Great Road Safety News for St Patrick’s

Yesterday afternoon I received a copy of a press release from the Member for Monaro, John Barilaro MP, which states in part:

“I’m very pleased to announce that St Patrick’s Parish School in Cooma will receive flashing lights as part of the NSW Government’s announcement of an additional 160 regional schools to receive flashing lights… Flashing lights slow motorists down around schools and warn them they are approaching a school – this is great news for St Patrick’s Parish School….. The lights will be installed on Murray Street and Cromwell Street and will operate automatically between 8 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and 4 pm on school days during term time…. The rollout of the additional flashing lights in country school zones will start next month…”

This is certainly exciting news in terms of enhancing student, staff and general pedestrian safety at critical times of the day. It vindicates our efforts in approaching Council at a public forum last year and lobbying of the previous Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, and the current Member, John Barilaro. Combined with our efforts which resulted in the raised pedestrian crossing being installed in Murray Street we can never be complacent about student safety in a school zone.

In emphasising this I must again express our gratitude to the Council Ranger, Phil Hindmarch, who helps supervise the Vale Street crossing each morning in such a positive and diligent manner. He constantly states that his interaction with our students is the highlight of his day, at the same time that he reminds motorists of their legal obligations in a school crossing zone.

Southern Region Principals’ Conference

We are privileged today and tomorrow to be hosting this important gathering of principals from the Catholic schools throughout the southern part of the Archdiocese. Also in attendance will be 9 staff members from the Catholic Education Office in Canberra. In particular we welcome our Director, Moira Najdecki, and our Assistant Director, Mark Hogan.

The meeting presents an opportunity for a collegial focus on current educational and administrative developments and requirements throughout the Archdiocese and beyond.

Our thanks go to our P&F for their organisation of the catering for the conference.

Catholic Schools Week last week

Thank you to those people who came along to visit the school last week as part of Catholic Schools Week. Enrolments are already coming in for 2013 and I would encourage all interested parents to collect an enrolment pack from the office as soon as possible. We will be having open classrooms and orientation visits in Terms 3 and 4 for both Primary and Secondary enrolments.

NAPLAN next week

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been busy preparing for their NAPLAN tests which will be taking place next week from Tuesday to Thursday. A detailed letter has been sent home to relevant families with information about the tests and we wish our students all the best as they sit for tests in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Results of our students’ NAPLAN performances will be available in Term 3.

Congratulations to our Age Champions in the Primary Athletics Carnival and the Secondary Cross Country. Our Interschools Gymkhana competitors were great ambassadors for the school as well as gaining some outstanding results at Dalgety last week. Congratulations to our Year 7 debaters who won their debate in Canberra on Monday evening and we congratulate Zac Saddler on achieving his personal best time at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships at Homebush.

Don’t forget our Secondary homework club which will be offered each Thursday after school until 4.30 pm. Our Secondary Pastoral Days are aimed at having a significant impact on developing the interpersonal skills of students in each of the year groups. Year 10 has completed a very worthwhile focus day as has Year 8 today with Tony Nassar generously giving his time to facilitate the sessions. Year 9 has their Pastoral Day on 18 May; the area of relationships and appreciating differences are key elements of these days.

Thanks to Lou Mackay for organising these initiatives.

Please continue to pray for those members of the school community who are unwell.

Phil Stubbs
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Permission forms and the $5.00 entry fee for the Maths Competition need to be returned by this Friday. For more information regarding the competition, contact Kevin Dunne at the school on 6452 1721.

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If you can help with the stalls, please phone Rebecca Hain on 0414 709 301. Thank you for your support.

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BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS is a parenting program for those wishing to enhance their parenting skills.

This program will help:
- build positive relationships with your children
- assist with managing children’s difficult behaviour
- help reduce stress so that you can have more fun with your family and enjoy your children as they grow and develop into cooperative and confident children

Cost: Free
Date: Beginning 22 May and running for 4 consecutive weeks
When: Tuesdays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

For further information contact Merridee on 6261 1000 or 0448 838 970 or Sue-Anne on 6452 3450.

Infants
- 1 Orange: Emily Smith for helping put the school mats away at lunch.
- K Green: Darcy Brown for making a great owl model.
- 1 Purple: Ryan Pielli for listening carefully at assembly.

Primary
- Molly Janota 3G - for pride in her work.
- Alli Reeve 2O - for mother’s day stall gift.
- Jasmin Pascoe 3G - for being responsible.

Well done!!

Chook Lotto

SRC QUOTE
“The difference between determination and stubborn-ness is that one comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won’t!”

SRC super awards
Theme ‘Determination’
Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn’t easy. Without determination things don’t get done. Finish what you start. If obstacles come up, deal with them and get back on track.

Congratulations to the following students who have shown determination in all areas:
- KG Kyle Ilitch and Erin Alexander
- 1P Shelley Kleven and Lilly Janota
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- Music/French – Cheynae Hely and Shelly Kleven
- Library Colin Kingston and Rhys Freebody

Nourish Cookbook competition. Congratulations to all the winners from Kindergarten to Year 6. (Please note: the winners from the Secondary Campus and the staff member winner will be announced in two week’s time.)

- Kindergarten: 1st Angus Wood, 2nd Chloe Hemphill
- Stage 1: 1st Lochlain Hemphill and Clara Thornton, 2nd Olave Wilkinson, Lilly Janota and George Jacob
- Stage 2: 1st Nowell Utrush and Allie Reeve, 2nd Julia Bottom and Hamish Bottom
- Stage 3: 1st Molly Janota, Josie Platts and Tim Bottom, 2nd Miranda McGufficke and Ryan Birch

We encourage families, carers and our local community to take advantage of the ‘Early Bird Special’ at the exclusive price of $20.00 per book up until 29 June 2012. After this, ‘Nourish’ will retail for $30.00. Please pre-order NOW to avoid missing out!

Download the Pre-order form: http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pfformsandnotes.html or contact any of our Sales Promoters: Erika Statham 0400 787398, Melissa Giuliani 0429 993440 or Alison Hemphill 0466 850723. Completed pre-order forms and payment can be left at the School Office.

Please ensure that you add your bank account holder surname and the number of books you are ordering when making direct debit payments. We still require a completed Pre-order form to be left at the School Office or handed to one of the Sales Promoters stated on the form.

We are grateful to Allianz Insurance, our major sponsor, who is providing $7150 to assist in producing this fantastic cookbook and also to all our local food producers and retailers who are advertising and supporting our school and your children.

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P&F NEWS
- Volunteers needed tomorrow 10 May for the Southern Region Principal’s Meeting. If you can help at morning tea or lunch or provide a slice, please contact Karen on 0417 496 708 or Eva on 0413 555 565.
- Mothers Day Stall Friday 11 May. Please send in your gifts so we can have a bumper stall. HELPERS needed from 9 am. If you can help for an hour or so, please give Rebecca Hain a call on 0414 709 301 or email srhain@bigpond.net.au.
- Class Liaison Parents – MORE HELP NEEDED!! Please send an email if you are able to help out.

If you have any issues or to let us know you can help, email hwalkerbroose@bigpond.com.

Cheers the P&F Team...
Asthma

Part 2 ... Ten things to tell your Doctor
1. How often your child has symptoms of asthma.
2. Any changes to your child’s asthma that have happened since the last visit. If you think the preventer is/is not working, tell your doctor this.
3. What things trigger asthma symptoms in your child, and if your child has asthma symptoms when exercising or doing activity.
4. If your child has days off school or your child is limited in the activity they can do because of asthma.
5. How often your child needs to use reliever asthma medication.
6. If you have trouble remembering to give your child’s preventer medication regularly.
7. If you have difficulty giving the medication to your child (ie using the device that has been prescribed).
8. If your child is using any other medications or treatments, including complementary (non-medical) treatments.
9. If your child uses a peak flow meter and you have a record of readings, or if you keep a diary of asthma symptoms – show this to the doctor.
10. If you are worried about your child’s asthma. Find a doctor who can help you by explaining how you should manage your child’s asthma and who can answer your questions. If you are not happy with your doctor, ask friends if they have someone they could recommend.

St Patrick’s Parish School Cooma is an ‘Asthma Friendly’ School.