Dear St Patrick’s Community

The Assumption of Mary is celebrated every year on 15 August. Christians believe, on this day the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Mary, Queen of every heart, accept all that we are and bind us to Jesus with the bonds of love, that we may be yours forever. Amen

Last Thursday evening, we made the first of several presentations about the introduction of the BYOD program at St Patrick’s. Bringing your own device will be introduced for Years 6 to 10 in 2016.

The current generation of students has grown up with technology and want to use it in every aspect of their daily lives — including school. Thanks to the mass consumerisation of many tools of technology, students are now some of the most enthusiastic and savvy users of mobile computing devices.

Our BYOD program will assist students to improve their learning outcomes in a more contemporary educational setting. Teaching students to become responsible digital citizens complements the learning process and achievement of student outcomes, as well as providing the skills and experiences that will prepare them for their future studies and careers.

With the technology they are using for BYOD, students have more authority over their own learning. They can pose questions and do research instead of just listening to lectures. This pedagogical approach helps students learn by doing and gives them ownership of their education. Collaboration is integral to engagement in today’s classrooms. Students use technology to communicate with their peers and teachers. A BYOD program can provide students with far greater opportunities to interact virtually with teachers and work with other students on assignments, projects and content creation. It means that we can bring the world to our fingertips.

This changes learning to being anywhere, anytime.

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) guidelines were given out last Thursday evening but can also be obtained from the school office or libraries. They contain information relating to policies, ways to seek support if there are financial difficulties, suitable devices and the User Agreement. There will be another Information Evening early in Term 4 and you are encouraged to attend.

Another date to pencil onto your calendar is Thursday September 10. We have some possible changes in 2016 to the Executives of both the P&F and School Board and it is timely to look at what we are doing and talk about ways to keep improving. Tim Smith from Catholic Education (and a former principal) will be the guest speaker. I hope you can join us and share your opinions.

Yours sincerely

Frances Robertson
Principal
A Message from the AP

In the spirit of safety, we try to minimise risk to students and teachers. Previously, we have reminded parents and students that bringing a hot drink to school is not appropriate. These are often caffeinated drinks as well, which are not appropriate for growing brains and developing bodies. Even a typical cup of chai tea contains at least 40mg of caffeine. Many commercial cups do have a lid, but this is no protection from a burn if your child falls or is bumped by another child. Therefore, in the interests of safety for all, we will request that any hot drinks are consumed before coming to school. If a student arrives with a hot drink, we will need to take it and dispose of it.

The first Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place for some of your students this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers. The Thanksgiving Mass is on Sunday at 10am.

We are privileged to have the students linked to the Clontarf Foundation from Moree join us this week. The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and, by doing so, equips them to participate meaningfully in society. Their focus areas are education, leadership, employment, healthy lifestyles, life skills and football. In order to remain in the programme, the boys must continue to work at school and embrace the objectives of the Foundation. The boys who are coming to the Monaro are being rewarded for their very high attendance at school. It’s a 900 km trip! St Patrick’s has helped to organise a ski trip for them. We really appreciate the support of local providers who have also pitched in to help, especially Garry Bruce from Cooba. In return, the Clontarf boys will provide some intensive sports training for the primary and Infants children on Thursday morning. It should be a great experience for all.

Mark van Ommen

There are ten school weeks to go...

If we say that the best classrooms are collaborative, creative and constructive, we now want to apply that same principle to the wider St Patrick’s community. This Sunday from 2 until 4pm, all members of our adult community (and that includes favourite aunts and uncles and Grandparents) are invited to come and work with the Visual Arts and Timber Technology teachers in the ‘T Block’ to help make creative projects for the Bazaar Fair.

The T Block is halfway along Murray St and you can enter through the gates near the Parish Centre and head up the hill.

Bring some ideas... or come and be inspired... or come and enjoy the company.
Sports Report

Over the last couple of weeks many of our students have been busy representing the school in a number of sports.

First, we had the ACT-Southern NSW Interschool Snowsport Championships held at Perisher. This year saw a large contingent of students competing in snowboard and alpine events, with 6 teams finishing in the top 15. They were Sean Dixon and Fergus Barrett (SnowboardX), Hudson Laird and Zane Gourlay (SnowboardX), Alyssa Zusak and Kadee Laird (SkierX), Declan and Tim Gregory (SkierX), Jeremy Campbell and Nicholas Zusak (SkierX) and Harrison Linton and Ben Milford (SkierX).

Next week will see the running of the NSW Interschool Championships and we have 8 students competing: Charlotte Walker-Broose, Spencer Walker-Broose, Harriet Greville (XC), Jarrod Pratt (Snowboard and SnowboardX), Declan Gregory (SkierX and Alpine), Tim Gregory, Nicholas Zusak (Alpine) and Harrison Linton (Moguls).

Last week also saw a large contingent of primary and secondary students travel to the AIS in Canberra for the Archdiocesan Athletics. Many of our students finished in the top 5 in their events which is a fantastic result considering some of the competition they faced. Congratulations in particular to Charlotte Foster (1st in high jump and long jump, 2nd in 100m and 200m) and Remy Oldrey (1st in 1500m and 2nd in 100m) on being selected to compete at the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges carnival in Sydney in 4 weeks time.

A very big thank you must go out to all of the students for their efforts and sportsmanship. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have spent time transporting students to and from events, and for often volunteering their time to help out at these events.

Mr Lawley
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
Primary Ski Program
What a great ski program we had! Congratulations to all cross country, skiers and boarders for being such a calm, organised, fun group who really made the most of their opportunities. Thanks to all our fabulous parents, bus drivers and teachers who comforted, encouraged, giggled, fixed, fed, watered, loaded and unloaded so that everyone had a great time on the snow. Also thanks to those terrific students who helped out without being asked, or looked after younger students or whose actions reflected the Alpine code of conduct of ‘Respect gets respect’.

Here are some thoughts from our students:
“It was really exciting and our instructors were great” Nowell Utrush, Riley Brayshaw
“It was cold but really fun” Chloe Hemphill
“I liked it because we had lots of fun” Sharli O’Donnell, Jack O’Donnell, Joshua Hely
“I became a princess for a day and improved my parallel turns” Brianna Nowland
“Skiing was really great, with really good people and really good instructors who helped me improve my parallel skiing” Emily Smith
“I liked going to Perisher and going on the chairlift” Paige Walker
“I liked how we had pretty good weather” Wayne Watkins
“I liked the challenge of keeping up with the group and having to adjust to skiers in my group.” Lachlan Hemphil

Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – Let’s Go Green!

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24 August to Friday 18 September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Watch this space for updates. Or, better yet, ask your child what activities they have been involved in. It is a great way to bring the healthy eating message home!
Canteen News

Volunteers - Thank you!
Thursday 20/08, 10am Elsa Wagner
Friday 21/08, 10am Sara Souter
Wednesday 26/08, 10am Kelly Gill
Wednesday 26/08, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Marjorie & Kelly
Thursday 27/08, 10am Jackie Bitar
Friday 28/08, 10am Chris Haylock

A reminder that the price list can always be found on the school website: http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/srcfiles/Price-List-Term-3-2015.pdf

Don’t forget that that a "treat" from the canteen can be something that can’t be sent from home. Something hot, toasted, or frozen!

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager

Tech Byte

If your child uses Pic Collage, or is considering using it, please read on.

Pic Collage is a wonderfully creative App that is used to great effect in many primary schools. However, a number of safety related issues have emerged as a result of its open social media integration.

In response to this the makers of the popular App have changed their terms and conditions for its use. Pic Collage as we know it has been reclassified with a 12+ age rating.

To create a safer environment for its large number of younger users they have released a new App: Pic Collage for Kids with a 4+ age rating. All the features of the old version but without the social media integration.

For more information and a link to the new App refer to their blog post below.
http://blog.pic-collage.com/2015/04/22/new-app-introducing-pic-collage-for-kids
NET Team Visit

The NET visit has come and gone for another year but the message of the Team and their impact has been important. During their visit the following was observed:

- Students learning through a wide variety of hands on, practical means
- Students leaning and reflecting on many important and challenging life issues
- Students resting, laughing, relaxing, supporting one another, praying, involved, speaking and sharing ideas in depth
- Students in silence, in stillness, in fun and games and journaling
- Students involved in dramas and skits
- Students communicating and listening

The NET visit had a feeling of human connection and this was valuable. The energy, sincerity, enthusiasm and youthfulness of the Team was a gift.

Their work is a reminder of the message of St Paul:

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13)

Thank you to students for your involvement last week and to parents for your support of the NET visit.
EVERY TOWN HAS A HISTORY.

“There’s no company that I admire more in Australia.” Robyn Archer, AO

THIS PRODUCTION IS PART OF THE COLLECTED WORKS 2015
SEASON AT CANBERRA THEATRE CENTRE

SAVE $10 ON THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE
BY BECOMING A SEASON TICKET HOLDER OF

COLLECTED WORKS: 2015
Cooma has always been a gateway to pleasure, and in the 1950s it played host to an extraordinary influx of people from around the world, escaping their past, to work on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. They brought with them ideas, espresso, food, music, dancing and optimism for love and life in the New World.

Set upon a backdrop of the town’s rich underbelly and featuring a soundtrack played live on stage by Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen, Ghosts in the Scheme explores the complex friendship of three of these residents. Actors Lex Marinos, Anne Grigg and Bruce Myles each embody Snowy locals, weaving a story of three complex friendships, full of the secrets, loves and twists of fate that so-called ‘ordinary’ lives embrace. As life’s endgame approaches, these characters can enjoy passive acceptance or relish fighting the inevitable.

Expect a night of brilliance with this original work from BighART, the company that has continually delivered award-winning theatre including Namatjira, Ngaparti Ngaparti and Hipbone Sticking Out.

Médecins Sans Frontières' photo exhibition Without Borders will be showing in Canberra at the Belconnen Arts Centre from 5 - 30 August 2015.

Entry to the exhibition is free and no RSVP is required.
Flying Tomatoes

Some of the dedicated Flying Tomatoes tending to weeds around our cauliflowers, broccoli, beetroot, spinach and kale. Well done!

RESCHEDULED - Paddy Pallin Junior Classic 2015

The Paddy Pallin Junior cross country ski race will be held at 11am on Saturday 5 September 2015 at the Sverre Kaaten Nordic Shelter, Perisher Valley. The race is for children up to 16 years of age (for the 2015 race you must be under 16 years at 31 December 2014).

The Paddy Pallin Junior has been a Perisher Valley event for many years with our records suggesting this is the 57th year. It is the OLDEST cross country ski event in Australia (older than the KAC and older than the Paddy Pallin Classic (now replaced by the Snowy Mountains Classic) – and it’s just for the YOUNGEST skiers.

The Paddy Pallin Junior provides an opportunity for juniors to try cross country skiing. It’s a fun ski race (no prizes for first, second and third) where everyone gets a certificate! You can ski in it if you are only two years old or over fifteen, as long as you were under 16 years at 31 December 2014. The distance you ski depends on your age and snow conditions. The older skiers (14/15 year olds) ski up to 5 kilometres, while the younger skiers (3/4 year olds) ski only a few hundred metres.

In 2015 the race will be held at the Perisher Valley Nordic Shelter (snow permitting). After the race the usual festivities – fruit drinks and hot dogs and spot prizes – will be held in or around the Nordic Shelter. When that’s over there’ll be fun and games, including an on skis jelly snake hunt!

Entry is on the day, and there’s no charge. Just turn up to register and pick up your bib at the Nordic Shelter from about ten o’clock on Saturday morning September 2015.

Come and give it a go! - and bring a friend or two

For information ring Pip or Tim Greville on 02 6456 3834 or mobile 0428 159 336
“Books light up our world.”

Students will be involved in literacy based activities during Book Week 24 August to 28 August 2015.
Family motivation in reading activities can have a strong, positive impact on a child’s educational achievement.

The Book Fair is a pop-up bookshop at school where children can discover a love of books and ignite a lifelong passion for reading.

Have fun choosing books with your child! If you are unable to attend the Fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation.

Every purchase you make earns learning and literacy resources for our school!

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**Pru the Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite mascot visit**

Pru the Dollarmite mascot visited our Infants Campus on Wednesday 12 August 2015 to have lunch and fun with the students!

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

The school receives $5 for every new child that joins the program through the school and 5% commission is also paid on all the children’s deposits throughout the Term, this is a great way of FUNDRAISING for your school!!

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Bank, released Term 4

St Patrick’s Parish School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking Day at our school is every **THURSDAY**!

If you would like your child to join School Banking, further details are available from Marjorie Revelant 64521652, 0418485229 or Marjoriem66@hotmail.com

Regards

Marjorie Revelant
Minni Vinnies Poster Competition

“Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveller who has been attacked. It is Justice’s role to prevent the attack”
Frederic Ozanam - The founder of the St Vincent De Paul Society

As part of the Poster Competition you are invited to submit a design created by:

- Graphic design
- Painting
- Drawing
- Photography

Entries must address one of the themes:

- Disaster Recovery
- Environment
- Homelessness
- Indigenous Australians
- Mental Health
- Migrants and Refugees
- Drought
- Poverty

Size A3
Poster Due 26 August

Electronic Files: File type Word, Publisher or PDF; Maximum file size 10MB
PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au).
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14 OCT 2015
Cooma Showground from 10am

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
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12-15 OCT 2015

Cooma
NSW 2630
Exhibitors & Stall Holders are FREE.
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The Cooma Monaro Shire Council and the NSW Weeds Conference Organising Committee would like to invite you to be a part of our:

MONARO AGRICULTURAL TRADE DAY
COOMA SHOWGROUND
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015

This Trade Day is being held in conjunction with the NSW State Weeds Conference, held in Cooma, 12th – 15th October 2015.

Exhibits are not restricted to weed and agricultural related matters. All are welcome, including tourism, health, education, special interest, hobbies, technology and regional produce etc.

This day will be a great opportunity for you to showcase your business and/or product/s to around 250 conference delegates from across the State and the general public.

Sites are 10m x 10m per site on the Showground. Larger sites are available on request but are limited. A demonstration area will also be available for 1/2 hour sessions – Bookings Essential.

ALL EXHIBIT SITES AND STALLS ARE FREE

For bookings and enquiries please contact:
Warren Schofield, CMSC Weeds Management Officer and Conference Committee member.
Ph: 02 64551943
mate@visitcooma.com.au
Or return the completed form below to: Cooma Monaro Shire Council
Noxious Weed Services
PO Box 714
Cooma NSW 2630

10m x 10m Site required     Demonstration ½ hour

Company Name: ____________________________
Type of Business: __________________________________________
Contact Person: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________________
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