Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Project Compassion
A major focus throughout Lent was to raise the profile of our Project Compassion giving and this has been very evident when we look at the fact that our student and staff community raised $1,650 during that time. Project Compassion is coordinated in Australia by Caritas which continues to be the organisation targeted by our fundraising efforts each year. Caritas Australia is part of an international network known as Caritas Internationalis. One of the largest aid and development agencies in the world, the Caritas Internationalis network is working to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed, in over 200 countries and territories.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent. Starting on Wednesday 13 February (Ash Wednesday) 2013, people across Australia were asked to help raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every day.

Project Compassion 2013 carries the message: “Open doors into the future” which is taken from Pope Benedict XVI’s 2007 encyclical Spe Salvi, 35, “We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future”. To see how the Project Compassion funds that we raise are distributed I would encourage you to look at their website and read some of the ‘weekly stories’ at http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories

This year’s Project Compassion stories are about children, young people and the communities who support them. Caritas Australia’s partners around the world are helping to open doors into education, sustainable livelihoods and supportive environments. As a result, more young people now have hope for the future.

In 2013, Project Compassion is sharing stories from people in Mozambique, Bolivia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indigenous Australia and Papua New Guinea. Their stories humble and inspire us, and show how your contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

Easter Liturgy
One of our most moving liturgies which reflects the great significance of the Easter story was held for the whole school on Holy Thursday last week. The combination of the Gospel readings, prayer, song and dramatisations made for an uplifting and memorable experience for all. Our thanks go to Lou Mackay for her creativity and coordination of the liturgy.

Easter Bonnet Parade
Creativity was also the order of the day on the Primary Campus with our annual Easter Bonnet Parade last week, supported by a large group of parents, relatives and friends. The students paraded their unique creations with great style and were very proud of their efforts. Thank you to those families who donated prizes for this event.

News Update
Good luck to our Year 10 students on Friday as they take on the challenge of the mountains with their Blue Lake and Mt Carruthers excursion.

Next Wednesday we will be acknowledging Youth Homeless week with an early morning breakfast on the Secondary Campus.

Good luck to Stage 3 on Tuesday with their Indonesian Embassy excursion.

Thank you to all the Secondary students and staff who got into the spirit of the social last night. There certainly were some unique interpretations of the ‘Disney’ theme! Many thanks in particular to Tim Lawley and the SRC students.

Phil Stubbs
Principal

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ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

for Students in Years 3 to 10

The ICAS Science Competition is the annual competition which was previously known as the Science Quiz run by the University of NSW. This competition is a nation-wide, multiple-choice, 60 minute test which will be held in class time, at St Patricks later in Term Two. However, entries and the $8.00 entry fee are due at the end of the first week of Term Two. All Year 7 students will be taking part and will be sponsored by St Patricks. Any students in Years 3-6 or Years 8-10 who are interested in taking part need to collect a permission note for their parents, from the school office or their Science teacher. The competition is now based upon the NSW Science syllabus for students at each particular year group. Tests such as these provide students with experience in handling exam conditions.

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YEAR 8 TATHRA DAY

Recently Year 8 travelled to Tathra for their Surf Safety day. This is an annual event where students learn about water safety, surf conditions and staying safe at the beach and around other waterways. It forms part of the PDHPE curriculum and this year students participated in a tour of the Tathra Surf Club, beach flags, wading relay, raft building, canoeing and watched a Royal Lifesaving Society water safety DVD. All students are to be congratulated on their participation and behaviour. A very big thank you goes to the Coastlife instructors for their expert guidance and to Mrs Fletcher for accompanying Year 8.

Mr Lawley

School Cross Country

Last Wednesday St Patrick’s held the annual school Cross Country and for the first time, both Primary and Secondary campuses held their events on the same day at the same venue. The Lions Park at Cooma North provided a course that allowed spectators to watch students for approximately 1km of the 1.5km lap. The competition was close in many age groups and it was fantastic to see all students in primary and secondary participating to the best of their abilities. Congratulations to all students, and well done to this year’s age champions.

Ignis was the winning house in primary and Caelum in secondary. Good luck to all students going on to the Zone and Archdiocesan carnivals over the next couple of months. A very big thank you to all the parents and friends who came out to support the students and to the teachers for their help on the day.

Mr Lawley
The P&F have given the school $22,000 to be used for resources K-10 and other important programs within the school as mentioned in last week’s newsletter. We thank all the families who have assisted over the past year with the fundraising of this amount.

Don’t forget the Mothers’ Day stall on Wednesday 8 May. Please see the separate article for suggestions.

A reminder that the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open Saturday 6 April from 9.00 am to 10.00 am and again next Wednesday 10 April from 2.30 to 3.15 pm.

Application Forms for assistance with School Fees for the period of Term 2 2013 to Term 1 2014 are now available at the school office. A new application must be submitted each year and this must be accompanied by copies of at least two current, relevant pieces of documentation. Please note that assistance is limited and applications must be lodged by Friday 12 April 2013. No late applications will be accepted. If further information is required, please contact Mr Phil Stubbs on 6452 1721.

Please bring in letters, cards or suitable items, for our troops in deployment, by Friday 5 April, and place them in the boxes in Primary or Secondary’s Library. We aim to send more than 30 items this year. Thank you for your kind donations!

“There is a longing among all people to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other” Indian Chief

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. Elders deserve respect because they have lived longer and learned many of life's lessons. Respect looks like expressing even your strongest feelings in a peaceful way.

• KG Elijah Ingle – for the respect he shows towards his teacher and peers!
• 1O Clara Thornton – for the respectful way she speaks and acts when interacting with others!
• 1P Harriet Greville – for always being respectful towards teachers and peers in all situations!
• 2P Molly Brabham – for always respecting others in the classroom and on the playground!
• 2O Millie Blyton – for showing care and respect for all of her classmates!
• 3P Sophie Williams - for always showing respect towards her peers!
• 3O Alexander Smith – for working hard in class and showing respect for his own and other’s learning!
• 3G Andrew Pearce – for displaying respect towards those around him by the honest, appreciative and inclusive way he treats others and for being consistently true to himself!
• Music/French Spencer Walker-Broose – for respecting others and sharing a great Morse Code body awareness movement in Music!
• Library Joe Nichols – for showing care and respect for others in our school community!

The K-2 Campus received some wooden kitchen ‘flat packs’, as a result of last year’s Woolworths Education Promotion. If you think that you could help put these together, please contact Steven Joyce. Do not forget to bring a screwdriver!
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Newsletter by email
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Canteen News
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Karen McGufficke
Friday 5 April
Melissa Caffarelli
Wednesday 10 April
Grant Pascoe
FRIDAY MEAL DEAL: HOTDOG/SAUSAGE ROLL or SPINACH AND RICOTTA ROLL with sauce/3 fruit sticks and milk or juice. PLEASE SPECIFY CHOICES. These are the ONLY choices available to both Primary and Infants.
Thank you for your continued support.
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Harmony Day Poster Competition: Open to all school students 6 to 18 years of age. Closing date 12 April. For details visit www.harmonyyourfuture.org.au, email erniefrebraith@ozemail.com.au or phone 9361 6035 or 9321 6304. Total prize money of $4000. All entrants receive a Certificate of Participation.

Lumen Christi Catholic College: Everyone is invited to attend our Open Day on Wednesday 22 May from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Information evenings will be held for Year 7 2014 on Tuesday 4 June from 6.00 pm and for Years 9 and 11 2014 on Thursday 13 June from 6.00 pm. The Year 7 2014 Orientation Day will be held on Friday 22 November from 9.00 am to 3.25 pm. For more information please phone the Enrolment Officer, Barb Gough on 6495 8888.

School Holiday Netball Clinic: For children aged 5 to 12 years of age on 22 April at the Cooma Netball courts from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. All participants will receive a Netball NSW goodie bag. Come and enjoy lots of fun games and improve your netball skills all at the same time! Bring healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat. To find out more visit netballnsw.com or letsplaynetball.com or call 9951 5000 or email netballnsw@netballnsw.com.

Photograph Competition: ‘Be Active, Be Happy, Be You’. Open to 12-24 Yr olds. You can enter a single or series of framed photographs. Cash prizes for each category, award presentations and exhibition 12 April. For further details contact Emma on 0437135092. Entry forms can be collected from school office.

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