Dear Parents, Staff and Students

The election
Spare a thought for those people who live in countries which do not have fair and free elections. I have experienced elections in a third world country some years ago. At that time ordinary citizens of all ages braved threats of violence and intimidation to exercise their democratic right. Let us not forget that one of the best things about Australia is our democracy. For the record I found the mathematics fascinating on election night.

NAPLAN
We have been advised by ACARA that the distribution of NAPLAN results for parents, Australia wide, will be delayed until the week of the 13 of October. This is due to an error in the background information.

Our most precious resource
When you read about all the activities our students have participated in over the last week spare a thought for the people who make these events possible. For example the P&F disco last Friday could not have happened without parents and teachers volunteering their time. Similarly the success of our Tournament of Minds team cannot just be attributed to a few people. All the teachers who have shaped the creativity of our students from an early age and the parents who have sacrificed their time to transport students to various locations should share in the success of the team. We are a ‘school with altitude’, not because of our geographical location, but because of the people who make up our school community. You are our most precious resource.

Congratulations to Andrew Devereux who came 7th in the moguls and Hudson Laird who came 15th in Cross Country at the National ski championships held at Mt Buller last week.

We wish Mr and Mrs Stubbs a safe and enjoyable trip to Europe.

Please continue to pray for those members of our community who are sick or in need of prayers.

Mark van Ommen
Acting Principal
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Good luck!

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Stage 2 Public Speaking

Congratulations to the following Stage 2 students: Ava Barrett, Tomas Carton, Chloe van Ommen and Jorja White who are representing St Patrick’s Parish School last Tuesday at the Southern Region Catholic Schools’ Public Speaking Competition in Moruya. We wish them every success!

Belinda Wilkins
Organising Teacher

Secondary SRC News!

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards the St Vinnies Winter appeal. This was a great effort and we are sure our donations will be going to those in our community who most need it.

Don't forget that we have our secondary pizza day tomorrow (Thursday) and the SRC greatly appreciate your cooperation with orders and with bringing money in on time.

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Tournament of Minds

On Sunday we had one secondary team who attended the ACT Territory Finals of Tournament of Minds. The team consisted of Emma Holgate, Magdalene Shatrov, Vendulka Wichta, Ethan Venola, Alexei Shatrov, Charlie Keegan-Bull and Angela Sullivan.

They competed in the Applied Technology division and this meant that they were supervised in a room for 3 hours and 10 minutes and given a challenge which they had to solve within that time. During this time they were also given a spontaneous challenge where they were needed to demonstrate teamwork and creativity. Finally they had to work together as a group to perform their 10 minute resolution to the 3 hour challenge.

The team won the secondary section of this division and will now compete in the Australasian Pacific Finals in Canberra on 19 October.

The team would like to give their thanks to Mrs Sue Stubbs for being their facilitator and for all her hard work in organising everything.

Angela Sullivan

NO NUTS PLEASE

Anaphylactic reactions can be life threatening. We have students enrolled at the school who are anaphylactic. These students are allergic to nuts/nut products.

Parents and carers are asked not to include nuts and nut products, especially peanut butter and Nutella, in their child’s lunch or recess food items across all campuses. We would like to thank you for your understanding and continued support of this policy.

Angela Sullivan
**Movember**

It's Movember again and we need your help to raise funds for men's health. **Movember** is an annual event that raises awareness and funds for men's health, including prostate and testicular cancer, and male mental health. The campaign encourages men to grow beards and raise awareness to help support men's health initiatives. If you're interested in participating or learning more, please contact the school's Movember Committee.

**P&F News**

**Funky Friday Disco**

Wow…what an event! We had over 100 children attend the Funky Friday Disco last Friday evening with lots of fun had by all. Kong the DJ did a fantastic job. Also a big thank you to all the parents who assisted on the evening. The P&F executive appreciate your support. Thank you to Marjorie Revelant, Natalee Reid and Kylie Douch who did a lot of work leading up to the disco.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Once again the father’s day stall was a great success, with over $850.00 being raised. Thank you to the parents who coordinated this event: Kylie Douch and Natalee Reid and those who assisted on the day: Narelle Allen, Marjorie Revelant, Michelle Burke, Sue Bottom and Meg Clarke.

**P&F Meeting**

We encourage you to come along to our P&F meeting this Thursday at 5.00pm in the Primary Library. The meeting runs for 1 hour only and children are welcome.
WHAT'S ON

Thursday 12 September
3O Parish Mass 10am
P&F meeting 5pm

Friday 13 September
CCC Athletics Homebush
3P Assembly 12pm

Monday 16 September
Stage 3 Council Chamber visits 10am

Tuesday 17 September
Yr 7-10 Rugby League/Union & Oz Tag - at MHS
Stage 3 Southern Region Public Speaking

Wednesday 18 September
Yr 9 - 10 PASS rock climbing 8.30am - 3.15pm
3O Assembly 12pm

Thursday 19 September
Yr 8 Parish Mass 10am

Friday 20 September
Jump Rope for Heart “Jump Off”
Yrs 7 - 10 Awards Assembly 12pm
Last day of term

Please refer to School website for more information
www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au

“Football Fun”
School Holiday Clinics

NUMBER 1 FOR FUN, NUMBER 1 FOR FOOTBALL
The Football Fun program teaches football fundamentals through fun competitions and games. Daily tournaments and skill challenges are featured giving all players a chance to test their skills. All sessions are age appropriate and modifiable to suit all skill levels.

Football FUN at a glance

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Cost: $100
For more information such as dates, venues and how to register please visit our website or contact Neil Orr Capital Football Game Development Manager on 6175 7116
www.capitalfootball.com.au coaching@capitalfootball.com.au

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS
Thursday 12 September
Rebecca Hain

Friday 13 September
Natalie Reid

Wednesday 18 September
VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE 10.30am to 11.30am for Mini canteen!
* Sushi is only available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!
* MEAL DEAL FRIDAY - NACHOS and DRINK for $5.00 or TUNA & MAYO or VEGETABLE SUSHI at $2.50 each with drink and fruit cup for $5.00. These are the ONLY choices available on Friday. Should these choices not be suitable, please contact me through the school. Thank you.
Your continued support is always appreciated
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Around Town

Nearly $10,000 has already been raised, this year, toward cancer research and improved services in the Cooma Monaro region by registered teams! Our goal is to raise $50,000 this year. With the Mad Hatters theme, entertainment, activities and meaningful ceremonies it is sure to be a great community event for an extremely important cause. To register or join a team, simply visit http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2013/cooma_2013

* Cooma Scouts have organised a ‘Mad Hatter Crazy Dress Tea Party’ disco this Saturday night and all proceeds are going to Cooma’s Relay For Life! The disco will be held at the Scout’s hall in Babin Place Cooma. There will be two sessions; Primary School students can attend from 4-5.30pm and Secondary students from 7-9pm. Cost is $4 Primary students and $5 Secondary students.
* There will be a Relay For Life Stall at the markets this Sunday, 15 September.
* On Wednesday 18 September we would like to encourage all local businesses, schools and other organisations to ‘Paint the Town Purple’! we hope people will ‘wear purple, display purple and maybe even ‘eat’ purple’ to help raise awareness and funds for Relay. For more information please call Co-Chairs Beck on 0403 495 855 or Kristy 0450 342 045.
* Don’t Miss this Hilarious Adult Comedy! Last shows are this Friday and Saturday 13 and 14 September. Tickets available from the Cooma Visitors Centre or you can call us to reserve your seats and pick up at the door phone 6455 1742.
* Year 10, 11 and 12 students and parents from across the Monaro are invited to ‘Career Blast Off’ at the Cooma Ex-Services club on Tuesday 17 September from 6.00 to 7.30 pm. Come and find out what jobs, traineeships, apprenticeships and opportunities are available for 2014 locally. For more information, call Debbie Thomas on 0432 089 817.