INSPIRED BY OTHERS - Some people see the cross as something to carry, to bear, or as a burden. I see it as the intersection of Christ’s message of peace with my own life. When we look at the cross, we need to remember the courage of Christ in knowing, the outcomes of crucifixion, yet still stepping forward to accept it. We need to remember the conviction of Christ to keep spreading the message of peace, despite it sometimes being in the face of apathy and opposition. And we need to remember the compassion of Christ to do all of this simply out of love for humankind. Courage, conviction and compassion; that is the message of the cross. It is truly inspirational.

We can also be inspired by Mary, Christ’s mother, who stood just to the side. Veronica stepped out of the crowd to wipe Jesus’ face and Simon agreed to carry the cross for Jesus, potentially at great danger to themselves. The disciples had their faith shaken but, in the end, they carried on the message of Christ, even in his absence. That, too, is inspirational.

This Easter, may we all find the inspiration to give fuel for our faith’s journey.

INSPIRED BY OTHERS - In the last few weeks parents, staff and some students have really worked hard for this school, both at the Cooma Show and the catering for the ‘Hazeldean’ 150 year celebration. I was inspired by this commitment to St Patrick’s and thank those who are often very busy people for their work.

INSPIRED BY OTHERS - We can also be inspired by our staff. Thank you to Office Staff who have carried on doing their normal load, regardless of hours being cut this year. Somehow they do it all and still manage to have a laugh. I’m grateful. I’m also grateful for those who have quietly picked up other loads this term: people in acting positions, relief teachers, those who have or have done an extra duty, those who have accommodated changes and changing rosters, those who have been supporting the P&F fund-raisers (including the art show and Bazaar later in the year), those who have provided sustenance for morning teas and birthday celebrations, those who have left early and arrived home late from excursions, those who have willingly cleaned up after others (in the staffroom or their classroom or the playground), those who have contributed to overall presentation of the grounds via vegie gardens or tree planting or taking over a garden bed with their Homeroom, those who have organised bin emptying, and especially those who have taken some wayward souls under their wing for some extra TLC. This is the way of St Patrick’s and it’s inspirational.

INSPIRED BY OTHERS - This is the theme that we are proposing the St Patrick’s Art Show to be held in May. If you are an artist in any medium, you may like to consider preparing an artwork for exhibition at this show. For more details, please refer to the information inside.

What a privilege it is to be a member of a community that is inspirational. I wish you well this Easter. Travel safely. Enjoy your family time. We look forward to seeing the students return on Tuesday 21st April.

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

Over the last few years many parents have come to me seeking advice about the best way to manage social media with their child. The best thing is to start by informing yourself about the most popular apps and how they work. These two websites are a fantastic starting point:

www.commonsensemedia.org – Just click on the box labelled 'Essential School Tools'
www.cybersmart.gov.au/parents - About the Technology

These websites give an excellent summary of a range of apps that are currently very popular with children and teenagers such as Instagram, Snapchat and Kik. These sites provide valuable information.

The reality is that most kids start developing online relationships around the age of 8, generally through virtual worlds, such Minecraft. By the age of 10 they could have proceeded to multiplayer games. By the age of 13, millions of children around the world are on social-networking sites such as Kik. Here are some important safety and responsibility recommendations:

Follow the rules as many social sites have an age minimum of 13 years for both legal and safety/privacy reasons. Stick with age appropriate sites. One particular app that we have been made aware of is KIK. The rating for this app is 17+ and I would draw your attention to the link below to provide you with additional information:

http://kidsprivacy.wordpress.com/2013/02/18/what-parents-need-to-know-about

Ensure that your child uses devices in public areas of the home such as the lounge room. Set a time at home when all devices are not to be used. A good time for Primary aged students is 6:00pm and 8:00pm for Secondary students. Some wireless carriers (such as Telstra...see link below), offer parental controls that let you set daily phone-use limits.


Tell your kids to think before they post. Speak to you child about never replying to a post when angry or frustrated. The general rule of thumb: If your kids wouldn’t say it to someone’s face, they shouldn’t post it.

Think about looking at your child’s privacy settings. Take the time to learn about default settings and how to change privacy settings on your child’s favourite sites.


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Easter Message from Fr Mick Mac Andrew

Easter for all of us is a special time as it is Easter which gives us our identity as Christians. Good Friday and Easter are not just for remembering events in Jesus’ life 2000 years ago. They are days when all of us can take time to allow Jesus Christ to touch our lives in the here and now.

I encourage all of you to, with your families, take time on Friday and Sunday to think about how you need the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and his glorious resurrection in your family this year. Then, in just a few words, let each member of the family speak their thoughts. If you can do this, it will bring Good Friday and Easter right into your family home.

I pray for you all that these special days will bring many blessings of hope, peace and joy. Don’t forget church over these days. There are enough times for you to choose to come as a family to one or more of the liturgies. It makes a great witness to the wider community to see people of all ages coming to church.
Does anyone have a chest freezer at home that they no longer need? We are needing to replace one in our canteen. Call the office if you can help (or know someone who has a spare one).

**ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE COMPETITION**

Open to all students in Years 7 to 10

As part of our celebrations of 100 years of the ANZAC tradition and our commemoration of the part played by our service personnel in Gallipoli we invite students to submit a piece of work (essay, set of poems, movie, art work, photography montage or representation of your own choice) that demonstrates the significance of the ANZAC.

In recognition of the significance of it being the celebration of 100 years this year, the prize for the best entry will be $100, with certificates of merit being awarded also.

Entries should be submitted to Mrs Robertson by Friday 24th April

Any questions regarding the competition can be directed to Mrs Robertson at frances.robertson@cg.catholic.edu.au

Lest we forget

**Canteen News**

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**Important Dates**

**Thursday 2 April**
K-6 Easter Hat Parade
Secondary End of Term Awards 1pm
Term 1 Ends

**Tuesday 21 April**
Students Return to School

**Wednesday 22 April**
Big hArt Project 9am

**Thursday 23 April**
Yr 3 Parish Mass 10am
P & F Meeting 7pm

**Friday 24 April**
Yr 7 - 10 Football trials & Gala Day at Canberra

**Saturday 25 April**
ANZAC Day

**Tuesday 28 April**
ANZAC Liturgy 1pm

**Wednesday 29 April**
Yr 10 Geography Excursion to Bournda

**Thursday 30 April**
Primary Athletics Carnival
Yr 10 Parish Mass 10am
Easter Mass times

Holy Thursday 2nd April 6.30pm Mass
Good Friday 3rd April 10am Stations of the Cross
            3pm Passion
Holy Saturday 4th April 6pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday 5th April 10am Mass

Yr 10 visits the Australian War Memorial
Edmodo

As part of St Patrick’s overall plan to improve communication with families, we are adding a new facility. Over the last four years, the Secondary Science department has been using Edmodo to facilitate the learning of the students at St Patrick’s. We have decided to take the next step in this process by inviting parents of students to activate parent accounts. This will allow parents to see assignments that students presently have, be informed of late assignments, check the progress of students with tasks completed on Edmodo, upcoming events and view comments from their child’s teacher regarding assignment work.

To establish a parent account, please click on the following link. https://edmodo.mediacore.tv/media/edmodo-parent-account-tutorial This will provide you with the necessary information on how to correctly set up your account. We actively encourage for all parents to become involved in their child’s education and we believe that this is an effective way of improving the relationship between school and home.

Mr Summerville and Ms Trigg
Science Teachers

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

Plain grey long pants- approved designs- cargo pants are not permitted. Yr 1-6 Long sleeve fawn shirt. Optional long-sleeved white shirt /skivvy for Kinder. Green with gold stripe school tie. Fawn skivvy may be worn in winter. Black scarves, beanies and fingerless gloves without obvious brands/logos.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

will be open LAST DAY OF TERM (2-4-15) 3-4 pm and also Saturday 2nd May 10-11am.
Meeting to form the Art Show Committee will be held on

**Friday 24 April 3.30pm in the St Patrick’s Primary Staffroom.**

**Everyone is welcome ...even if you are not arty!**

Come along to share your ideas, help out with the planning and help us get the Show rolling.

If you are unable to make it on Friday, but would like to help out or you just want more information, please email Melinda -

melinda.barrett@cg.catholic.edu.au

An invitation is extended to all artists to consider submitting artwork (of any medium) to be included in this special local Art Show. There will only be a very small entry fee. No commission on sales.

Contact Rashida Nuridin for more information on:

Rashida.nuridin@cg.catholic.edu.au
The St Patrick’s Art Show

Preparation for Art Show for 29th May is happening. We are keeping you in suspense, so turn up to see the masterpieces yourself. Here is a little ‘taster’!
Fee remissions

Whilst, as a school, we must be financially responsible, **we also want to ensure that there is not undue hardship for families as a result of school fees** Everyone is entitled to have their circumstances considered by applying for fee remissions at the end of week one Term 2 in 2015. **In addition, families with more than two children can apply for special consideration for a period of two years.**

Others may prefer to have a confidential conversation with me and make individual arrangements.

**Application forms for assistance with School Fees are available at the School office.** A new application form has to be submitted each year and needs to be accompanied with the relevant documentation.

The **closing date for either a submission of an application form is Friday 24 April.**

Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss any matters relating to school fees as soon as you can by calling the school office on 64521721.

Building Healthy Relationships.

This week, all of Infants and Primary focused on activities relating to building healthy relationships.

Here are some options Year 5 came up with to being silent when you notice bullying or inappropriate comments and behaviour. They discussed the role of the bystander in reducing unhealthy behaviours.
Thank you to the many students and families who have contributed to the little pool of money, clothing and toys that will go to ensuring that Laura Matthews has all the clothing and equipment that she needs to successfully continue her schooling. The non uniform day for the K-6 students was very well supported.

Social Scene

Thank you to the Student Inclusion Team who organised a great Back to the 80s themed social to raise money for Caritas.

It was a fun night with some splendid outfits.

The senior Student Leadership Team received their new badges after meeting with Fr Mick. He blessed them and their work. This group meets every Monday to work on leadership projects.
April 2015 School Holiday & Youth Week Program

Tuesday 7th April - Easter Party - from 11am
Come in and enjoy a hot lunch and join in with a Easter Egg hunt.

Wednesday 8th April - Masterchef Cooking Day - from 11am
Come in a challenge your culinary skills.

Thursday 9th April - Yoga / Self Care Day - from 11am
Come in & enjoy a day of pampering & self care.

Friday 10th - Movie & Popcorn Day - from 11am
Enjoy a range of movies and warm buttery popcorn.

Youth Week Activities

Saturday 11th April - Cooma Youth Music Awards - from 2pm
Open to all young performers, prizes to be won. Registration required.

Wednesday 15th April - Youth Homelessness Matters Day - from 11am
Come and support this event...sausage sizzle in the park - prizes and resources to be won!!

Thursday 17th April - MAGIC Card Tournament - from 11am
Open to all young people on the Monaro - prizes provided - register for this event is required @ www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthweekmagic - spaces are limited.

Any enquires, call or txt Cathy 0403 498 322 / Emma 0437 135 092
Or facebook us on CathyEmmaHub

12-17 years old - FREE
Lunch provided

All events are Drug & Alcohol Free

The Hub: YMCA Youth Services
39-41 Vale Street, COOMA
P: 6452 5534
Canteen News
What a quick term that was! Keep an eye out for the new winter canteen price list in Term 2, and lunch order forms will be distributed for the Primary and Secondary athletics carnivals too. Some prices may be adjusted in Term 2. Just like any food business some will go up and some will down. I will continue to keep prices as low as possible for students and staff.

The good news is that all of the "red" items have been phased out from the canteen and replaced with healthier choices and the "greening up" of the menu will continue. We are now compliant with the Fresh Tastes @ School Guidelines outlined by NSW Health. If you would like to know more about healthy school canteens, please visit the Healthy Kids Association website: http://healthy-kids.com.au/school-canteens/

Canteen volunteers (thank you!) this week are:
Wednesday 1st April, 10am: Rebecca Hain
Wednesday 1st April, 1.15pm: Denise Menshic & Marjorie Revelant
Thursday 2nd April, 10am: Any volunteers?

A big thank you to the Year 10 students who have helped this term with food prep, cooking and serving in the canteen - it’s an absolute pleasure working with you! And to the mums and dads who have made mini-canteen happen for Infants and Primary, thank you! My roster of volunteers hasn’t missed a beat, and it’s wonderful to have parent support behind the canteen.

No meal deals this week, just order as per normal from the menu.

Have a safe and relaxing break, see you next term!

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager
COMMUNITY MARKET DAY
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2015
TIME: 10AM-2PM

We are holding a Community market Day to raise awareness and much needed funds for children with Cancer. All proceeds will be donated to Ronald McDonald House - Randwick.

Daisy’s Open for Inspection, fun activities for the children including JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING and a SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

It’s not about the bunny....

Holy Week
School Holiday Workshop

Enjoy problem solving and hands-on activities?
Interested in maths and science?

Want to find out more about engineering?
Program with lego NXT robots?
Complete building and designing challenges?
Meet university students studying engineering and related subjects?

Free workshop for girls and their siblings
Suitable for 10-16yr olds
Cooma North PS: 14th April
Goulburn South PS: 16th April

For more information and how to register, see
www.tinyurl.com/RobogalsWorkshopApril
or email samcheah47@gmail.com
This event is part of Strictly Musical - a major fundraising initiative for MCCR and proudly brought to you by the Royal Academy of Good Sorts!

It's on...
6.30pm for games to commence at 7.00pm
Saturday 18th April

High Country Auto Main Showroom
Royal Academy of Good Sorts

CASINO
Players Night
& music by
"The Hip Replacements"

Tickets available at Cooma Visitors Centre
$50 per person includes:
• Good luck drink on arrival
• Canapes by Roses Restaurant
• Gaming tables operated by pro croupier/s
• Music by The Hip Replacements

PURCHASE COUPONS TO PLAY
FULL BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE
DRESS - COCKTAIL

MAJOR PRIZES INCLUDE:
• 5 nights Stay at Tathra Beach Family Park (value $950 - conditions apply)
• 3 nights stay at 11 Panoramic Views Apartments Merimbula (conditions apply)
• $500 cash GIVEAWAY
• $500 Snowy Camping World voucher sponsored by Clipsal
• 2 day family lift pass at Selwyn Snowfields (2 adults & 2 children)

Artwork by Kyle Douch Printing by South East Printing
With just over a month until the footy season, we still have spaces available for some of our teams. Under 13s and 14s have plenty of room. Under 7s, U8s, U12s and U15s also have spots available so make an inquiry and join the Colts today. Contact Richard Inskip 64522323 or 0439697708

Harry Nichols Shield

Thanks to those parents who volunteered their time to coach these sides.

Stage 3 coaches – Paul Dyball and Mark McGufficke. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday from 5.00pm – 6.00pm at the Showground. No Thursday training this week.

Stage 2 coach – Richard Inskip. Training will start next term first week back.

Girls’ Oz Tag Coach- Credeence Bartlett. Training is on Wednesday 4.30pm – 5.30pm at the showground.

Thank you

Rebecca -Secretary Cooma Colts

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**Paid Advertisement: Private Tutoring: Reading and Spelling**

Does your child need extra help in reading and spelling?

I believe children can benefit from extra tuition, whether to strengthen or improve their reading/spelling skills. I am a qualified primary teacher and I create an environment that is supportive, encouraging, creative and fun.

And, I don’t forget the parents! I support you with any information you require, or refer you to organizations or resources that might support you in supervising and understanding your child’s development. Please call me on 6452 4830, or email cankensolaz@gmail.com, if your child needs extra help with reading and spelling!
Hello to all students,

I wish to invite any player, **BOY or GIRL**, that may wish to take part in the Cooma Tigers FC 2015 Soccer season, from ages **12-15**, to attend the current training sessions, held at the Nijong Ovals in Cooma on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30-6.00pm.

For any players aged **16-18**, trainings are also held at the Nijong Ovals, from 5-6.30pm.

Any players wishing to take part, must register at [www.myfootballclub.com](http://www.myfootballclub.com) and follow the prompts, no money will be received via the Cooma Tigers Football Club, all payments must be made online.

If there are any further queries, please contact myself, Brett Simpson, Cooma Tigers FC Youth Development Officer, by either email [magicleancooma@gmail.com](mailto:magicleancooma@gmail.com) or mobile 0402 205 987.

I look forward to seeing you “On the park” in 2015.

Brett Simpson.
Cooma Tigers FC
Youth Development Officer

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**Have you seen the school’s webpage and facebook page?**

Simply go to [www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au)

We are updating the webpage and it now includes easy access to the newsletter, school notes, the school calendar and a button down the bottom to press to link to the facebook page. You don't have to be a regular user of facebook in order to see this page and all of the information and photos contained on it.