the theatre show in development, poetry from the Scheme, and local community performances from seniors and students!

Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen perform with Paddy Kerigan at Big hART showing in June 2014. Photo by Greer Versteeg

A come one/come all event - but to 100% secure your seat & meal:

register @ Cooma Visitor’s Centre / contact rose@bighart.org / 0449187430

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Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
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154-156 Sharp Street
COOMA
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Tuesday 5th May 11.00am – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 12th May 11.00am – 2.00 pm

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