God of grace, God of love and laughter, we thank you that we are so wondrously created and that we are made for relationship with you and with one another.

We thank you for laughter with friends and loved ones. We thank you for the laughter of children and the song it creates in our hearts.

By your great unending love, you inspire in us a spirit of imagination and creativity.

Help us to use that spirit more, to laugh more, and to create beauty in every way possible.

Remind us to laugh out loud, for doing so will heal some wounds within us.

Not all, but some.

Amen

Giovanna Davies provided our staff prayer this week

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

School resumes on Wednesday 9 October for all students.

Our new Archbishop
We received word last week that Bishop Christopher Prowse, of Sale, will be installed as the Archdiocese’s seventh Archbishop at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Canberra on Tuesday, 19 November.

Bishop Prowse has a long list of achievements including being a member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious dialogue.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Monsignor John Woods for his leadership of the Canberra - Goulburn Archdiocese over the last 18 months.

Thank you

During the past term we have had many disruptions to the normal school routine. Tournament of Minds, Snowsports, NET visits and Public speaking add to the richness of the educational experience for our students and are an important part of our school identity.

These events cannot occur without the hard work of our teachers, support staff and office staff. Your flexibility, organisation, willingness to take on extra work at a moment’s notice and good humour are always appreciated. In particular I would like to thank Pam Fletcher and Steve Joyce for ensuring that the school continues to run smoothly when students and staff are away.

It is also appropriate to thank our wonderful relief teachers. In particular Lisa Milford, Yvonne Smith, Margaret Hassall and Jenni Fraser who have taken on classes for extended periods of time this term.

Students
During your two weeks of holidays spare a thought for your parents who probably still have to go to work each day. What can you do to help them these holidays and create a “song in their heart”?

Please continue to pray for those members of our community who are sick or need our prayers. If you are travelling please stay safe on the roads.

Thank you

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Public Speaking held in the Parish Centre Cooma. Students travelled from Moruya, Batemans Bay, Bombala, Bega & Narooma.
Awards International Photographic Competition.

Have you entered your photo yet?
There are three categories:

* Junior Student (up to 12 years old)
* Senior Student (13-17 years old)
* OPEN

Last year there were some spectacular entries from St Pats' from Ivy and Florence McGufficke.

Entries close Friday 30th September at 5pm
Simply take a photo that you feel celebrates the value of water, then visit www.savewater.com.au

Finalists will be announced on Monday 14 October and winners announced on Friday 8 November 2013

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Fossils and Ancient Rocks
Donated to Science

Earlier this year, Mrs Tina Mayhew, who works as the St Patrick’s lab technician contacted Peter Butler, GeoScience, Australia in order to gain more rock and mineral samples in our secondary Science Department.

Maybe due to her enthusiasm, or perhaps just good luck, Tina was invited on a field trip around the Monaro with a number of eminent geologists. She returned with armloads of excellent samples which are now included in our collection. Some of these samples include remarkable rocks dating back to the Devonian Era (approx 400 million years ago).

Laura and Josh are here inspecting the samples in their newly constructed cases (thanks to Chris Reeks).

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The Ambulance Visit

An ambulance came to visit our school today. We greeted the paramedics. Lilly sat on the steps of the ambulance. The paramedics put stickers on her wrists and we watched her heart beat on the monitor. We had a look inside the ambulance. I found some interesting things like a stretcher and I got into the driver’s seat. The paramedics’ names were Paul and Phil. It was so much fun. It was the best ever!

By Bridget 1Purple
**Chook Lotto**

**Infants Chook Lotto Week 9**

- Emily Revelant KG: for caring for the classroom!
- Bridget Stott 1P: for effort and careful listening during Numeracy Groups!
- Joshua Williams 1O: for following procedures!

**SRC Quote of the week**

“People are just about as happy as they make their mind up to be” Abraham Lincoln

**Cooma Childrens Centre (OOSH) Vacation Care Service**

For more information email ooshcooma@dodo.com.au or call 0450127090.

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**BAZAAR FAIR**

**Saturday, 2 November 2013 in Centennial Park, Cooma 10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

**Students who volunteer to HELP** on the day will receive Community House Points and a thank you letter from P&F President, Mrs Karen McGufficke – a great addition to student portfolios. The Fair is always a fun morning! Bring your friends and help out with our School's major fundraiser in 2013. Send your name to Erika Statham 0400 787 398 or email SalemCharming@gmail.com. Students will be allocated to an appropriate stall for an allotted time together with an adult volunteer.

**Book Stall**: If you have any books or board games for the book stall ready to go, you can drop them into Mary-Ann Fraser on the Primary Campus.

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**Spring Vacation Care 2013**

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**Secondary Awards Day**

A reminder the Secondary Awards Day will be held in the Church on Friday 20 September at 12pm.

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**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.

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**HURRY!** If you have misplaced your order form download it from [http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pformsandnotes.html](http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pformsandnotes.html).

Simply detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize! Return the order form along with your monies to the School Office before this Friday, 20 September 2013.

The Cookies will be delivered on Tuesday, 15 October 2013 to the Infants Campus undercover area. Time for pick-up will be advised in early Term 4.

**Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.**
**WHAT'S ON**

**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

**Tuesday 8 October**
Pupil Free Day

**Wednesday 9 October**
Students return to school

**Friday 11 October**
K - 6 Swimming program
Yr 10 White Card course

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

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**Canteen News**

**VOLUNTEERS**
Thursday 19 September
Kim Kleven

Friday 20 September
Nat Reid

Thank you to all of my amazing volunteers - your enthusiasm and hard work help to keep this school service running smoothly! I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART MEAL DEAL SPECIAL:
Cheese and Salad roll and drink OR Ham and Salad roll and drink for $5.00. The ONLY other option is TUNA/MAYO Sushi or VEGETABLE Sushi / fruit cup and Drink for $5.00.

*AS IT IS JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DAY THESE ARE THE ONLY CHOICES AVAILABLE* Thank you for your support with this!

Enjoy your break!
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

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**Around Town**

- **MILO in2CRICKET** is back this summer! Starting first week back at school on Saturday 12 October from 9-10am at Nijong Oval every Saturday morning during Term 4 and Term 1 of next year. The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids aged between 5 - 10 learn how to play cricket with activities that are designed to be inclusive, action-packed and fun! They help kids to develop social skills, physical fitness, sportsmanship and basic cricket knowledge. All kids who register get a great gift pack of Cricket gear as well. So come along to Nijong Oval on Saturday 12 October from 9am-10am to have a go and to register for the 2013/2014 MILO In2CRICKET season. For further information contact Anna Rudd on 0413 019813 or email anna.rudd@bigpond.com.

- **Cooma Colts 2013 Presentation Day and BBQ** Saturday 21 September Coffey’s Hotel Beer Garden AGM 10 AM followed by Presentation to all teams 11 AM BBQ COMMENCES AT 1 PM (Registered players BBQ is free) Everyone else $5 per head. All parents are welcome to attend the AGM in the Lounge area at 10:00am prior to the start of the Presentation Day.

- **Cooma Swim Club Trial Night** - Wednesday 9 October 5:45pm. Caters for all ages and levels. Further details contact Donna Saddler 0407 595 861 or Michelle Thomas 0414 880 783

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**“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 Nell Orr Capital Football Game Development Manager on 6175 7116
www.capitalfootball.com.au coaching@capitalfootball.com.au