Dear Parents, Staff and Students

NAPLAN under way
Commencing yesterday and continuing through today and tomorrow the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is under way for our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The focus of each year group was very commendable as they approached the papers in Language Conventions, Writing and Reading, with Numeracy being done tomorrow. We have emphasised the need for all students to do their best in all the papers as we are able to analyse the results in great detail to determine areas of future teaching and learning focus.

In recent days there has been the predictable polarisation in society about the value of national testing, but if we put NAPLAN in the broader context of the education that we offer at St Patrick’s it is but one element that allows our students to work towards achieving their potential.

Confirmation Sacramental Program
Our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation were presented at last weekend’s Masses as they continue on their journey towards the conferral of the sacrament on Friday 15th June. The support of each candidate’s family is integral to the preparation for Confirmation and our prayers are with each of the students and their families. Our thanks go to Lou Mackay as the Sacramental Program coordinator, the Stage 3 classroom teachers and Father Paul.

Secondary Campus development plans a step closer
On Monday this week we were visited by Jeff Yates from the CEO’s Planning and Infrastructure Section as well as Garry Dutailis from Dutailis Architects (who designed the renovations and refurbishments on the Primary Campus). They are in the process of developing a concept plan for the Secondary Campus which is now in urgent need of upgrading to ensure a 21st Century teaching and learning environment. Once the concept plan is completed there will be an opportunity for discussion and input from the school community. The intention will be to maximise the use of available land within the campus boundaries without compromising the available recreation area, at the same time that we meet compliance requirements, taking into account aspect, access and future expansion options.

Mothers’ Day Stall
The excitement seen on the faces of many of our Primary students as they deliberated over ‘what to buy Mum’ was a highlight of the stall last Friday. No doubt lots of mums were suitably overwhelmed with the gifts and love that they were showered with last Sunday. Thanks to Rebecca Hain and her band of willing helpers who coordinated the stall.

Southern Region Primary Cross Country
Parent helpers, transporters and supporters were the cornerstone of this annual event held last week at Cobargo to encourage our large contingent of student participants. Congratulations to all the competitors who tried their hardest on what was regarded as a rather challenging course. Thank you also to the accompanying teachers.

Congratulations to our Year 8 students for the spirit in which they participated in their Pastoral Day last Wednesday and thank you to Tony Nassar for his reflective and comprehensive workshop approach to developing positive interactions with those around us. Well done to our Year 7 and 8 debaters on their success in Canberra last Monday evening and thank you to the accompanying parents and their coach Sue Stubbs. Good luck to our Year 10 students as they begin their semester exams next week.

Don’t forget to join us on our Walk Safely to School exercise on Friday; we’ll be meeting at Centennial Park from 8.30 am.

Please keep the family of Beryl Wilkinson in your prayers with the very sad news of her passing last week.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
Asthma first aid

This is first aid information for anyone having an asthma attack. It is safe for adults and children, and is commonly referred to as the 4x4 First Aid Plan.

Step 1
Sit the person upright, be calm and reassuring. Do not leave the person alone.

Step 2
Give four separate puffs of a blue reliever (Airomir, Asmol, Epaq or Ventolin), i.e., one puff, then 4 breaths; another puff, then 4 breaths; another puff, then 4 breaths; another puff, then 4 breaths.

Note: The medication is best given one puff at a time via a spacer device. Ask the person to take four breaths from the spacer after each puff of medication. If a spacer is not available use the blue reliever puffer on its own, as described in Step 2 above.

Step 3
Wait four minutes, to see the effect of the reliever treatment.

Step 4
If there is little or no improvement repeat steps 2 and 3.

If there is still no improvement call an ambulance immediately (Dial 000). Continue to repeat steps 2 and 3 while waiting for the ambulance.


*St Patrick’s Parish School is an Asthma Friendly School
Bicycle Helmet Artwork Design Competition

NRMA Road Safety Roadbots Norman & Norma have joined forces with Bicycle NSW to support their Helmet Artwork Design Competition for schools across NSW and ACT. Eight participating students will win a bike and helmet package and the overall winner gets to see their design used on a limited edition bike helmet that will be available Australia-wide. This competition involves students creating artwork for a bike helmet which is colourful and appeals to both males and females. This interactive competition is a great way for schools to communicate the importance of wearing a helmet and bike safety and is supported by education resources for teachers to use. The competition closes on 29 June 2012. For more information or to enter, go to http://www.bicyclensw.org.au/content/helmet-artwork-design-competition-2011

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Infants:
- KG Erin Alexander for mother’s day gift
- 1O Matilda Mitchell for great listening at assembly
- 1P Lochlan Guiliani for lovely listening in French

Primary:
- 2P Tristan Revelant for a mother’s day gift
- 3G Megan Schofield for a mother’s day gift
- 2O Anna Connolly for a mother’s day gift

Well done everyone!

The second draft along with the completed indexes are being completed and finalised this week by the Organising Committee and Susanne Hahn, Publisher in Sydney. Once the book goes to print we will receive an expected delivery date. We encourage all families, friends, carers and our local community to take advantage of the ‘Early Bird Special’ at the exclusive price of $20.00 per book until Friday 29 June 2012. At that point ‘Nourish’ will retail for $30.00.

Don’t be disappointed pre-order NOW!

Download the Pre-order form: http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pformssandnotes.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 for delivery purposes.

 SRC QUOTE
‘The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step’

The winners of the Secondary competition are:
Year 7           Emily Mills
Year 8           Will Bottom
Year 9           Louise Fletcher
Year 10          N/A

The winner of the Staff prize: Mrs Bev Clarke. Congratulations to all our winners. We hope you receive enjoyment from the prizes that were kindly donated and hand made.

 SRC super awards
Theme: Being organised
Being organised helps us plan something so that it works. When people are organised they get things done efficiently. Being organised can help us find solutions to problems. Congratulations to the following students who have shown organization in all areas:
- KG Tony Bitar
- 1P Ryan Pielli
- 1O Matilda Mitchell
- 2O Brooke Tangye
- 2P Caitlin Manning
- 3O Sam Sergo
- 3O Rhys Freebody
- 3P Broc Allen
- 3G Emily Pearce
- Music/French - Megan Schofield
- Library - Harriet Greville

P&F NEWS

EXCLUSIVE PRICING: At that point ‘Nourish’ will retail for $30.00.

PRINCIPALS MEETING: Thanks to all the helpers who pitched in and assisted with the lunch. The food was delicious and plenty to go around.

MOTHERS DAY STALL: Great work parents and kids!! Thanks for all the gifts you sent in, I’m sure you all loved your presents on Mother’s day. There were a lot of proud little faces who took home lovely gifts for their Mums.

CLASS LIAISON PARENTS: MORE HELP NEEDED!! It helps the P&F know what’s important to each class from Infants to Secondary. Can you help?

GOLD COIN IDEAS: Got an idea that we can do whilst at school, with the kids, simple and easy, that the students can pay a gold coin to do?? This is a great little earner for the P&F and we can pick something we really want for the school and save up for it by just doing these little events.

NEXT P & F MEETING: Stay in tune, we’ll let you know next week. We would love you to come along, share a piece of cake and have a chat.

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

Cheers the P&F Team...
**WHAT'S ON**

**Thursday 17 May**  
NAPLAN 3, 5, 7 & 9 Numeracy  
Parish Council meeting 6.30 pm

**Friday 18 May**  
K-6 Walk Safely to School day  
NAPLAN catch up day  
Year 9 Pastoral Day

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Year 7 Girls immunisation  
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Year 7 & 8 Debating ACT Round 5

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School Board Meeting 6.30 pm

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K-10 Archdiocesan Cross Country Canberra

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K-6 Grandparents and Friend’s Day  
Senior Citizens Lunch

**Monday 28 May**  
Year 10 Exams  
CCC/CPS Cross Country  
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**Thursday 31 May**  
3P Parish Mass 10.00 am

**Around Town**

**Cooma Library’s celebration of Jamie Oliver’s Global Food Revolution Day: Friday 18 May**  
home-made jam & scones at the Library from 9.30 am to 12 noon—dress up as Jamie Oliver, let us hear your Jamie accent or bring along one of your favourite recipes on a plate or on paper. The best dressed, voice or recipe will win a Jamie Oliver cookbook. **Saturday 19 May** bring your multicultural lunchbox to our “show & tell” picnic Cooma Community Garden noon – 2pm. Help create a photographic and recipe display that will hang on the walls of Cooma Library throughout June, as part of our ‘reading food’ month for Australia’s National Year of Reading, or post your photos or ideas on our facebook page, just search multicultural lunchbox Cooma. All welcome. More information Cooma Library 64551 730 or library@monaro.nsw.gov.au.

**St Moritz Ski Racing Club:** 14 day ski program for local kids 7 to 18 years of age. Transport from Cooma included. Information/Registration Day 26 May at Norris Park from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Phone Jacqui Schofield 0400 524 254 or email judelittle@bigpond.com for more information.

**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.

**New school tracksuits now available:** We have been advised by South East Embroidery that the new school tracksuits are now available instore.

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**Volunteers**  
Thursday—Volunteer needed!  
Friday - Anna Holgate

- **NEW ITEM:** OAK milk available in Secondary only in chocolate, strawberry, vanilla malt and iced coffee for $2.00 (screw cap lid).
- **The FRIDAY MEAL DEAL** is 2 Party Pies/2 Nuggets/sauce and drink of your choice. The cost will be $5.00. NO other food will be available to Primary and Infants.
- **If you are able to spare some time during the week or help with Mini Canteen in Wednesday, please do not hesitate to call me on my mobile 0406 763 375 or through the school.**

Thank you again for your continued support.

Carolyn Hely  
Canteen Manager

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