A positive school community is also developed by ensuring policies and practices are inclusive of all the school’s members. By building connections with, and between, staff, students, families and the community, members feel supported and connected. In turn, they are able to perform better in their roles and students’ academic, social and emotional needs are more likely to be met. Thanks to our facilitators Lou Mackay and Mike Introna for their leadership in the KidsMatter program.

NET Time Again!
This week the National Evangelisation Team (NET) is visiting us and doing daily workshops with each Secondary year group. The 5 dynamic young ambassadors have a truly inspirational message and method in showing us how to make our life more Christ-centred. Welcome to St Pat’s in 2012!

Nourish Launch a great success
The launch of our school recipe book NOURISH was a wonderful occasion last Friday evening. The atmosphere at Moontree in Vale Street, the music from STYPA, the delicious food, the outstanding student waiters and the inspirational words from author Melanie Avery made for a most successful and memorable evening. Congratulations to Erika Statham and the NOURISH Committee on the whole project. Have you got your copy of the book yet? It is sure to soon be a collectors’ item.

Welcome to the CEO Assistant Director
Next Wednesday, Mark Hogan, our CEO Assistant Director, will be making an official visit to the school and we extend a very warm welcome to him from the whole school community.

Good luck Vendulka!
It’s exciting to see our Year 9 student, Vendulka Wichta, as she progresses on to the next round in Prime TV’s X Factor! Good luck, Vendulka, in the next challenging round of the competition!

Good luck to our Southern Region Stage 3 Public Speakers next Tuesday and to our incoming Year 7 students on their first orientation day on Monday. Good luck KG and 1 Purple with your assemblies this week.

Please continue to pray for those members of the school community who have suffered recent sad losses or who are in ill health.

Phil Stubs
Principal
**Nourish Launch**

Last Friday we welcomed Award Winning Author Melanie Avery into our school. Melanie spent time with our Year 9 and 10 Food Technology students and provided our K-2 students with some great culinary delights. Our Stage 2 and 3 students learnt a lot about healthy eating habits.

The Nourish Cookbook launch took place at the Moontree on Friday evening 31 August. We welcomed around seventy people from our parental school community, staff, sponsors and local business along with past parents. The evening saw Melanie Avery speak on various aspects of food while stating our society today needs to go back to basics in terms of food preparation. We captured the journey of Nourish and how the committee shared a vision on how this was achieved.

We were treated to some wonderful music orchestrated by the musicians of STYPA, along with some scrumptious culinary delights from the recipes within Nourish. Thank you to our Year 9 Food Technology students who waitressed on the night, our P&F team, our chefs, Pam Fletcher, Rebecca Hain, Matthew Hemphill and Mick Schofield. A special thank you to the hosts Bob and Ann Smith who own Moontree.

Nourish can now be purchased at a number of food and retail businesses and the school office. The Nourish Committee thanks our sponsors and everyone who has been associated with this exciting project.

Catherine, Erika, Alison, Melissa, Margaret, Michelle and Elaine.

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**YEAR OF GRACE**

What exactly is asked of us in the Year of Grace. We (the Catholic Bishops of Australia) invite you to walk this journey with us in hope. We commit ourselves to:

- **pray daily** seeking the mind and heart of Jesus Christ
- **repent** for the areas in which we have failed individually and together
- **pursue the path of holiness** cultivating the gifts of the Spirit and seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus
- **seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit** so that the Church in Australia will be transformed by the power of Christ’s resurrection in our lives.

The Year of Grace is an invitation! Like any invitation it requires acceptance and action!

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**Secondary SRC Photo Competition**

Congratulations to all students who entered the competition and to the following students who won in each category. A special thank you to Clair Schofield and Louise Fletcher for organising the event. Judges and prizes donated by Schoos Studio. The photos will be on show in the library and the awards will be made at the Secondary end of term awards assembly.

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**Tournament of Minds**

**Secondary:** Congratulations to all of the students who competed in Tournament of Minds at the Australian National University last Sunday. All teams showed great perseverance, teamwork and creativity in reaching their challenge solutions. Our Secondary team 1 were successful in the Applied Technology division and will now progress to the ACT Territory final in two weeks time. Good luck to: Jessica Brown, Jasmine Bujalski, Emma Holgate, Charlie Keegan-Bull, Madeleine Rooney.

Written by Magdalene Shatrov and Angela Sullivan

**Primary:** On Sunday 2 September, students from St Pat’s Primary went to the Australian National University to compete against schools from the ACT in Tournament of Minds. We had 6 weeks to solve a problem by creating a play that went for ten minutes involving seven students. During this time we extended our thinking skills, gained confidence and practised teamwork and problem solving. We’d like to thank all parents and teachers who supported us. Even though we didn’t win, it was a worthwhile experience and we all had fun and learnt a lot.

Written by Molly Caldwell and Bas deRuijter.

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**Father’s Day Stall**

A big thank you to all the mothers who came in to help with the Father’s Day stall last Friday.

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**Assembly Invitation**

- KG Assembly – This Thursday 6 September 12:00pm start
- 1P Assembly – This Friday 7 September 12:00pm start
SUPER Theme Week 8 — “Courage”
Courage is doing what needs to be done, even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is needed to try new things. Courage is the strength in your heart. Without courage people would only do what is easy. With courage, you can face any situation. Courage helps you do great things!

• KG Chloe Hemphill — for the courage she demonstrates to stand up for her beliefs!
• 1P Toby Inskip — for his courageous attitude when he experiences an injury!
• 1O Safia Nassar — for courage to try new things, both at school and in extra activities outside of school!
• 2O Georgia Manning — for the courage she shows by standing up for what she believes in!
• 2P Leah Rogers — for the courage she displays when attempting new tasks that are challenging and having the talent of perseverance!
• 3O Thomas Hill — for showing the courage to make a change and improve in his school work!
• 3P Clayton Miners — for being cooperative when working in peer groups!
• 3G Jasmin Pascoe — for always displaying the courage to be herself and having the strength of character not to be influenced by her peers!
• Music/French - Damon Fanning — for showing courage in having a go, when speaking French!
• Library Joshua van Ommen - for his courage and perseverance when completing learning new skills!
• School Captains Darnel Bartlett — for having the courage to do what is right, even if his friends aren’t!

Well done Children!

Thank you to all parents for their support during book week. The children looked great in their costumes and the book fair was once again very successful. We were able to select books to the value of $550 for our library.

Glenyce Moxon

A Visit from Melanie Avery
On Friday 31 August, Melanie Avery visited the K-2 and 3-6 campuses to speak to us about healthy foods, junk food and preservatives. She shared stories about her own life and family.
K-2 made fruit kebabs and tried Melanie’s homemade hummus which tasted surprisingly delicious. The 3-6 students got to try some of Melanie’s Apricot and Coconut Balls.
She also talked about how some foods sold in Supermarkets have had chemicals added to make them taste and look better as well as make them stay fresh for years.

By Julia, Paris and Rylie (2P)

NUT FREE SCHOOL
As you may be aware, some of our students are highly allergic to nut products. Many of them may suffer life-threatening reactions when in contact with these products. Please remember this when preparing recess and lunch, as some students are bringing nut products such as Crunchy Peanut bars to school. Thank you.

P&F News

• Claim the date: Saturday 3 November is the date set for our much anticipated bush dance. The P&F is planning to hold an auction and a raffle. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a P&F representative.
• Have you seen the order form for your child’s personalised official school cap? This is a unique and limited edition offer. Order forms are due back to school Friday 14 September 2012.
• Don’t forget to drop us a line with any issues or to let us know that you can help with the bush dance. Please contact Heather: hwalker-broose@bigpond.com or Eva: tangles71@gmail.com

Hope you all have a good week!
Cheers the P&F team

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Glenyce Moxon
Week 39

Thursday 6 September
- Year 7 Youth Evangelisation Visit
- Year 10 Class Mass 10am
- Kinder Assembly 12pm (Cooma Ex-Services Club)
- Principal’s Retreat

Friday 7 September
- Year 8 Youth Evangelisation Visit
- 1P Assembly (Cooma Ex-Services Club)
- Principal’s Retreat

Saturday 8 September
- 40 Year School reunion (Cooma Ex-Services Club)

Monday 10 September
- Year 7 SPOT Day (orientation)
- Year 3 to 6 Numeracy Session 2Os classroom 4.00-5.00 pm

Tuesday 11 September
- Stage 3 Southern Region Public Speaking
- K-2 Numeracy Session 1Os classroom 5.30-6.30 pm

Wednesday 12 September
- CEO Assistant Director Mark Hogan visit 10am-2pm

Thursday 13 September
- CCC Athletics Homebush
- Poetry & Drama Workshops
- Year 9 Class Mass 9am
- Year 9 Geography Snowyhydro visit
- School Board Meeting 6.00 pm

Friday 14 September
- Writing workshop 9am
- Year 9 & 10 Drama workshop 9am

Saturday 16 September
- Tournament of Minds Territory Final

Tuesday 18 September
- Nursing Home visit 1.30pm
- K-6 Poetry and Drama Workshop
- Staff Development Day
- Students return to school Term 4

Friday 21 September
- K-6 Swimming
- School Registration
- School Board Meeting 6.00 pm

Sunday 21 September
- Eucharist (request of candidates) 6pm-7.30pm

Monday 22 September
- Eucharist (request of candidates) 10am-11.30am
- Spot Day (Year 7 Orientation)
- Eucharist 2nd Meeting (Homes)

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS
Thursday
Volunteer required

Friday
Catherine Pearce

FRIDAY MEAL DEAL: Homemade Nachos with Cheese and Salsa also a Drink of your choice - all this for only $5.00! THIS WILL BE THE ONLY CHOICE AVAILABLE TO BOTH PRIMARY AND INFANTS. If this choice is not suitable for your child, PLEASE contact me in the canteen.

UPDATED MENU and PRICE CHANGES: Due to increased food costs, I have had to make a few price changes. A new menu is currently being designed by Secondary students and a copy will be sent home with each family before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Around Town

- Cooma Little Athletics – Family Fun & Fitness: From 5 years old! Registration “Come & Try” Day to be held on Saturday 15 September at Snowy Oval from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Phone Lyn or Tom on 6452 1750 with any queries. The Season will start on Thursday 20 September.

- MAGIC (Multicultural Activity Group In Cooma) and Cooma TAFE are inviting people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds to attend a free course at TAFE on how to set up a small catering business. TAFE NSW Certificate I in Access to Work and Training, commencing on Friday 7 September and comprising of 10 sessions concluding on Wednesday 21 November at TAFE Cooma Campus. $50 deposit for uniform is required. For further information, phone Yvi on 0458 523 457 or email yvi.henderson@monarofss.ngo.org.au. For enrolments phone Rita 6452 0756 or email rita.brademann2@det.nsw.edu.au or Tracy 64520763 or email tracy.crompton1@det.nsw.edu.au

- Local Council Elections Cake Stall: Saturday 8 September at Cooma Lambie Street Pre-School Polling Station. Homemade cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, slices and hot Snowy Mountains Espresso coffee or tea after you vote! Funds raised will be used for the Cooma Lambie Street Pre-School building extensions. Your support is appreciated.

- Storytime at Cooma Library for pre-schoolers and babies. This Monday 10 September 10.30am, everyone is welcome for stories and craft to celebrate Spring. Come along! It’s fun and free. Storytime occurs monthly at 10.30am at Cooma Library. To sign up for our e-newsletter visit www.monaro.nsw.gov.au

- Capital Football Holiday Clinic: Registration includes 12 hours of instruction, new curriculum, clinic certificate, football poster, great facilities, drinks station, qualified coaches, maximum fun, football superstar comp, survivor tournament, derbystar football. For more information or to sign up visit http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/site/holidayclinics.php.