Dear St Patrick’s Community

In the last week, twenty indigenous students linked to the Clontarf Foundation from Moree and their associate group from Inverell, drove 1000 kms to have a ski lesson and experience some of the best of the Monaro. St Patrick’s Parish School played host to these boys and their mentors Sean, Nick, Shane and Preston, with the support of some local businesses.

After just a short skiing lesson, the boys were amazed at how proficient they were on the snow slopes. After their experience with skiing, the boys provided a day of sports coaching to the younger students at St Patrick’s. This was their chance to give something back to this community.

Whilst they were here, we unveiled the new plaque at the front of the school. Local elders, Jandemarra and Andrew, did the honours of officiating.

In all, it was a proud time for St Patrick’s – to play host, and to acknowledge our small part in the journey of humanity on this sacred land.

The first of the new building ‘site meetings’ also took place last week, with Catholic Education Office representatives, the architects and the builders joining me in planning the first stages. A new building will emerge!

The transition programs for 2016’s Kindergarten and Year 7 are beginning. When the weather is a little warmer in Term 4, all parents of the current Year 6 will be invited to an evening tour of the Secondary school. However, if you are curious and want to do that now, you are welcome to call the office and make an appointment. If you know of any family who is intending to come to this school in 2016, please let them know that they are welcome to contact us.

There are many St Patrick’s families, past and present, who are experiencing hardship through illness or the death of a loved one. Please join me in taking a quiet moment to remember them in prayer.

Frances Robertson
Principal

coming events....

Thursday 27 August
Year 3 Mass 10am

Friday 28 August
Bookweek Parade 12.15 pm

Monday 31 August
Big Steps Program Kinder
Yr 10 Taste of TAFE

Tuesday 1 September
Big Steps Program Kinder

Wednesday 2 September
9/10 PASS Camp
Big hArt Project

Thursday 3 September
Yr 7 Mass 10am
9/10 PASS Camp
Big hArt Project - Theatre excursion ‘Ghosts in the Scheme’

Friday 4 September
9/10 PASS Camp
Fathers Day Stall K-6
Primary Public Speaking Championship

Saturday 5 September
Tournament of Minds Canberra
The P&F are gearing up for some events and need some support.

1. The Father's Day stall is on Friday 4 September. This is an annual event that provides a great opportunity for young children to purchase a small gift for their father... and really help the school as well. And your part is to send in a range of small gifts that can be available for purchase.

2. There is a possibility of a catering event on October 31. We need to know if there are people who are willing to serve on the BBQ on the day, donate drinks or bread, or make a slice before we commit to this fundraiser. Can you please contact Karen at kmcgufficke@boyceca.com to indicate your level of support.

3. We are meeting on Sunday afternoons to share creative ideas and make things for the Bazaar Fair, which is only 9 school weeks away. Come and join us at the Art Room off Murray St from 2pm until 4pm.
**Fathers’ Day Gift Stall**

**4 September 2014**

Students are asked to donate a small gift which will in turn be available for sale on the Fathers’ Day Stall on Friday 4 September.

We ask that gifts be wrapped in clear cellophane so that children shopping can see what they are buying. Can all gifts be given to class teachers by **Monday 31 August**.

On **Friday 4 September**, every child will have the opportunity to shop at the stall for their Father/carer. All gifts will be available for purchase and priced between $2.00 and $5.00. Funds raised go to the St Patrick’s P & F.

*Suggestions include: a coffee mug filled with sweets, magazines, sporting items, key ring, gardening supplies.*

If you would like to get involved or assist on the day, please contact Natalee Reid on mws@schutebell.com or text 0412910152

Thank you

St Pat’s P & F

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**LOST Clothing**

The P&F have kindly offered to write students’ names on their jackets or jumpers when they visit the Father’s Day stall on Friday 4 September. They will be using a fabric marker and writing the child’s name on the tag. This is one small way of supporting other parents and reducing the amount of lost property at the school.

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Do you have a little time to spare? Do you know a community member who would like to spend time in a friendly place helping others? Are you wanting to get to know others in the school community? If so, we would really love to hear from you.

Please call the school and ask to speak with Caroline in the Canteen.
Infants Ski Program
Welcome to St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma

Bazaar Fair

SATURDAY
7 NOV 2015

Centennial Park, Cooma
10.00am - 2.00pm
(food available from 7.30 am)
and so much more ...

Some of our sponsors are:
Kettle & Seed

Second hand Books and DVD's
Erin Donnelly, Eco Fabric Designer
Famous St Patrick's BBQ
Tombola, Plants, & Wet Sponge
Cupcakes, Nourish & Lucky Bags
D&R Party Rockin
Face Painting, Hairspray & Nails
Merryn Ampa (Indigenous art)
Show bags & Fairy Floss
Victoria Elgey Cuisine
Building Blocks Day care
Cooma North Public School

Trash & Treasure
GelatoMio
Handmade Crafts

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

READY, SET, SHOP!
Bazaar Fair
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

Good luck to the students competing in the NSW Interschool Snowsports Championships

Harriet Greville, Spencer Walker-Broose, Charlotte Walker-Broose, Jarrod Pratt, Harrison Linton, Declan and Tim Gregory, and Nicholas Zusak. Spencer, in particular, has been carving up the slopes in various competitions recently. We hope that you all can find a dry, warm spot in between events.

Legally Blonde

Well done to our ex St Patrick’s students, Angela Sullivan, Harry Nichols and Molly Barrett, who have carried on their success in Oliver playing the lead roles in the St Mary MacKillop College’s most recent musical Legally Blonde. It was an excellent show!

Parent Forum on 10 September to discuss parent representation and involvement in our school.

Guest speaker Tim Smith from Catholic Education

The next P&F meeting is Thursday 15 October in the Primary Library
Canteen News

Volunteers - Thank you!
Thursday 27/08, 10am Volunteer needed
Friday 28/08, 10am Chris Haylock
Wednesday 02/09, 10am Linda Quodling
Wednesday 02/09, 1.15pm Elsa and Howard
Thursday 03/09, 10am Kim Kleven
Friday 04/09, 10am Sara Souter

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

Please join us in celebrating Book Week this Friday with the following specials:

*Cinderella’s Pumpkin Soup (with roll) $5
or
George’s Marvellous Medicine Chicken Soup (with roll) $5*

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the students who made their Sacrament of Reconciliation over the weekend.
Book Week Biographies from Year 8

Year 8 students are focusing on biographies this term. They are continuing the tradition of each Year 8 student researching and then writing the biography of a family member. To deepen their experience, they are also reading biographies, memoirs and true stories. The biographies they are reading range from those of YouTubers Connor Franta and Zoe Sugg to the remarkable feats of Bear Grylls and Billy Slater.

On Friday 28 August, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in Book Week celebrations. This year’s theme is ‘Books Light up Our World’. A Book Fair will occur during the week. Parents are encouraged to support the Book Fair as the proceeds provide books and resources for our school. Parents will be able to purchase items to take home to share. On Friday, we will hold the annual Book Week Parade. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. Year 10 students will be also dressed up and escorting the Kindergarten students in the parade. A parade of characters will commence at 12:15 pm under the Primary shade shelter. If it is wet, we will transfer to the Ex-Services Club. The Book Fair will be open in the Library after the parade. Students will participate in special literacy based activities during this week.
THE 2015 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS
It’s Book Week.... Try this activity!

Reading Bingo

A book with more than 500 pages
A forgotten classic
A book that became a movie
A book published this year
A book with a number in the title

A book written by someone under thirty
A book with non-human characters
A funny book
A book by a female author
A book with a mystery

A book with a one-word title
A book of short stories
A book set on a different continent
A book of non fiction

The first book by a favourite author
A book you heard about online
A best-selling book
A book based on a true story
A book at the bottom of your to be read pile

A book your friend loves
A book that scares you
A book that is more than 10 years old
The second book in a series
A book with a blue cover

Children’s Book Week 2015
Books
Light Up Our World
Saturday 22 – Friday 28 August 2015
August 2015 is platypus month- come and join our Platypus Surveys!

Mon, 18/04/2012 - 3:19pm — Antia

DID YOU KNOW THAT AUGUST IS A GREAT TIME TO SEE PLATYPUS IN THE ACT REGION?

Platypus can be found throughout the Murrumbidgee and Numeralla Rivers and even in Cooma Creek!

Waterwatch is holding platypus surveys in August and early September to help us gain a better understand of this marvelous monotremes in our catchments. Volunteer to help us gather important information about the Platypus and in return you might even get to spot one of our shy and secretive friends in the wild!

How to be involved?

This year, Nicole Clark will be leading our survey program, which will be held at the following locations and dates:

Saturdays (meet at 8am)

• Aug 15th: Scottsdale Reserve, Murrumbidgee River
• Aug 29th & Sep 5th: Cooma Creek

Sundays (meet at 8am)

• Aug 23rd & 30th: Cooma Pumping Station Reserve, Murrumbidgee River
• Sep 6th & 13th: Numeralla River

For more information or to book your spot contact: Antia on 0429 778 633 or email antia@coomawaterwatch.org.au

Cooma Champs Tennis

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS


9am – 4pm ROYAL TENNIS COURTS

2 Day Camp - $100.00 Discounted to $80.00

Discount given if booking and payment received 5 days prior to camp date.

Please call Tom: 0404838049

Cooma Champs Tennis also offers tennis lessons throughout the school Term.

We are enrolling now and we would love to hear from you!

TOM PEREA : ACCREDITED ATPCA / TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACCREDITED.
Raising Resilient Teenagers

FREE online program empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager more confidently.

We are seeking parents and their teenagers to take part in a trial of a new online parenting program designed to provide parents with strategies to deal with adolescence, and protect their teenagers’ mental health.

Who can take part?
Parents or guardians of at least one child aged 12 to 15 who live in Australia, are fluent in English, and have internet access.

What’s involved?
As a parent, you will receive a brief, individually tailored parenting program that will give you feedback about your current parenting and strategies to reduce the risk of depression and anxiety in your teenager.

- You will be allocated to one of two groups, either receiving the program straight away, or in 3 months’ time.
- We will ask both you and your teenager (if they agree to take part) to complete some online surveys, at the beginning, and after 3 months. We may also ask you to complete similar surveys after 6 and 12 months.

In total over 12 months, your participation will take a few hours of yours and your child’s time. To say thank you, both you and your child will be reimbursed with e-gift vouchers.

How do I find out more?
To find out more, or to register to participate, please go to www.parentingstrategies.net/depression.brief.intervention
For further details, you can contact the researchers at med-parentingstrategies@monash.edu or on (03) 9905 1250.

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