Dear St Patrick’s Community

This week builds towards a number of important events.

**Year 10**, freshly returned from their Sydney trip, were invited to have a taste of senior high school. They visited St Mary MacKillop College, Tuggeranong. Yesterday they traveled by bus, kindly subsidised by the College and undertook a day of studies with the senior students. Their enrolment interviews are fast approaching; next Tuesday the MacKillop team will be meeting students and their parents in the Parish Centre for their appointments.

**Confirmation candidates** are completing the final preparation for the sacrament with their fourth home meeting this week.

**Years 7 to 9** will have the opportunity to reflect on the ‘jigsaw’ of life’s choices this week when they see the Motivational Media presentation.

On Friday we are very excited to welcome Grandparents and Grandfriends to St Patrick’s and we will be holding the very first forum about learning with them before they visit classrooms and see learning in action.

Then, on Friday evening, we have the **beautiful and inspirational showcase of artwork**. It will be a lovely evening of good food, a shared drink and live music. Your ticket is waiting for you at the Office or The Fabric Salon for just $15. If you miss this opportunity, the doors will be open again on Saturday. Please accept the invitation to see your child’s artwork and the work of outside artists (one of whom is featured in the newsletter).

I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

Frances Robertson
Principal
A message from the AP’s Desk...

This week Year 10 visited St Mary MacKillop College for their senior studies experience. The next stage is preparing for their enrolment interviews. The students will be given a reflection journal booklet to consider different aspects of senior studies. Some of the questions in the booklet include:

1. I want to enrol into Year 11 at St Mary MacKillop College because:
2. My academic goals for the next two years are:
3. My other goals for my senior years are (Sport, personal achievements, cultural activities):
4. I am aware that the College has a religious dimension which includes RE classes, liturgies and retreats. I am comfortable with this because:
5. My academic strengths in Year 10 are:
6. The challenges that have been identified in my academic program to this point are:
7. And I have done the following to address them:
8. I have made the following special achievements:
9. I need to further develop the following attitudes, behaviours and responsibilities as I enter Year 11:
10. My priorities for the next two years are:
11. The importance of part-time work and family responsibilities in relation to my studies are:

All of these are asking students to accept more responsibility and to consciously make decisions. This is important, regardless of where the students are studying for their final two years of formal schooling. This growing autonomy is an important pathway to adulthood. Naturally, Mrs Robertson and the staff at St Patrick’s are very happy to support students in their subject choices and provide relevant information where it is appropriate. We are looking forward to these conversations.

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

Come to the St Patrick’s Art Show this Friday and Saturday. Held on the Primary campus and open to the whole community.
Canteen News

Keeley White from Year 10, guest reporter for the Canteen News:
“This week in the canteen, everyone is excited because Ms Blyton is cooking home-made sausage rolls and they are really yummy. She has also put on display for us a poster to show how much sugar is in the drinks that we are drinking away from school. It is fun to work in the canteen with Ms Blyton, and she is very patient with me when I drop grated carrot all over the floor!”

Thank you to all of Infants and Primary families who have participated in the Canteen Survey. If you haven't already completed it, please send in the paper form which was sent home last week or you can complete the survey online: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H9BHN7J

If there are any questions about the survey or the online link doesn't work, please don't hesitate to contact me. The survey for the Secondary students will go out soon.

Volunteers:
Wednesday 10/6, 10am Kim Kleven
Wednesday 10/6, 1.15pm Mini-Canteen Howard & volunteer needed
Thursday 11/6, 10am volunteer needed
Friday 12/6, 10am volunteer needed
Wednesday 17/6, 10am Kelly Gill
Wednesday 17/6, 1.15pm Mini-Canteen Kelly & Marjorie
Thursday 18/6, 10am Jackie Bitar  Friday 19/6, 10am Chris Haylock

This Friday’s Special: Home-made Sausage Roll $2.
Add anything else from the menu too! As we head towards the end of Term, I will try to keep everything in stock, if not, I will substitute the item you have ordered for something as close as possible. Thanks for your understanding.

Please remember that you can order ANYTHING from the menu on a Friday, not just the special or meal deal.

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager
The Grandparents and Grandfriends of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to come to St Patrick’s on Friday 12 June.

We invite you to bring the students to school and we will gather for the morning assembly on the Primary quad at 9.05am. You will see the weekly awards being given out.

Then, we are inviting all Grandparents and Grandfriends to come to the Parish Centre for a shared morning tea and discussion about learning at St Patrick’s. We want to hear your opinions! This important conversation will be recorded by the senior students, and it will contribute to the overall planning for the next year.

There is then an opportunity to visit the classrooms with the children and have lunch together. You can turn back the clock and order a canteen lunch. Ask your grandchild what they could recommend for you! Drop the order in the canteen box at the morning assembly.

We will be finished at approximately 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you.

Secondary Extended Homeroom

Things your child now knows and things you need to know!

During this term in extended Homeroom, secondary students have been given the opportunity to learn about elements relating to their schoolwork and society that aren’t necessarily addressed in class. Students have watched presentations about staying organised, cyberbullying and how to stay safe online. They have also put their organisational skills into practise by adding important dates for May and June from the school’s calendar into their school planner as well as details about upcoming assessment tasks.

Student planners are checked and signed every week by Homeroom teachers. Students are also asked that their parents/guardians sign their planners each week, as planners are an important means of communication between teachers and parents/guardians. If you haven’t seen or signed your child’s planner recently could you please make the effort to do so each week. By working with us in encouraging your child to develop their organisational skills and use their planner, we are helping them develop a valuable lifelong skill.
ST. PATRICK’S PARISH SCHOOL PRESENTS

Inspired by Others

ART SHOW

OPENING NIGHT - Friday, June 12
Canapés, Music by Stypa Snowy Mountains Quartet
This is an evening for Adults (only)
6.30pm - 9.30pm - Primary Campus, Vale St.

ALL WELCOME - Saturday, June 13
Gold Coin Donation - BBQ Lunch Available
10am - 2pm - Primary Campus, Vale St.
An important presentation for Year 9 students

On Friday 19 June 2015, students in Year 9 will be attending a healthy relationships presentation at Monaro High School. The presentation will be delivered by Anj Barker who experienced a destructive relationship at the age of 16. Supported by Mission Australia, Anj will deliver an anti-violence message, empowering others to say ‘no’ to violence, by advocating respectful relationships. Following a question and answer session students will be given the opportunity to debrief with students from other schools during a BBQ lunch.

Students will be conveyed by bus to the Monaro High School Hall and will be brought back to St Patrick’s at the conclusion of the presentation and BBQ. Thanks to supporting organisations, there will be no cost to students.

Some beautiful artwork that will be for sale at the Art Show this week – don’t miss the opportunity to see this!

Sue Dyde is a contemporary artist from the Riverina and you can visit her website on www.suedyde.com.au. Some of her beautiful artwork will be for sale.

Other artists will also be featuring and their work will be displayed in what is currently the Yr 6 room, next to the Library.
Rostrum Public Speaking

Last Thursday evening, students from Year 6 represented the school at the regional Rostrum public speaking competition. They were impressive and well prepared speeches. Sam Rumball and Lucy Kamenz both spoke about aspects of the ANZAC tradition, highlighting the personal cost of war on both people and the animals.

Sullivan Shield Round 1

Last Wednesday Stage 3 boys competed in the first round of the Sullivan Shield (the longest running Primary schools’ Rugby league competition in Canberra). All the boys represented our school and themselves with pride, showing sportsmanship and great team spirit. Thank you to all those parents who helped transport, encouraging, applauding, commiserating and warming our players.

A special thank you goes to Paul Dyball for coaching. Paul gave the boys confidence and skills, as well as ensuring that they have fun whilst being competitive. We also appreciate the efforts of Jodie Pendergast who washed the jerseys.

Our St Patrick’s team played 4 games.
Game 1: St Patrick’s 14 – Richardson/Theodore 14
Game 2: St Patrick’s 36 – Gordon 0
Game 3: St Patrick’s 6 – Queanbeyan Public 8
Game 4: St Patrick’s 16 – Wanniassa 10

Thoughts from our players:
“Defensively, we had a big improvement from Harry Nichols shield.” – James Dyball
“I was proud of our team work and sportsmanship.” – Lachlan McGufficke
“Next time I will notice where the dead ball line is.” – Aidan Childs
“I enjoyed meeting students from other schools.” – Luca Henderson
“I think we all played well as a team.” – Tristan Revelant
“I enjoyed the fact that there weren’t any arguments and everyone played fairly.” – Sam Williams
“I liked the opportunity that we were given to play footy.” – Jack O'Donnell
“I enjoyed that no one got upset with someone if they weren’t as skilled as them.” – River Wilkinson

As a result of this, St Patrick’s is now playing for the Sullivan Shield in Pool A. This is a great achievement. We wish them good luck on Wednesday 17 June.

Mike Introna
Organising Teacher
5I Assembly

5I really enjoyed their assembly last Friday. Thank you for being a fabulous audience. Thank you also to all our parents, grandparents and friends who came to support us. Here are some thoughts about our assembly from 5I.

'I thought our assembly was well organised, fun and creative.’ - Isabelle, Shelley, Remi & James

'Our assembly was exciting.’ - Shelley

'I liked how we could be creative with our input which made us own our assembly.’ - Tom, River, Kennedy, Koby, Riley, Wayne & Brianna

'I liked how our assembly was a mix of humour, calmness and information.’ – Jack

'I was a bit worried at the start, but in the end I wanted to do it again.’ - Ava

"I think it was good because it didn’t matter if you made a mistake.’ – Zane, Matilda & Lachlan

'I thought Molly’s poem was cool.’ – Riley

'I like the way we worked together.’ – Neeve, Sam & Paloma

'I liked how Molly was brave to sing in front of everyone.’ - Millie

'I thought our assembly was marvellous because we took our parts seriously.’ – Lochlan

"I liked the song we sang, ‘Hands’ by Jewell.” – Joshua

'I liked our optimistic attitude we had towards our assembly, this made it more fun.” – Emily

Need a bike?

We are selling these bikes and the money raised will go to charity. They are suitable for a Secondary student.
See Mrs Robertson if you are interested.
Are you coming to the ART SHOW on the 12 and 13 of June? Invite a family member or friend to join you.

The plans for the Art Show are all happening! Thank you to the parents who came on Thursday for the mounting working bee. It was very successful and we got a lot of work done as well as a lot of chatting!

Keep those odd socks coming in.....all will be revealed at the Art Show!

Thank you to the generous families who have donated prizes for the Art Show Raffle. Each family will be given a booklet of 10 raffle tickets. We are asking each family to sell the tickets.

There is one booklet of 10 raffle tickets. Please write a name and phone number on all tickets sold.

Sold & unsold tickets need to be returned to St Patrick’s Parish School by **Friday 12 June by 9am**.

Please place sold & unsold tickets with cash into an envelope clearly marked ‘2015 Art Show Raffle’ with your child’s name.

If you are able to sell more raffle tickets please contact the school office or email Emma Hill, emmahill@cg.catholic.edu.au and some more tickets can be sent home with your child.

**Tickets $1 each**

**PRIZES:**

1st Prize: Pambula Beach Big 4 Discovery Park – accommodation package $150

2nd Prize: Ladies Pamper Pack

3rd Prize: 10 x bales Lucerne hay/5 x bales oaten hay (good quality horse hay) $150

4th Prize: 1 x load wood $100 and a Fire lighting Pack

5th Prize: Gardening pack 10 x bags manure, Mitre 10 Gardening Centre voucher and Gardening items.

6th Prize: BBQ Pack - Bread voucher $30.00, Frank’s Butchery meat voucher $25.00, BBQ essentials

7th Prize: Pet Pack – A pet food Voucher from South East Rural and Cooma Pet Shop

8th Prize: Roses Restaurant – Voucher $30.00

9th Prize: Feed Café – Cooma – Voucher $30.00

**Conditions Apply**

Thank you to the generous St Patrick’s families and local businesses who have donated prizes.

**DRAWN: Monday 15 June at 1.00 pm**

Thank you in anticipation for your help.

The Art Show Committee
Teddy Bear's Picnic
for adults & children
Bring a rug or chair to sit on
Games to play
Enjoy lollies and fruit

11am, 21 June
at Rotary Markets in Centennial Park

Judging at 11.30am
Prizes: 5 different categories

biggest bear
oldest bear
smallest bear
most worn bear
cutest bear