Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Pastoral Initiatives in the school context

Among the challenges in any school is the aim to develop awareness, skills and competencies in students that will stand by them throughout their lives. This is obviously the case with the academic focus which is targeted at developing problem-solving skills, knowledge and understandings that will provide a foundation for academic progress beyond the years children spend at school. The same can be said of a student’s spiritual development; we can provide the opportunity for faith development and a greater understanding of the place of Christ in our lives. However, in both of these examples we can only complement the enrichment and nurturing that comes from the home and family – the primary educators.

If there is not a value placed on learning and reading, for example, at home it is less likely that school alone can provide the motivation for a child to achieve their full potential. Likewise, if Jesus does not have a prominent place in our daily lives, particularly in the home, it is unlikely that the school alone can develop true faith in belief and practice in our students, no matter how well-resourced or committed we are.

The situation is the same with the social development of children; if there is an atmosphere of tolerance, discernment and acceptance of others, emanating from the home, it is much more likely that this will be evident in students at school as well. To support this, the school is pro-active in its pastoral programs which assist in developing social skills and awareness to support students throughout their lives.

Over coming weeks our K-10 Pastoral Coordinator, Lou Mackay, will outline some of the programs that are in place across the whole school and that are directly aimed at helping our students to cope with the pressures of modern living. This might be the ‘Cool Kids’ program in Primary or the ‘Youth Connections’ program in Secondary, the Kidsmatter mental health initiative, the Secondary Pastoral Days, the Seasons grief and loss program, the Cyberbullying sessions with the Police Media Liaison Unit or even the lunchtime yoga sessions and the after-school homework club.

Confirmation is fast approaching

Friday of next week (15th June) we will be celebrating the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation on the candidates who have been involved in a series of home meetings and classroom preparation for this milestone in their faith development. It will also provide an opportunity to farewell Bishop Pat Power on the eve of his retirement; he is a remarkable man who epitomises the message of Jesus in his daily life and his dealings with others.

Year 10 in the big smoke

A message from the supervising teachers late yesterday indicated that our Year 10 students were having a great time in Sydney on the first day of their 4 day excursion. Apparently the trip across the harbour on the Manly Ferry was a bit “lumpy” but no doubt all the other activities lined up for them will soon distract them. We wish them all the best for the remainder of this week and there will be a full report of their adventures in next week’s newsletter.

Good Luck!

What a busy time it is for mid-Term 2 as you can see below and our best wishes are passed to all students involved in these varied activities:

* Year 7 to 9 students as they complete their semester exams.
* 3 Orange with their assembly in the Club today.
* Our Stage Two public speakers at the Southern Region competition in Moruya on Friday.
* Our Sullivan Shield footballers in Canberra on Friday.
* Our Year 7 and 8 competitors in the ACT Da Vinci Decathlon on Thursday.
* The Year 10 Mock Trial team in Bega next Tuesday.

Enjoy your week.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
Shiralee Byrne, Ben Cooke, Harry Fletcher, Caitlin Galwey, Tina Harrison, Molly Jackson, Maegan McCraw, Ben McConkey, Sarah Milford, Harry Nichols, Chloe Walsh, Vasek Wichta and Brittany Zollinger travelled to Queanbeyan on Friday to participate in an environmental awareness day. Students participated in developing skills in video production, new science and technologies in recycling, composting, orienteering and team work. Students discovered that an excellent mix of composting materials in the correct ratio can generate a temperature of 70 degrees Celsius during decomposition. That is hot enough to cook an egg! Students were enthused and motivated to develop active environmental groups in their school communities.

The grace of God is often found in the big events of life – in the miracle of birth; the unity found in a community; in recovery from illness. We see the grace of God at work when people support each other through tragedy or through joy. Look for the grace of God at work in your life and give thanks with deep gratitude.

Welcome to the first ever K-6 photography competition. There is no skill needed to enter. Free to enter, so join in!!! All entries will be displayed. The photo competition is just for fun. If you participate, everybody is a winner!

Categories
- [Posed] get someone or something to pose for you
- [Creative] be creative
- [Life] take a picture of life /nature

All classes will have entry forms in their room. Photos must be submitted by Monday 19 June Week 9.

Thanks from the Primary SRC Photography Committee Josh McConkey, Sara Knott and Harrison Chong.

Students participated with great enthusiasm and displayed good sportsmanship at the Athletics Carnival last Friday. Full results will be posted in next week’s newsletter.
**Chook Lotto**

**Infants Chook Lotto**

- Mitchell Burke 1O - for listening during Maths Groups
- Eric Henderson 1P - for Looking and listening at assembly time
- Chloe Hemphill KG - for good listening

Well done everyone!

**SRC super awards**

**Theme ‘Gentleness’**

*Gentleness is using self-control, in order not to hurt or offend people. When you are gentle, people and things stay safe. You have to think about being gentle.*

- KG Mia-Jade Robson – for her gentle manner and kindness towards others!
- 1P Harriet Greville – for her gentleness towards others!
- 1O Matilda Joyce – for her caring nature and the gentle way she deals with and helps others!
- 2O Alli Reeve – for showing gentleness to her class mates!
- 2P Rachelle Roberts – for the gentleness she displays to others in the way she speaks and interacts with them!
- 3O Lily Ejuga – for her gentle manner with all students.
- 3P Emma Hopkin – for showing gentleness and care towards her peers when they are feeling lonely and sad!
- 3G Cheynae Hely – for making people feel safe and accepted by deciding to treat all others with a gentle attitude!
- Music/French Erin Dodd – for showing gentleness to those around her in French and Music!
- Library Tony Bitar – for his gentle caring nature when dealing with others!

Well done everyone!

**Parent Helpers Needed!**

We have some new Infants readers that are in need of covering with contact. If you are able to help out with this please contact Giovanna Davies at school on 64521721 or email giovanna.davies@cg.catholic.edu.au.

**Winter Jackets/Coats**

With the onset of the colder weather we are seeing a full range of coats/jackets, some of which are more fashion statements than a means of keeping warm. Plain, warm, black coats, without prominent logos or markings, are the stipulated winter uniform. Light weight cotton ‘hoodies’ are not part of the school uniform. They are to be worn over the School jumper, not instead of it. Your cooperation with this matter is appreciated.

**SRC QUOTE**

“Use a sweet tongue, courtesy and gentleness and thou mayst manage to guide an elephant by a hair.” — Sa’di

**P&F News**

- **Woolies Earn and Learn** – Don’t forget to collect the stickers and fill in the cards. Completed cards can be sent to the school office.
- **Clothing Pool** – Don’t forget to make use of the clothing pool! There are loads of items for sale at very reasonable prices and all the clothes are in great condition. Please phone Ruby 6452 2092 or Michelle 6452 3605 to arrange a meeting time or drop me an email and I can pass it on.
- **Thanks to Karen and Mark McGufficke** – for all the shelves donated to both the P&F and to the school. These will be very handy for storage in both the P&F shed and the school sports shed.
- **Stay tuned next week for an update from our P&C meeting held on 5 June. We will have some information about upcoming fundraisers once details are finalised after this meeting.**

Don’t forget to drop us an email with any issues you may have or to let us know you can help - email hwalkerbroose@bigpond.com

Cheers the P&F Team…
WHAT'S ON

Thursday 7 June
Year 10 Sydney Excursion
Exams Years 7 and 9
Year 7 & 8 da Vinci Decathlon
2O Parish Mass 10.00 am

Friday 8 June
Stage 3 Sullivan Shield Round 1
Stage 2 Southern Region Public Speaking (Moruya)

Monday 11 June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 12 June
Mock Trial Vs Bega High at Bega Courthouse
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30 pm in the Church

Wednesday 13 June
Confirmation practice in the Church 9.30 am

Thursday 14 June
3O Parish Mass 10.00 am

Friday 15 June
Poetry and Drama Workshop
2O Assembly at the Cooma Ex-Services Club 12.00 pm
Farewell for Bishop Power 3.30pm
Confirmation 6.30 pm

Saturday 16 June
Rostrum Public Speaking 1/4 finals

Monday 18 June
Year 7 & 8 Debating Finals
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Wednesday 20 June
Kinder 2013 Information Evening

Thursday 21 June
3G Parish Mass 10.00 am
Open Classrooms K-2 10.00 am to 11.00 am
7-10 Rugby League

Friday 22 June
Poetry and Drama Workshop
1O Assembly at the Cooma Ex-Services Club 12.00 pm

Sunday 24 June
Confirmation Celebration Mass

Wednesday 27 June
Year 10 Taste of TAFE Day

Thursday 28 June
Stage 3 Sullivan Shield Round 2
School Board Meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 29 June
K-6 Cottee’s Soccer
Last day Term 2

Monday 16 July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 17 July
Students return for Term 3

Friday 20 July
Day 1 Secondary Skiing

Monday 23 July
Tournament of Minds Challenge

Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 July
Interschool skiing at Perisher

Thursday 28 to Friday 29 July
K-6 Ski Program

Friday 27 July
Day 2 Secondary Skiing

Canteen News

Volunteers
Thursday- Kim Kleven
Friday - TBC

- FRIDAY MEAL DEAL is Hotdog with sauce/Calipo or Lemonade Icy pole/Chips and 3 fruit sticks...All this for $5.00!!! This is the ONLY choice available to both Primary and Infants on Friday. A reminder that the whole menu is available on any other day of the week. If you have any suggestions or thoughts regarding Meal Deals please do not hesitate to call me on 04046763375.

- We were very fortunate to be given a new fridge as part of the deal for adding OAK milk to our product line. This is a great new feature in the canteen!

- Thank you to Anna and Grant for your help at the Secondary Athletic. The canteen would not operate as well as it does without my amazing parent volunteers. Thank you again for continued support.

Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Around Town

- WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES: 20-22 July at Douglas Park, NSW. Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: www.wwme.org.au.

- COOMA NORTH PRESCHOOL 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: On the 27 October this year Cooma North Preschool will be celebrating its 60th Birthday. We are planning to celebrate our 60th Birthday with both a day and night event on Saturday 27 October. Current Cooma North Preschool Director Narelle Avis said “we are looking for past students, staff, families and committee members that would like to be a part of the celebrations. We are also looking for volunteers that can help organise the events.” Pavers can be purchased from the Preschool at a price of $35 each, orders must be completed no later than Friday 29 June 2012. If you would like to be part of the celebrations, volunteer to help organise the event and/or purchase a commemorative paver please contact the Preschool during school hours on 6452 1198.

- COOMA TAFE SEMESTER 2 COURSES: Visit or phone the Cooma Campus 6452 0756 or 6452 0764 for information about courses available in Semester 2. Classes start mid July.

- COOMA CHAMPS TENNIS CAMPS: Wednesday 4 to Thursday 5 July and Wednesday 11 to Thursday 12 July. Call Tom 0404 838 049 to book.

- POSSUM’S NOOK FUN CAMP: Horse Mad? Then join our fun school holiday camps. Learn to ride or improve. Have lots of fun too! For ages 5-16 years – beginners or experienced. Six days & nights email: possumsnook@activ8.net.au Phone Kerry or Brian 02 6453 6236 Fax: 02 6453 6232