Dear St Patrick’s Community

This week we remember that anniversary of a human walking on the moon.

We all know of the pioneering journey of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and the sometimes forgotten third astronaut, Michael Collins. Armstrong and Aldrin were the first astronauts to successfully land the Lunar Module *Eagle* on the Moon in 1969, whilst Collins orbited in the Command and Service Module *Columbia*. We have seen the pictures and we have heard the audio. Some of us may have even watched a black and white TV showing the event. Over the following four years, ten more astronauts followed in their footsteps. Gene Cernan, commander of the last Apollo mission left the lunar surface reminding us: "We leave as we came and, God willing, as we shall return, with peace, and hope for all mankind."

We have gorgeous photos from NGC6503, a spiral cluster at the edge of the galaxy, which is a measly 150 million light years across. In the last week, we have marvelled at the visual information we have received about Pluto. These photos were taken about 200 million kms away from Pluto and yet they are stunning.

It wasn’t ‘yesterday thinking’ that got them there in 1969. And it’s not ‘yesterday’s thinking’ that is driving the quest to understand our beautiful universe. These events and images should inspire us to be a ‘school for tomorrow’s thinkers’.

Yours sincerely

*Frances Robertson*

Principal

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**coming events...**

**Thursday 23 July**
- 7-10 Snowsports
- Southern Region Public Speaking Parish Centre
- Yr 10 Mass - 10am
- School Board meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 24 July**
- NAIDOC Mass Canberra

**Tuesday 28 July**
- Reconciliation meeting 6.30pm

**Wednesday 29 July**
- 7-10 Snowsports
- Yr 3 Assembly 12.30pm - Club

**Thursday 30 July**
- Australian Maths Comp
- Southern Region Athletics Bega
- Yr 5 Mass 10am

**Friday 31 July**
- Yr 10 Winter Sleepout 9 pm

**Saturday 1 August**
- Yr 10 Winter Sleepout

**Monday 3 August**
- Yr 7-10 Police talks
- MHS Yr 11 parent information evening

**Tuesday 4 August**
- Yr 7-10 Snowsports
- Reconciliation meeting #2
- MHS Transition day for Yr 11 - 2016

"I am a hole in a flute that the Christ's breath moves through." --Hafiz
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you to the many parents who took the opportunity to participate in their child’s education by attending the K-10 Parent/Teacher/Student conferences held this week at the Ex-Services Club. If you missed out, for whatever reason, or were unable to attend, please contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. We recognise that we are in partnership with parents and want to have these important conversations about learning with you.

Did you know?

As the Apollo 11 team arrived safely on the Earth in 1969, the crew were brought to Hawaii. Despite being the three most famous men at the time, as they had just landed on the Moon safely and returned, they were still asked to fill out a customs and declarations form at security. As you can imagine, in the section asking “Departure From:” the Apollo 11 crew had to write “The Moon”.

Parish Home-based Sacramental Program for Reconciliation

Letters of invitation have now been sent out to those families whose children will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first meeting is on Tuesday 28 July 2015 at 6.30pm in the Church. If you missed out on receiving a letter, and you feel your child in Year 3 and onwards should be part of this program, please contact Lou Mackay c/- the Parish Office on 64522062.

A message for Year 10 students

Year 10 students who have re-enrolled at St Mary MacKillop College are invited to apply for a scholarship to assist with Tuition Fees in Years 11 and 12. Successful recipients will have 50% of their Tuition Fee as set by the Catholic Education Committee (CEC) credited to their fees account for 2016 and 2017.

There will be two different categories of Scholarship:

Academic: Awarded to a student or students whose achievement has been outstanding throughout Years 9 and 10.

Community: Awarded to a student or students who have applied themselves consistently to their studies and who have contributed in significant ways to the community.

An application form must be completed and submitted to Mr Lee on or before Friday 21 August 2015. Forms will be available from MacKillop College.
Brrrr…..It’s crazy, but we are planning to undertake the challenge of sleeping out on a Cooma winter’s night… and we are doing it so others don’t have to.

Would you like to support our attempts at raising funds for the Vinnies Winter Appeal?

You can help by sponsoring a member of the Year 10 team. We will be ‘roughing it’ for about 9 hours (with breakfast at 5am!). So you can make a donation for the whole project or sponsor the student per hour.

Who? Year 10 students

When? Friday 31st July, starting at 9pm and finishing at 6am

Where? At St Patrick’s, where we will discover if there really are ghosts in the building!

You can contact a Year 10 student or the school office to make a donation to this Vinnies Winter Appeal.
During the holidays, Year 6 student Cambell Wenban and his family experienced the tragedy of losing their home and possessions in a house fire.

To help the Wenban family get back on their feet, there will be a **non-uniform day on Friday 31 July 2015 for students across all campuses**. Please bring a gold coin or more, if you can spare a greater contribution, as a donation to the Wenbans.

We particularly want to make sure that Cambell has everything that he is well equipped for school and has what he needs to support his learning.

Please ensure students are appropriately dressed for the cold weather and are wearing suitable footwear if they have PE that day.

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**Public Speaking**

Good Luck to the Stage 2 students participating in the Southern Region Public Speaking competition yesterday at Moruya and today in Cooma. We are very proud of the tradition of public speaking with the school and believe that starting early is a positive thing!
Enrolment time for 2016

We have to plan staffing and the school is required to finalise their students numbers very soon. If you need an enrolment pack and an interview, please contact the Office on 64521721.

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that’s your own self.

Aldous Huxley
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 ...
Personal Invitation
Year 11 2016   Parent Information Evening

Who it’s for:   Parents, carers & current Year 10 students from all schools on the Monaro
When:   Monday 3 August, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Where:   Monaro High School Library & Staff Common Room

The aim of the evening is to provide information to parents of current Year 10 students about the opportunities that Monaro High School offers in Years 11 & 12.

Commencing in the Library with a mini-Expo style event you will be able to gather information and ask questions about subjects and post-school options. After this, a presentation in the Staff Common Room will provide valuable, up to date insights about HSC requirements and pathways offered at Monaro High School.

Following this event a Student Information Day will be held on Tuesday, 4 August from 9:15am to 3:00pm. Students will attend presentations aimed at guiding their understanding of the Higher School Certificate requirements and the subject selection process.

Year 10 to 11 Transition   Timeline of Key Dates - Term 3 2015

**Week 2** (20-24 July)  MHS Year 10 students meet with Principal, Deputy Principal and Careers Advisor
St Patrick’s & SMCS Year 10 students meet with Principal, Deputy Principal and Careers Advisor

**Week 3** (27-31 July)  Students actively seeking information about HSC subjects from their teachers and Head Teachers

**Week 4** (3-7 August)  Monday, 3 August: Year 10 to 11 Information Evening for parents and students of all schools on the Monaro
Tuesday, 4 August: Year 10 to 11 Transition Day for Year 10 students from MHS, St Patrick’s and SMCS
Thursday, 6 August: Parent-teacher evening. Opportunity to gain valuable feedback from teachers of Year 10 students to assist in subject selection for Year 11
Friday, 7 August: Interviews between individual students and their parents/carers with Principal, Deputy Principal and Careers Advisor. Subject selection form submitted at conclusion of interview.

**Week 5** (10 - 14 August)  Interviews continue Subject selection form submitted at conclusion of interview.

**Week 6** (17 - 21 August)  Viable subjects for 2016 finalised, based upon student selections. Some students to make alternative selections. Draft subject lines formed.

**Week 7** (24 - 28 August)  Students with clashes interviewed in order to make alternate subject selections. Final subject lines for Year 11, 2016 formed.

Email:  Monaro-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au  Phone:  (02) 64524611
Welcome to Term 3 School Banking

There is an exciting competition in Term 3 which has great prizes for Dollarmite A/C holders & our school may also receive a prize for students who make 3 deposits during Term 3. The Term 3 competition is in addition to Reward token prizes for 10 deposits. Term 3 Reward prizes listed on document.

If there are parents who would like their child/ren to be part of Dollarmite School Banking, please phone Marjorie Revelant 0418485229 or email marjoriem66@hotmail.com to have a pack sent to your child. The children are eligible for Term 3 competition if 3 deposits are made during Term 3.

Marjorie Revelant
St Patrick’s Parish School Banking Coordinator

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PLANT HANDBALL
ET DVD
INTERGALACTIC ROCKET
INVISIBLE PENS
BLUE WALLET 2013
KNUCKLES GAME 2013
HEADPHONES 2013
PROJECTOR CUP 2014
SHARK KEVRING 2014
SCENTED PENCILS 2014
SWIM BAG 2014

All these rewards are available to order this Term until further notice.

HAPPY BANKING!
Canteen News

Canteen information can be found on the school website under the Parents’ section, or please contact me at the school if you have any questions or feedback.

Volunteers - Thank you!
Wednesday 22/7, 10am Sue Bottom
Wednesday 22/7, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Howard & Marjorie
Thursday 23/7, 10am Jackie Bitar
Friday 24/7, 10am Rebecca Hain
Wednesday 29/07, 10am Kelly Gill
Wednesday 29/07, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Kelly & Marjorie
Thursday 30/07, Chris Haylock
Friday 31/07, Grant Pascoe

Mini-canteen will be happening again on Wednesday’s this term for Infants and Primary students. Items are priced from 50c to $2.

This Week’s Friday Meal Deal:
St Pat’s Pasta (Large) with a Drink = $6
St Pat's Pasta (Small) with a Drink = $4

The pasta is made fresh each week in the canteen with beef mince, hidden vegies, and a bolognaise sauce mixed with penne pasta and topped with cheese.

Don’t forget that anything can be ordered on a Friday!

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager
Message from the School Board

Welcome back to very busy Term 3.

As we head into our second week of Term 3, the School Board hopes our families, students and staff have managed to get some down time over the school holidays and are now looking forward to a fresh start this term.

This term students will be challenged in various aspects of school life. We encourage all our students to step out of their comfort zones and take up those challenges, whether that’s in the classroom, sport, pastoral programs within school or our local communities. It’s a time where students may contemplate how they can improve themselves or help other students at school or within our community.

It’s a very exciting time for St Patrick’s as we edge closer to beginning the first stage of the secondary campus building which will commence towards the later end of the year. The expansion and upgrades of these facilities will enhance professional teaching, whilst providing state of the art technology and facilities for our students.

The School Board covers many aspects of school life over a twelve month period. Just like school, our board undergoes change on a regular basis. Change is a part of everyday life; whether you are a student attending school, or in tertiary studies or are a professional in the workplace, our lives are constantly changing and we are challenged every day.

I would encourage any of our families, staff or students to approach members of the board to ask questions or just to touch base and have a chat. This year our School Board comprises of the following: Frances Robertson (Principal), Mark van Ommen (Assistant Principal), Father Mick McAndrew, Erika Statham (Chairperson), Kaye Pearce (Secretary), Ruby Curtis, Simon White, Richard Clarke, Bernie Sullivan, Karen McGufficke and Lucinda George.

Step out of your comfort zones and have an exciting and challenging term.

Erika Statham
Chairperson, St Patrick’s School Board

NEPAL UPDATE

Year 10 Leadership Team’s project last term was to raise much needed funds for Nepalese victims. The Australian Catholic Community collectively raised over $4 million to support those affected by the earthquakes that shook Nepal in April this year.

So far, this support along with the broader Caritas network has reached over 250,000 individuals with basic shelter, food, water, sanitation and hygiene, supported 2,601 people with health and psycho-social care and reached 14 of the 40 most severely affected districts.

“Caritas has done a great job of being in extremely remote areas with little constraints. It's great to see how you are working with local authorities. You're not usurping their authority, which is so important since they play a critical role in the recovery of their communities and country. You're right out there with the people and you are transitioning in a timely way from emergency to recovery. A trip like this gives me the ability to advocate for people in need in Nepal.” DFAT (Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) Humanitarian Response team Member Arthi Patel.
Bazaar Fair 2015

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

Colour Theme: Green and Gold

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
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Eat It To Beat It wants as many people as possible to understand why eating the right amount of fruit and veg is vital in the fight against cancer.

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**Canteen Menu**

**Open: Tuesday to Friday**  
**Canteen Manager:** Caroline Olynok  
**Phone:** 6452 1721  
**Email:** caroline.olynek@gmail.com

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| 12:15 | 32 oz. Water & Milk | $0.50 |
| 12:30 | Vegetable Sticks | $0.50 |
| 12:45 | Silly Apple | $0.50 |
| 13:00 | Popcorn, Rice, Wheats, Mini Biscuits | $0.50 |
| 13:15 | Veggie Chips: Natural, BBQ, Sweet & Sour | $0.50 |
| 13:30 | Chicken Teriyaki | $4.00 |
| 13:45 | Shredded Salmon | $4.00 |
| 14:00 | Vegetable | $3.00 |
| 14:15 | Wednesday: **Special** Only  
|       | with Ham, Chicken or Tuna | $3.00 |
| 14:30 | Rainbow Wrap: A Healthy, Colourful salad wrap | $3.00 |
| 14:45 | Toast (2 slices): A toasted cheese and ham sandwich | $2.50 |

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**Min-Canteen is offered to**  
**St Patrick's Canteen Price List ~ Term 3, 2015**