A Winter prayer

Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce ….. remind us of the warmth of your love.  
In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early ….. remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.  
In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak ….. remind us that Spring is but a short time away.  

Amen

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
There is a box in our office foyer where you can donate warm clothing or blankets for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Uniform review
A few months ago the School Board decided to form a uniform working party to conduct a complete review of the current school uniform.

The first part of the review process will be to ascertain how the school community feels about our current school uniform.

This will be done using an online survey. A hard copy of the survey questions can also be provided. Details of the login access and a timeline for completion will appear in a future newsletter.

The results of the initial survey will be presented to the school community before the end of Term 3.

Year 10 Sydney trip
On Tuesday morning Year 10 students, along with Mr Phil Stubbs, Mrs Lou Mackay and Mr Steve Summerville left for the annual Sydney trip. Mr Stubbs will provide a full report and photos for next week’s newsletter.

Kindergarten 2014
The process for enrolling students into Kindergarten 2014 will begin shortly. The Kindergarten Information Night will be held on Tuesday 25 June at 6:00pm in the Kindergarten classroom. From 9:30am on Wednesday 26 June there will be a kindergarten open classroom. If you know of any parent who would like more information about enrolling students at St Patrick’s in 2014 please direct them to the school office or website for more information.

Snowsports
We have received another enthusiastic response to our 2013 Snowsports program from students. I would like to thank Mrs Glenyce Moxon and Mr Tim Lawley for their organisation of our three Snowsports programs.

Rostrum Public Speaking
Congratulations to Damian Fletcher for being the winner of the St Patrick’s section of the Rostrum public speaking competition. He will be competing at the regional finals this week.

Nursing Home Visit
Betty Mattner, one of our parishioners, would like to pass on her thanks to the Year 9 students and Mrs Knott for serving afternoon tea at the Nursing Home last week. She would also like to thank Debbie Heffernan, Ken Silich and Cherie Booker for providing the lovely sandwiches, cakes and slices.

Please remember in your prayers those members of our community who are sick. Also we pray for some winter rain for our farmers and a bumper ski season for the businesses in town.

PS: Go NSW

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

STOP PRESS! Through the magic of modern technology we are able to bring you photos of our Year 10 students with Sunrise hosts David Koch and Samantha Armytage (an ex-student of St Pat’s). The group featured in a guest spot this morning (Mr Stubbs was interviewed live) before they headed off to St Mary’s Cathedral and Hyde Park for their formal photo.
On Friday, the Year 9 girls visited the Sir William Hudson Memorial Centre Aged Care Facility and served the residents afternoon tea. They then sang and danced for them, the Hokey Pokey being the favourite. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Emma Locker, Clair Schofield, Enya Caffarelli, Nicola Pearce, Bella Salvestro and Angela Sullivan doing the Hokey Pokey and serving afternoon tea.

Welcome to Ninja Maths. Every three weeks, the K-6 students will have the opportunity to solve a mathematical problem. This will be advertised in the school newsletter. Are you ready for our very first Ninja Maths Challenge?

Can you masterfully identify many different ways to represent one number? Who is the Mathematics champion who can come up with the most creative solutions?

**MATERIALS**
Coloured pencils/crayons and paper/recycled materials

**PROCEDURE**
Choose a number. Write it in the centre of a piece of paper. Write down as many different ways to represent the number as you can. Next have a competition with members of your family to see who can come up with the most creative representations. Both you and all your family members can write, draw or create as many different ways to represent the number as possible.

Send in your entry and place it in the Ninja Maths Challenge Tub in the K-2 Break out area. Make sure that you have your name clearly written on your entry. All entries must be in by the 20 June (Week 8). The winning entry will get to be the Year 6 Coordinator for a day!

Can you work like a mathematician?

Collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander books in the Primary library.
It is hoped to start a K-2 Seasons Program early next term, if there is sufficient interest. The program helps young people deal with a loss through a divorce or death of a relative or friend. If you have not already enrolled or expressed an interest in your child participating in this program please contact Kevin Dunne at the school on 6452 1721.

The Liturgy and Celebration for the Primary Seasons Program will be held on Wednesday 12 June from 11.15 to 12 noon in the Parish Centre located at the side entrance to the Secondary Campus of the school. Parents of students who participated in the program are invited to attend. Each participant may bring one friend with them for the celebration.

**Primary SRC STAR Awards**

**STAR Awards Theme – “Friendliness”**

Friendliness is taking an interest in other people. Friendships don’t just happen – they are made by people who are willing to be themselves with each other.

- KG Tom Whyman – for his friendly and happy disposition and for treating others how he would like to be treated!
- 1O Charlotte Geelan – for the friendliness and caring nature she shows towards others!
- 1P Keira Johnson – for always having a smile on her face and being friendly to all her peers!
- 2P James Williams – for being a friendly class member who gets along well with others!
- 2O Riley Brayshaw – for the friendliness he shows to his peers and teachers!
- 3P Matthew Hopkin – for always being friendly towards his peers. Well done!
- 3O Brooke Fraser – for being a friendly class member who gets along well with others!
- 3G Kiah Joyce – for being a great friend to others by allowing them to be themselves and also for having the strength of character to be gentle and thoughtful when interacting with others!
- Music/French – Emily Smith – for her friendliness towards those around her during Music and French!
- Library – Cambell Wenban – for his friendly manner when interacting with peers and teachers at school.

Keep smiling!

**Chook Lotto Infants**

- Aysha Craig KG – for beautiful manners during News
- Sienna Davies 1P – for staying on task
- Jack Buckley 1O – for participation in Numeracy Groups

Well done children!

**BAZAAR FAIR 2013**

St Patrick’s Parish School Cooma
P&F Association presents

Snowy Ride weekend – Saturday 2 November 2013
Cooma and enjoy the festivities in Centennial Park from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

We have a great committee with some fantastic ideas! We would love to hear from our parental community. If any parent is interested in helping organise this major fundraising event and would like to be part of an innovative, creative and flexible team, please contact Erika Statham on 0400 787 398.

**SRC Quote of the week**

“Don’t walk in front of me I may not follow, don’t walk behind me, I may not lead, walk beside me and just be my friend.”

**Congratulations**

Congratulations and good luck to Lucy Thornton who will be competing in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway next week following her success at the Archdiocesan Cross Country carnival held in Canberra recently.

**Jelly Baby Guessing Competition**

Congratulations to Cooper Kofler who is the winner of the Jelly Baby Guessing Competition with a correct guess of 313. The final amount raised for Type 1 Diabetes was $210.00. Thank you to everyone who participated in the competition!

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

A big thanks to all the families who have already dropped off their stickers and cards. We are well short of last year’s number of cards. If you do not have cards, just send in the stickers and we will do the rest. The Woolworths Earn and Learn ends on Sunday 9 June.

There will be collection boxes at the school office and Woolworths store. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to Sports gear, Library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.
Thursday 6 June  
Yr 10 Sydney trip  
Yr 7-9 Exams

Friday 7 June  
Yr 10 Sydney trip  
3G Assembly 12pm  
7-9 Exams

Monday 10 June  
Queens Birthday holiday

Tuesday 11 June  
Sullivan Shield Rugby League

Wednesday 12 June  
Seasons Liturgy 11am  
Yr 7-10 Rugby - Monaro High

Thursday 13 June  
3G Parish Mass

Friday 14 June  
CCC Cross Country

Tuesday 18 June  
Da Vinci decathlon  
Reconciliation

Thursday 20 June  
7-10 Small schools Rugby League knockout  
Yr 5-6 Rugby League Brett White gala day  
1O assembly

Please refer to School website for more information  
www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au

Canteen News

Volunteers  
Thursday June 6  
Rebecca Hain

Friday June 7  
Volunteer required, please!!!

Wednesday June 12  
Grant Pascoe

FRIDAY’S MEAL DEAL IS…..CHICKEN NOODLE STIR FRY IN A NOODLE BOX, with ORANGE FROZEN FRUIT CUP and 3 FRUIT STICKS. ALL THIS FOR $5.00.THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE A DRIN. PLEASE ADD $2.00 EXTRA IF REQUIRED. Because Fridays are extremely busy, this is the only choice available. Should you have any problems with the meal offered, please contact me through the school before Friday. Thank you.

Thank you again for your continued support.
Carolyn Hely  
Canteen Manager

Around Town

• Exceptional teachers deserve A Day Made Better: Do you know a Primary school teacher who is passionate and enthusiastic about teaching, inspires students, is innovative in their approach to teaching, goes above and beyond or is an exceptional role model? A Day Made Better is an international OfficeMax program recognising exceptional Primary School Teachers. If you know someone who demonstrates these qualities, let us help you recognise them for their outstanding contribution with $1000 worth of OfficeMax supplies for their classroom! Just head to adaymadebetter.com.au between now and 14 June to nominate your teacher.

• You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown: The University of Sydney Backstage Theatre Society by special invitation is bringing the much loved musical “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” to Cooma Little Theatre on the weekend of June 22 and 23. You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown is an uplifting fun-filled night of theatre that brings the beloved “Peanuts” comics to life on stage - and in song! Only three shows are being performed of this delightful family production – two special matinees on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at 1.30 pm and an evening performance on Saturday at 7.30 pm. Come along and bring your children to enjoy the thrill of live theatre. Tickets are available at the Cooma Visitors Centre.

• Relay For Life Cooma 26 & 27 October at the Showgrounds. Relay For Life is an overnight team walk that raises money to defeat cancer. It celebrates the fact that more people are surviving cancer today – thanks to the efforts of the Cancer Council and other similar bodies. This year the aim is to raise $50,000.00 towards cancer research and development of services in the Cooma-Monaro area. More information available at the Cooma Rotary Markets at Centennial Park on Sunday 16 June or call Beck on 0403 495 855. Registrations will be open online on Wednesday 29 May, so don’t forget to start getting your teams and supporters ready!