Dear St Patrick’s community
We are very proud of the way that the Bazaar Fair is shaping up. There are only just over two weeks to go.

It’s time…. Time to put your hand up and be involved ... to make things, to cook, to donate something, to help set up, serve and pack up. Many hands make light work.

For some time now, the P&F and School Board have devoted their energies towards making sure that we have all the finances we need to the fit-out of the new Visual Arts/Industrial Arts building. We will need about $100,000 before the end of 2016. Due to enormous work catering for various functions for the last few years, and in particular the successful Art Show this year, we are edging closer to that figure. Catering for the Hazeldean Ram Sale and Cooma Races, as well as the Bazaar Fair, will be the last push for 2016.

The goal is high... but the rewards will be there for a very long time.

Student hats must be worn for all sports activities during Terms 1 & 4. They also must be worn during lunch or recess if out in the sun. Parents please check that your child has their hat with them when they leave for school. How do we encourage our teens to respect their skin? Clearly, knowing the shocking facts is not enough...

So what are the BURNING teenager issues? The Cancer Council is working hard to encourage teenagers to change their life-threatening habits. For example: ‘It’s Time the Glow Faded from Tanning’ is a Cancer Council site devoted to tanning and teens. Go and have a look at these great websites.
http://www.teenagecancertrust.org/what-we-do/education/shunburn/

Let’s help our teenagers make healthier choices that fit with their lifestyle, fashion and social scene.

Yours sincerely
Frances Robertson
A Message from the AP

Year 9 and 10 electives 2016

I have informed our current Year 8 students that we have collated their elective choices, merged these with the current Year 9 elective classes and have a possible solution. This means that almost all of the Year 8 students receive both their first and second choice.

Every Year 8 student, when asked, was happy to have their original choices. We will now meet individually with some students who did not receive both their first and second choice.

Of our current Year 9 students, only three can’t do both the same electives in Year 10. These will be individual meetings as well, where some inviting alternatives will be discussed.

Please note that we are registered for 200 hour elective courses. Thus, all students in Year 9 will do the same electives in Year 10 unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Police presence

This week Police have been patrolling streets around St Patrick’s before school and at the end of the day. They will be looking for speeding cars and people who pick up and drop off in non-designated areas. We have a permanent situation number in their system. This is to ensure students are safe when moving across campuses at the end of the day.

We have improved the security on the Primary playground to manage a temporary situation. If you need to have access to the Primary playground during the day, please ring the number on the gate post and the gate will be unlocked for you. All other enquiries need to go through the front office.

Attendance

As we are legally required to have a central register for the whole school at all times for attendance, we asked parents to come to the front office to organise a ‘late note’ before going to class.

This is proving to be problematic because of the geography of the school and the numerous steps. Therefore, we are investigating the possibility of having a central attendance phone number, where parents can text when students are late. This can be as simple as a text with the child’s name, class and entry time.

In order to do this, we will need a dedicated phone to receive the text messages. If any parent has a 2nd hand mobile phone that could be used to receive texts, we would love to have it. Let the office know if you can help.

The stage is set for A MidSummer Night’s Dream and the covers will be coming off for the first production Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tickets are available at the office for $5 person or $10 per family.

If it rains, we will post a notice on the school’s facebook page. In this event, there may be alternative shows.
A Visit from ACU

Last week our school was visited by undergraduate teachers and lecturers from Australian Catholic University. This aligns with our core belief that we are a place of learning and that learning at St Patrick’s is for everyone.

It is now planned to make this part of the undergraduate program each term at ACU. It also mirrors the work being done by ANU and medical students, a program that has been established for quite some time in promoting rural areas as the optimal choice for future employment. Cooma University Centre is also another part of the jigsaw for tertiary offerings.

We believe that Cooma needs to add another banner to the promotion of *So Much to Love*, because tertiary education is now a very real option.

Expressions of interest!!

**Are there any parents of St Patrick’s wanting to be a "parent buddy" for the parents of the 2016 Kinder children?**

About 20 children are expected to start next year, and it could assist in a smoother, more welcoming transition for families new to the school system to have someone to talk to. We’d love to hear from you, as we require more parents to offer help!

There will be a coffee time for the parents of the Kindergarten children during the Kinderstart day on Tuesday 27 October, if you are available to pop in & say hello. Alternatively, please email me for more info on the idea at lumargeo@yahoo.com or catch me at the school pick up. We would love to have you on board!

Kind regards

Lucinda George (P&F representative)
This week the Year 8 History class participated in the first of three sessions aimed at exploring the lives of senior members of our community. The Capturing Our Living History Project is sponsored by the Snowy River Shire and implemented by staff from its Community Services Department, particularly Lee Taylor-Friend.

On Tuesday morning, ten seniors came to school to meet and begin a process that will see the students interview them about subjects as diverse as childhood memories, school days and their responses to technology.

Over the next two weeks, the group will visit again to continue their interviews and sit for photographic portraits and videos that will be incorporated into the final published collection of oral histories.

This has been a great opportunity for our students to not only add to their skills in collecting oral history, but also to interact with older people. We really look forward to the final outcome.
P&F Catering for the Hazeldean Ram Sale

HELP WANTED!!

The School’s P&F have been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to provide the catering for the Hazeldean Ram Sale on Saturday 31 October. This will take place on the property. It will be in the form of a BBQ and light morning tea. We are seeking five to eight people who can set up, turn sausages, make a cuppa, serve and pack up. It is pretty straightforward. Others who can provide brownies (preferably uncut slabs) and muffins are also needed. Please contact Karen at mkmcgufficke@bigpond.com

Thank you, in anticipation.

BAZAAR FAIR TOMBOLA STALL

We need donations for the Tombola Stall. If bringing in jars/bottles of food items, please ensure that the seal has not been broken and that they are within their use-by date. Instead of food, how about coming up with some different ideas for fillers—maybe a jar full of lollies, hair ties, soap crystals, garden seeds or buttons or a bottle of bubble bath, moisturizer or sunscreen! NO ALCOHOL PLEASE. Thank you in anticipation.

TAFE choices day for 2015

Choices Day - Saturday 5 December 2015

Time – 9:00 to 1:00

Place – Snowy Restaurant Cooma campus

For students interested in finding out more of what’s on offer at Cooma TAFE for 2016. Come in and talk to the teachers that will be on hand to discuss courses and find out more.

Everyone is welcome!
Canteen News

Mini-canteen happens for Infants and Primary on Wednesdays - items are priced from 50c to $2.

Volunteers - Thank you!
Wednesday 21/10, 10am Linda Quodling 1.15pm Howard & Elsa
Thursday 22/10, 10am Kim Kleven
Friday 23/10, 10am Sue Bottom
Wednesday 28/10, 10am Kelly Gill 1.15pm Kelly & Marjorie
Thursday 29/10, 10am Jackie Bitar
Friday 30/10, 10am Sara Souter

Friday Meal Deal: Toastie (ham or chicken) + Drink = $4

Please note that all items are available to order, not just the meal deal!

Put the code word "PURPLE" on your lunch order this Friday to receive your freebie :)

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager

Lambie St Pre-School Fete

Thank you to Jasmin Statham-Smith, Kadee Laird, Anna Behr, Tilly Thomas, Luci Clarke, Charlotte Mitchie, Lachlan and Riley Marks and Justin Manning.

Thank you very much to the generosity of many St Patrick's students who supported the Lambie St Pre-School fete last weekend.

The students were great; they had a range of jobs that included making smoothies, serving at the BBQ, selling show bags, selling raffle tickets and painting nails. They also showed great responsibility when handling money. They stayed the whole day; at times there were not as many jobs but they were happy to stay at the stall and be available for whatever we wanted.

This was a great community service. The fete was a huge success and having the extra helpers made the day run smoothly.

Emma Hill, on behalf of the Lambie St Pre-School fete committee
Congratulations to Lucy Kamenz in Year 6

The Snowy Mountains Readers Writers Festival
Children's Writing Competition 2015

LUCY KAMENZ

You and your Family
are invited to the Winners and Awards Presentation
on Saturday 24th October

Prizes will be presented by
Dr Peter Hendy and acclaimed author Karen Viggers
(Judge and Patron of the Snowy Mountains Readers Writers Festival)

The Presentation will be held at Cooma Library
at 1pm for 1.30 pm presentations
Light refreshments will be served
RSVP essential by 5pm Thursday 22nd October
library@monaro.nsw.gov.au or Cooma Library 6455 1730
In his encyclical (letter) on “Care of our Common Home” Pope Francis makes mention of the leader of the Orthodox Church, Patriarch Bartholomew and what he has to say in relation to our earth’s ecology.

Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, he even has said that “to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God”. Bartholomew has asked that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity. He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which “entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God’s world needs.

It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion”. This is a great challenge from the world leaders of millions of Christians and if we were to live out their words what a change that would create.

Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew share a common concern for the environment and a vision for God’s creation.

Let us pray that we raise our commitment of awareness to stewardship of the environment. That in our lives we strive for less waste and greater generosity and for the protection of God’s world and the benefit of all people.
Thinking of enrolling at St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma?

Our orientation program for Kindergarten and Year 7 students is underway, but it’s not too late to secure a place at St Patrick’s for next year!

We are ‘A School with Altitude’. The inherent message here is that each child is encouraged to strive and aim high in whatever field of endeavour they are engaged. St Patrick’s aims to fan the spark of imagination that will support a love of life-long learning and the pursuit of talents.

We believe that St Patrick’s Parish School offers a distinctive education in the form of:

- an explicit commitment to Catholic spirituality and values;
- a concern for the safety and care of the students;
- a desire to lead students to be respectful and responsible in their choices;
- an offering of rigorous, engaging and challenging learning experiences;
- the provision of good learning facilities.

If you think St Patrick’s could be an option for your child in 2016, please call our office on 6452 1721 to make an appointment with our Principal, Mrs Frances Robertson.

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**COOMA MOTORFEST**

**KID’S AUTO ART**

**Entry Form**

**Tick Categories:**

- Age Groups
  - 3 to 4 years
  - 5 to 7 years
  - 8 to 10 years
  - 11 to 13 years
  - 14 to 17 years

- Painting
- Drawing

*Subject: Motor vehicles of any type/motorbikes*

*Size limited to 400mm x 300mm (NO LARGER)*

*Please return your entry to your teacher by 3pm Wednesday 04.11.15 or drop your entry to Mack’s Auto & Tyre Plus, Sharp St Cooma before 5pm Friday 06.11.15. Any enquiries or if you require more entry forms please contact Jeani (0447 638 405 or 6452 5010)*

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

**Name of Entrant:**

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

*IMPORTANT: Attach this form to your entry*

Prize money awarded to Age Groups only and presented on the day of the Motorfest, 07.11.15 at 1:30pm.

*Sponsored by Mack’s Auto & Tyre Plus*
BYOD: Office 365

As St Patrick’s moves closer to the implementation of BYOD in 2016, students have been shown how to access their Office 365 accounts that are provided to them through the CE network. Each student is able to access their account at any time from any location. It allows students to be working on tasks at home that were commenced at school and vice versa. Through Office 365, students can upload and download work to their One Drive cloud storage.

With every account, each student is given 5 installations that will allow them to download Office 365 onto 5 different personal devices. If you need to purchase a device for your child, you do not need to purchase a Microsoft application as they are provided to your child whilst at St Patrick’s.

Below is a screenshot of how students log into Office 365. They use their school login credentials to access Office 365.

Once they have logged into Office 365, the screen will appear as below. This shows the applications that all students have access to through their St Patrick’s Office 365 account. You know when your child is logged into the school account as their name appears in the top right corner.
COLOUR ME GRUBBY

COOMA NORTH PRESCHOOL
CONNECT - NURTURE - PLAY

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015
11AM - 2PM

- Colour Me Grubby is an obstacle course, open to all children aged between 3 and 6 years.
- A fun event of obstacles, water, mud and colour.
- Register now and join us for some fun, friends and colourful muddy mess.
- Register your child by contacting Cooma North Preschool on 6452 1198 or email coomanthpreschool@bigpond.com

Cost: $20 Early Bird or $25 on the day
Registration includes a Colour Me Grubby T-shirt, sausage sizzle and certificate of participation.
School Banking is preparing for touchdown.

As we launch into the final term of School Banking, students are one small step away from completing their savings mission on Planet Savings.

Two new out-of-this-world reward items
For every 10 deposits made through the School Banking program, students can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range. With the withdrawal of the Lunar Light Band this term, we are releasing an alternative reward item in Term 4, together with the new Outer Space Savers Money Box. Students will be able to test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider reward item which will be available for order while stocks last.

You could be taking one giant leap to California’s Disneyland
Don’t forget, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits this year will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. If you haven’t already reached 25 or more deposits, now is the last chance before we touch down!

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you sign: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 00:01am AEDT 20/7/15 and ends 11:59pm AEDT 16/12/15. Entry is open to all Westpac account holders aged 15-43 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 16/12/15 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,745. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 121 198 295 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No LEPS/14/05987; ACT Permit No TP14/014145; VIC Permit No 14/5996; SA Permit No 17/4/2522