Dear St Patrick’s Community

Mary MacKillop was inspired by a meeting with Fr Julian Tenison-Woods, and at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, “Mary of the Cross”. She founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph and began establishing schools. Within five years, over 30 schools had opened in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She travelled all over Australia to spread her message and even visited this convent in Cooma. Past Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, Sr Anne Derwin rsj once said, “Mary MacKillop lived her life with an unwavering sense of gratitude and confidence that God would always provide. She spoke over and over of ‘our good God’ and she truly imitated the Christ to whom she had committed her life.”

August 8 is the Feast of Mary MacKillop-St Mary of the Cross. One of the most used, motivating themes of hers is ‘never see a need without doing something about it’. It is a modus operandi worth adopting for the good of all our community.

Thank you to the Year 10 students who participated in the Vinnies Winter Appeal Sleep out last Friday night. I felt that Mary MacKillop was there with us. We could see a need in our community and decided to do something about it. If you are able to support our project, please drop your donation to the office.

This week there is an important meeting for parents regarding the introduction of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for St Patrick’s in Years 6-10 in 2016. On Thursday evening at 6.30 in the Secondary Library (Murray Street and upstairs), we will outline the program. An invitation went home on Friday. We need you to RSVP, so that there are enough booklets available.

We are excited about this program and look forward to sharing the information with you.

This week we welcome the NET Ministries to St Patrick’s, where they will work with each Secondary year group. Their goal is to put into action the Church’s mission to evangelise and be a witness to Christ for our young people. It will be a good week.

Yours sincerely

Frances Robertson
Principal
A Message from the AP

Arrival and leave throughout the school day

The school day begins at 9:00am with a bell ringing at 8:55am for students to move to Homeroom, classrooms or the Primary assembly area. If any student arrives after 9:00am they must report to the office, located on the Secondary campus, to sign in late.

Some Primary students are being dropped off late to school by parents without signing in at the front office. As these students are late, the teacher will request that they report to the front office and sign in late before entering the classroom.

These procedures ensure we meet our legal obligations in terms of marking student attendance, that we have the most up to date information in the event of an evacuation and that there is minimal disruption during the first part of the school day.

The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class.

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organised, scheduled and predictable. Students depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When students are repeatedly tardy, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Tardiness can throw off their whole morning or even their day.

Part of your child’s education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in the working world.

A pattern of lateness will be followed up by the Campus Coordinator and if necessary the Principal or Assistant Principal. In some situations, there may be a very reasonable explanation for a child arriving late to school on a regular basis. Parents should discuss these situations with the class/Homeroom teacher or Principal. Only the Principal can approve individual circumstances.

A Parent said......

Day 1 was a marvellous day for skiing, snow boarding & X-country skiing for students & teachers. Non skiing parents assisted students with their boots on & off, unpacking & repacking buses of bags & skis, poles & snowboards. In between times, we enjoyed crowd watching & talking to each other. There were very tired students & teachers on buses home. Thank you to school & staff for giving students the opportunity to enjoy the skiing/snowboarding which is on our doorstep.
‘Open Learning Spaces’ at St Patrick’s

A helping hand to get started!
A report from the Cross Country Skiing
We had a great day - what a fabulous bunch of kids! Luca and Shelley were an absolute delight - so keen, polite and helpful. Jack and Eric were great fun and enthusiastic. Lilli did an amazing job in improving - she fell over so often but kept picking herself up again and again. By the afternoon Lilli was confidently skiing downhills and was skating. This was a huge achievement!

All students had huge smiles on their faces so I think they had a good time.

The laser biathlon association gave them free access during a "come and try it" session that cost other participants $10. Eric top scored with a prone position 5/5 targets hit. That was very impressive. They also got to meet Alex Almoukov Australian team biathlete who competed at 2010 and 2014 Winter Olympics - so it was a very positive experience for them all.

Pip Daley and Tim Greville
XCountry Coaches
Southern Region Cross Country Carnival

On Thursday 7 May 2015, 45 students from Years 3-6 went to Cobargo to represent our school in the Southern Cross Country Carnival.

We caught a bus which took about 2½ hours. Mrs Introna and Mrs Moser were very happy that no buckets needed to be used!

When we got there we walked the course so we knew where to run. The weather was sunny and beautiful, with a light breeze.

The races went in this order: 12yr boys and girls, 11yr boys and girls, 10yr boys and girls, 9yr boys and girls and last but not least, the 8yr boys and girls. Some of the finishes were so close!

At the end of the day, 18 students excelled themselves by making it on to Canberra for the next round. 2 students, Clara Thornton and Olave Wilkinson came 1st! Well done everybody!

On the way home we had a quiz where you could win a chocolate. It was a fantastic day and we would like to thank our teachers Mrs Introna and Mrs Moser and all the parents who helped out on the day. In particular, the Buckleys, who brought their shade tent and tarp for us. Thank you!

Lucy and Lisa
Alternate to Ski Program for Years 3-6
Vinnies Winter Sleepout (incorrectly named because no sleeping happened!)

Congratulations to Erin, Maai, Jess B, Jennifer, Abby, Madeleine and Madeline, Olivia, Mollie, Amber, Chloe, Kealan, Tim, Andreas, Jake and Mathew for their amazing effort to raise money for the homeless. They supported the Vinnies Winter Sleepout on Friday night and we have counted over $800 and the money is still coming in. You can still donate too by dropping in money to the school office.

Thank you to Mr van Ommen and Mrs Robertson for trying to stay awake with us. Thank you to Mr Mackay who turned up at 5am to cook us a BBQ breakfast. Thank you to Coles supermarket for their generous donation of food for breakfast!

Meg and Lachie
School Captains
The MacKillop musical is on this month, with five shows running from Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August. All performances will take place at the Wanniassa Campus Theatrette and will begin at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available from the Front Office of each campus from Monday 27 July. Prices are $10 for student/concession and $15 for adults. The canteen will be available during the intermission and each show should be completed by 9.00pm.

Reminder
K-2 students who are not skiing this Friday 14 August will be travelling by bus to the basketball stadium to participate in gymnastics and basketball skills. The cost of the excursion is:
- Bus $3.00
- Gymnastics $4.00
- Basketball Skills $2.00

Please return the Consent Form along with the correct money by this Friday 14 August 2015.

Bazaar Fair 2015
Saturday, 7 November 2015
Centennial Park, Cooma
9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Colour Theme: Green and Gold (just like St Patrick’s!).

Whether you are into veggies, plants, trees, perennials or annuals we need our families, staff and students who are gardeners to start thinking how they can contribute towards this stall.

The Bazaar Fair Committee (BFC) would like to hear from you. Please do not be shy. We have a colour theme: Green/Gold (just like St Patrick’s!).

For those who have farming properties who are in close proximity to shearing sheds, why not bag up some manure for composting to sell at this stall.

Get gardening, propagating or bagging manure.

Contact: Ruby Curtis 0402 038 676 or Erika Statham 0400 787 398

P&F Meeting
The next P&F meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 24 August in the Primary Library. Come along to join this dynamic team of parents and staff and have your say!! Everyone is very welcome!
Our school is fortunate to have the NET visit again this year. The NET-Team offers a peer-to-peer support and is professionally trained to specifically work with youth. The Team's focus is on fostering the spiritual growth of young people without the pressure of other roles.

At the heart of the ministry is the personal witness of team members, young men and women who have experienced in their own lives the transforming power of God's love and the difference that this love can make. This peer-to-peer, value-driven ministry is very effective because it offers a radical alternative to what is offered by society at present. NET teams bring their own positive stories, struggles, their willingness to listen and relate on a youthful level, this is indispensable. Just as chaplains in schools are there, standing beside youth in their day to day situations, so too are NET teams. Whether that is by playing sport, lending a listening ear, connecting them to the help they need, teaching life skills or jamming on a guitar, the message to young people is the same - they are important, loved and valuable.

Our students are involved in a number of different retreat days this year. The days include the breaking down of the theme respect, stepping up to leadership and leadership styles, and social justice encounter that explores various historical leaders who have modelled for us a strong spirit of social justice. Students are reminded of their own human dignity, the dignity of others and challenged with the question of, 'What action do I need to take in my own life and circle of influence?'

Our school NET days help build class and school community, and are important in the life of the school as this adds a depth of experience to the students' learning.
Sony Foundation Canberra Grammar Children’s Holiday Camp

Children between the ages of 6 and 14 are invited to participate in the Sony Foundation Canberra Grammar Children’s Holiday Camp. The Camp is a 3 day residential camp for children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. It is to be held at Canberra Grammar School, from 6 to 8 December, 2015.

The Camp provides 3 days of care, friendship and entertainment for the children. It also provides respite for families, as senior students volunteer to take on the role of carers for the Camp. Each participating child has a full time carer who is in turn supported by a team of staff, volunteers and medical facilitators. The camp offers extensive on-site facilities, 24 hour medical staff and care of the highest standard.

For the children, the Camp is one of fun, with swimming, outings, musical activities and games. There is no cost involved in participation.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Melinda Barrett (Learning Support Teacher) for more details at melinda.barrett@cg.catholic.edu.au or phone 64521721. Please note applications forms must be returned by 28 August 2015.

An Invitation to Tell Your Story - Our Story

The ABC TV show, The Drum is inviting comments, experiences on School Choice. Here is their brief:

SCHOOL CHOICES

Public, private, religious, boarding, selective, home school or correspondence - which education system works for you and your kids? Single sex or co-ed? Is selective schooling a good idea? Or should kids of different abilities be in the same classroom? Can you afford private school fees? Should taxpayers subsidise them? Would you put your own children through the same system you went through? Share your experience and views in 300 – 700 words.

All contributions that meet the Dos and Don’ts will be published here on ABC Open. We may edit your contribution to make it suitable for publishing across different mediums and to give it context. The most compelling will be featured on The Drum, the ABC’s popular platform for debate and discussion featuring some of Australia’s best journalists, thinkers and opinion-makers. Contributors may also be invited to record their piece or become a live guest for ABC Radio.

The deadline for consideration for selection for The Drum is midday Monday, August 17.

You can contribute with text too.

Here is the link: https://open.abc.net.au/create/new?project_id=108

Year 10 at NET retreat
Canteen News

We will be celebrating Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – 24 August to 18 September .... keep an eye on the Canteen News to find out what yummy fruits and vegies will be on offer for students!

Volunteers - Thank you!

Wednesday 12/08, 10am Kelly Gill  
Wednesday 12/08, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Marjorie & Kelly  
Thursday 13/08, 10am Grant Pascoe  
Friday 14/08, 10am Rebecca Croke  
Wednesday 19/08, 10am Linda Quodling  
Wednesday 19/08, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Howard & Elsa  
Thursday 20/08, 10am Elsa Wagner  
Friday 21/08, 10am Sara Souter

Mini-canteen happens on Wednesdays for Infants and Primary students. Items are priced from 50c to $2. This Friday's Special: Nachos $5

Caroline Blyton  
Canteen Manager

Bazaar Fair

Saturday, 7 November 2015  
Centennial Park  
9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Herbs

The love of food, to feed the spirit and nourish the soul, is very near and dear to all of us. The sharing of wholesome food sends such a positive message to those we cherish and love whether that be members of our family or our dear friends.

As we move into spring only two weeks away, we want to sell herbs on our plant stall at the Fair. To all you garden enthusiasts within our school community who plant or use herbs to tantalise your taste buds why not think about supplying herbs for this stall.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pop us an email and let us know how you want to contribute.

Bazaar Fair Committee
Welcome to St Patrick’s Parish School, Cooma

Bazaar Fair

**SATURDAY**

7 NOV 2015

**Centennial Park, Cooma**

9.00am - 2.00pm

and so much more ...

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- Famous St Patrick’s BBQ
- Tombola, Plants & Wet Sponge
- Cupcakes, Nourish & Lucky Bags
- D&R Party Rockin
- Face Painting & Hairspray
- Merryn Aampa (Indigenous art)
- Show bags & Fairy Floss
- Victoria Elgey Cuisine
- Building Blocks Day care
- Cooma North Public School

**The Flower Pantry**

Chocolate Wheel

Lambie Street Pre-school

Melissa Mauri Jams & Cards

Curbside Coffee Cart

Mio Gelato (Ice cream)

Community Chest

Merrita’s Cakes

Erin Donnelly, Designer Eco Fabrics

Echoes of Arboeree

Dear John

GelatoMio

Handmade Crafts

Made with love from the students at St Patrick’s Parish School.

READY, SET, SHOP!

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Have you prepared your entry for the **MONARO IN PICTURES**?

“**Why I Live in the Monaro Region**”

**Photography Competition Entry Form**

You will need to submit a separate entry form for each photograph entered.

Please send all entries to monaroinpictures@gmail.com

Each photograph must be related to one of the following Monaro themes:

- Landscapes
- Changing Seasons
- Art and Culture
- Sport
- Industries (inc. Agriculture)
- History
- Architecture
- Gardens
- Wildlife/Nature
- Adventure
- Water
- Weather
- People
- Lambie Street

Name: ____________________________________________________

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Theme: __________________________________________________

Caption (where & why the picture was taken and what it means for you with regard to living in the Monaro Region):

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I hereby give my consent for this photographic entry, caption and my name to be published in the *Cooma-Monaro Express*, *The Monaro Post*, and on Facebook. I also give consent to my work being reproduced, if selected, in a new publication, *Monaro in Pictures: Why I live in the Monaro Region*, to be published in 2016.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility, as the photographer, to ensure that all persons in the photograph have consented to having their photo taken and their image published.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________
ACU 25TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC LECTURE

The Encyclical Laudato Si: philosophical and scientific foundations

Lecture by Professor Louis Caruana

Laudato Si has made a considerable impact in the world—from various viewpoints: those who praise its commitment to ‘care for the earth’ or the Church’s recognition of science, or simply common sense; on the other side of the spectrum there are those who suggest it is economically naïve or politically contentious.

In this lecture, Prof. Caruana will focus on those concerning science and philosophy, without forgetting the main point of the encyclical, namely that the environment deserves a holistic approach - one that calls for an integration of all knowledge and spirituality working together. It is scientifically sound, environmentally valid and calls for a deeper evaluation of our moral imperatives with regard to the planet on which we live and the biosphere within which we have our being. The paper examines the Encyclical’s exploration of the method of science, the nature of things and their interrelationships. In the process he clarifies the encyclical’s main message, and to explore some new ground following the indications made by Pope Francis.

Louis Caruana is a Jesuit priest from Malta. He obtained his PhD from the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge and is now Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Gregorian University, Rome. He is also Adjunct Scholar of the Vatican Observatory and Research Associate of Heythrop College, University of London, where he used to be Reader. His published books and research papers deal with points of interaction between philosophy of science, metaphysics, and philosophy of religion. His most recent book is entitled *Nature: Its Conceptual Architecture*, published by Peter Lang.

Date: Thursday 20 August
Time: 1.45pm for a 2pm start
Cost: Free. Please pass on this invitation to your family, friends and colleagues
Where: Room B10, Blackfriars Building, Australian Catholic University
Canberra Campus (Signadou)
127 Phillip Avenue, Watson ACT
RSVP: Tuesday 18 August
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