Dear parents, staff and students

There was a change in the air over the long weekend. The snowmen signs have gone up, the cafes and restaurants were busier and we have to be more patient crossing the main roads in Cooma. According to one ski hire operator, last weekend was one of the busiest on record. Let's hope this trend continues and that this ski season provides a real boost to business across the region.

Our staff continue to provide amazing opportunities for our students, despite this time of year being our busy semester reporting period. Students have had the chance to go to the Southern Region Public speaking, Sullivan Shield Rugby League and of course the Year 10 Sydney trip over the past week. All these events require a huge amount of organisation from staff, both in terms of the event itself and leaving interesting and challenging lessons for the students in their classes. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank all staff for their commitment to providing a range of educational, sporting and social experiences for our students.

Year 7 – 9 examinations
I would like to commend the students in Years 7 to 9 for their concentration, cooperation and diligence during semester exams. For many Year 7 students this was possibly the first time they had experienced exam conditions consistently over a few days. Thank you for creating an examination environment that enabled all students to achieve their best.

Year 9 students are a picture of concentration during the recent exams.

Ski Program 2012
Teachers are currently in the process of organising the ski programs for term 3. We have had a wonderful response for our K-2 ski program, so this year St Patrick’s will offer skiing from K-10. Unfortunately there has been a slight increase in cost for the Secondary Ski program. This is due to the new legal requirement that students must have a morning lesson.

New Computers
St Patrick’s would like to thank Boyce Financial Services and Snowy Hydro (especially Heather Walker-Broose) for donating laptops and computer monitors to our school. These will be used to provide teachers and students with better access and enjoyment of ICT at school.

Confirmation
This Friday is a special day in the spiritual life of several students, as they receive the sacrament of confirmation. Confirmation for Catholics "perfects" the bond with the Church, a bond made at baptism. All are welcome to attend the celebration at 6:30 pm.

Farwell Bishop Pat
At 3:30 pm this Friday there will be a farewell for Bishop Pat in the Parish centre. A recent article in the Catholic Voice highlights the passion Bishop Pat has for social justice and helping the marginalised in society. Even in retirement he speaks of reaching out to the good people who no longer feel at home in the life of the Church. The St Patrick’s community wishes Bishop Pat a fulfilling and restful retirement, hopefully with a Rabbitohs Grand Final win in the near future.

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal
Girls Oztag
On Friday 8 June, 2 girls Oztag teams competed at the Sullivan Shield Oztag competition at Kambah Playing Fields in Canberra. It was a great day and we had lots of fun while cooperating and bonding with our teams. Team 1 won all their games and team 2 won two of their 4 games. Well done to both teams for trying their best and having a go!! We are looking forward to the next round on Thursday 28 June.

Written by Molly Janota and Maisie Ward

Sullivan Shield
Well done to the boys’ Rugby League team. The boys had 3 wins, 1 draw and a loss. The boys played well and should be proud of their effort. Congratulations for your team spirit and sportsmanship.

Thanks to Andy Hayden for driving the bus and the parents for your constant support and encouragement for all the students in all the games.

Mr Introna

Secondary Athletics
On the first day of winter the Secondary campus held their athletics carnival in perfect conditions. It was great to see so many students competing and the rivalry between the four houses was fantastic.

Congratulations to this year’s age champions:

12 years Penny Fletcher and Matthew Chelin
13 years Annagh Weston and Zac Saddler
14 years Jazmin Fely and Charlie Keegan-Bull
15 years Meg Bracher and Joshua Steinke
16 years Gabrielle de Rooy and Daniel Towning

Four students broke records this year. Congratulations to Jozeph Nassar, Penny Fletcher, Matthew Chelin and Dylan van Gemert. The winning house by 18 points for secondary was Aqua, followed by Caelum in second and Terra in third.

A very big thank you to the parents and grandparents who offered their time on the day to help run the various events and to those who came along to support their children. Good luck to all students competing in the Archdiocesan Athletics Championships in Canberra in August.

Tim Lawley

Southern Region Public Speaking
Well done to Jake Galvin, Brooke Tangye, Julia Davies and Hugo Steiner who are pictured holding their certificates following the Southern Region Public speaking competition held in Moruya last Friday.
Woolies Earn and Learn – Don’t forget to collect the stickers and fill in the cards. You can drop the cards into the school office when they are full.

P&F Meeting – Thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting. It was great to see some new faces! Some wonderful fundraising ideas are being explored. Stay tuned for an update over the next few weeks.

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Cheers the P&F Team…

S SRC Primary Photography Competition
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.

Infants
• KG Erin Alexander—for listening well.
• 1Orange Luke Fely—for reading well in groups.
• 1Purple—for working hard to listen respectfully.

Well done children!

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 super awards
Week 8 Theme ‘Doing your best’
• KG Grace Commons—for trying her best to be neat and careful with her work!
• 1P Mitchell Reid—for trying his best in reading and writing!
• 1O Joshua Hely—for doing his best to consistently complete and return his homework!
• 2O Hudson Laird—for doing his best in all Maths lessons!
• 2P Lachlan McGufficke—for always doing his best in class, even when tasks are challenging!
• 3O Damian Fletcher—for always trying to do his best in all Key Learning Areas. Well done Damian!
• 3P Jasmin Statham-Smith—for doing her best in Public Speaking!
• 3G Molly Caldwell—for doing her best, by striving to make each task a better standard and for ensuring our playground is a safe and enjoyable place to be!
• Music/French AnnaLiese Buckley—for always striving to do her best in French and Music!
• Library Emmilee Reid—for always doing her best in Library time!

Congratulations.

SRC QUOTE
“What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do”

At the end of May Jozeph Nassar of Year 9 travelled to Bathurst as a member of the Canberra Goulburn Open Boys Football team. Jozeph and the team played 5 games of football over two days against students as old as 18 from across New South Wales. The team played exceptionally well against some stronger teams, winning one game 1-0, but going down in the other four. Canberra Goulburn finished 5th in Division 2 for the competition. Jozeph loved having the opportunity to play against such skilled players and is looking forward to next years competition.

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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

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Wednesday 26 July
Year 10 Taste of TAFE Day

Thursday 27 July
Stage 3 Sullivan Shield Round 2
School Board Meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 28 July
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

Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 July
Interschool skiing at Perisher

Thursday 28 July
K-6 Ski Program

Friday 27 July
Day 2 Secondary Skiing
K-6 Ski Program
3G Assembly 12.00 pm at the Cooma Ex-Services Club

Monday 30 July
K-6 Ski Program

Tuesday 31 July
K-6 Ski Program
K-2 Peter Rabbit Theatre Production in Canberra
Reconciliation meeting in the Church 6.30 pm

Wednesday 1 August
Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 2 August
3-10 Australian Mathematics Competition
Year 10 Careers Expo in Canberra
2G Assembly 12.00 pm at the Cooma Ex-Services Club

Friday 3 August
Day 3 Secondary Skiing

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August
Reconciliation Request for Candidates this weekend’s masses

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS

• If you are able to spare a couple of hours on Thursday or Friday to help in the canteen, please let me know either through the office or my mobile 0406 763 375. Thank you!

• FRIDAY MEAL DEAL is Lasagna or Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic bread and 1 lolly....the cost is $5.00! Yummy Winter warmer!!! This is the ONLY choice available to both Primary and Infants.

• Reminder - ALL DRINKS are $2.00.

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

Around Town

• SATURDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP: The Australian Breastfeeding Association and Family Support Service are offering a Saturday Morning Playgroup at Family Support Service in Cooma on 16 June, 14 July and 11 August from 10.00 am to 12 noon at 59A Vale Street Cooma (between the Library and Medicare Office).

• 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

• 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.

• COOMA AUSKICK SEASON 2012: Snowy oval 9.30 to 10.45 am Saturday 23 June for children 5-12 years. Learn ball skills, make new friends, gain confidence and have a heap of fun. Program runs for 5 weeks with final session being an Auskick half -time game at Manuka oval in the AFL game between Melbourne Demons and GWS Giants on 18 August. For more information visit www.coomacats.sportingpulse.net or call Stuart 0422 496 400.