Dear St Patrick's Community

We return to Term 3 with renewed enthusiasm for the business of learning. We spent Monday reflecting on the changing nature of learning for our students and the challenges that this presents to us as educators. That includes the parents as the ‘first educators’ of their children.

As a school, we have made some important decisions about how some aspects of technology can enhance and individualise learning for students. In the past some schools (in fact, my previous schools) have provided laptop programs and then discovered that it can be quite limiting for some students. It is also very costly for a school to manage and update.

Learning from that experience, I would like to go a different path to incorporate more varied technology through a BYOD program. **BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device.** This gives quite a few options for parents and students.

It is widely acknowledged that technology plays a huge role in everyone’s everyday lives and should, therefore, be an integral part of students' learning. BYOD recognises that many students already own devices that are superior and more up-to-date than those available in most schools.

A national survey, conducted by Softlink, of 1267 schools across Australia, demonstrated that in 2014 BYOD programs grew by 30 per cent. This is not just Secondary schools: numerous primary schools are now also embarking on BYOD schemes.

**BYOD empowers students** by allowing them, in many cases, to make their own technology choices. Student-owned devices are more likely to be "cutting-edge", and students are already familiar and comfortable with using them. This reduces the need for time taken for training. Furthermore, some say student-owned devices offer more opportunities for learning to continue at home, enhance student engagement, and enable students to keep work in one place. There is also evidence that students are more likely to take better care of devices that belong to them.

Overall, this can be a welcome shift toward self-directed learning in collaboration with peers, teachers and online experts. Learning is also about creating, collaborating and sharing work. We really want to promote the concept of **learning anywhere, anytime, with any device.** It should be personalised and mobile. Additionally, BYOD models have shown greater student accountability and engagement when the device is personally owned.
“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.”

- John Dewey

The school has spent considerable funds to ensure that there is **broad bandwidth and strong wifi**. At this stage, we are conducting trials with a selected number of classes. If your child is involved, this will be optional and you will receive separate information that includes a consent form. The purpose is to try to ensure that all difficulties are sorted before the full introduction of BYOD.

There is considerable documentation to come. We have formulated a Policy Statement, a User Agreement, an Equity Statement (to demonstrate how we will support families who would find this program difficult to finance) and a page with the options of the best devices to purchase (with the minimum requirements and specifications). These will be presented to parents at an **information evening on Thursday 13 August in the Secondary Library at 6.30pm**. This would include parents of students currently in Years 5 to 9. If there is a need to have a follow-up meeting, we will arrange for that to happen.

**There are always concerns about safety and protection from access to inappropriate sites on the internet.** When students have their own devices, they still have to go through the Catholic Education ‘system’, which has the a most secure filtering system.

There have also been questions raised about **security of devices in students’ bags**. We have priced the purchase of laptop lockers and we will explore the options for safe locations for bags during times when students are off site (eg for PDHPE). Insurance will also be necessary when every device is purchased and we can share some possible options with you at the Parent Information evening.

As a staff, we are spending our professional learning time on being clear about the changing nature of learning and what the introduction of BYOD will mean for teaching and learning.

In summary, a BYOD program provides the following benefits:

**BYOD Benefits**

- Learning anytime, anywhere without schedule or access restrictions
- Parent-financed, allowing schools to devote much-needed funding to other programs or technologies
- Personalised devices
- Devices are commonly more up-to-date with newer features
- Repairs or maintenance are self-managed
- Flexibility—support different learners with different needs
- Cost-effective, as parents can decide when and how they budget for this and can access sales (especially in January)
- Allows for immediate application in the classroom
- Competitive pricing of tablets, smartphones, and laptop computers—BYOD a viable option for many families that allows for choice
- Replicates a technology-rich environment already common in higher education and business

There is much to be gained from our progress in this direction. I’m looking forward to seeing the exciting changes in learning that it can bring.

Yours sincerely

*Frances Robertson*

Principal
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held between 4.00pm – 7.00pm on:

- Monday 20 July and Tuesday 21 July for Infants and Primary, and
- Wednesday 22 July for Secondary.

All interviews will be conducted at the Cooma Ex-Services Club. You can now book interviews at times that suit your family best. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. Please try to book as soon as possible to avoid missing out on your preferred times.

You can call the office if you have difficulty with the booking process.

Parking

St Patrick’s has an ongoing ‘event number’ to request that Police patrol the streets around the school each morning and afternoon. Please note correct designated parking places, stop signs, pedestrian crossings and the bus zones.

This is only for the safety of our children. Please obey all speed limits and parking signs, otherwise you could be booked.

Child Protection matters

We are aware that there have been some changes to arrangements for some students for pick up and drop off at school. We have instructed teachers not to release a child in Infants and Primary if we do not have instructions in writing from the parents, or there has been no information from the Office. Students cannot go with anyone other than the authorised person. If we see anyone approaching children who is obviously not the parent, teachers will intervene and ask for ID and authority to be at the school. If necessary, we will call the police.

Parish Home-based Sacramental Program for Reconciliation

Letters of invitation have now been sent out to those families whose children will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first meeting is on Tuesday 28 July 2015 at 6.30pm in the Church. If you missed out on receiving a letter, and you feel your child in Year 3 and onwards should be part of this program, please contact Lou Mackay c/- the Parish Office on 64522062.

A message for Year 10 students

Year 10 students who have re-enrolled at St Mary MacKillop College are invited to apply for a scholarship to assist with Tuition Fees in Years 11 and 12. Successful recipients will have 50% of their Tuition Fee as set by the Catholic Education Committee (CEC) credited to their fees account for 2016 and 2017.

There will be two different categories of Scholarship:

**Academic**: Awarded to a student or students whose achievement has been outstanding throughout Years 9 and 10.

**Community**: Awarded to a student or students who have applied themselves consistently to their studies and who have contributed in significant ways to the community.

An application form must be completed and submitted to Mr Lee on or before Friday 21 August 2015. Forms will be available from MacKillop College.
Welcome to St Patrick’s Parish School, Cooma

Bazaar Fair

SATURDAY
7 NOV 2015

Centennial Park, Cooma
9.00am - 2.00pm
and so much more ...
**NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

**The National NAIDOC theme for 2015 is: “We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate”**

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

**NAIDOC Celebration Mass**

This year our school has been invited to lead the music at our Archdiocesan NAIDOC Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students who have been busy preparing for this celebration. Year 5 students, some members of the Primary Choir and Secondary Music Group will be representing the school. This will be held next Friday 24 July.

As we move around, travel or work in our country may we all recognise that "We all Stand on Sacred Ground."
http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/

You are encouraged to explore this website for valuable information that provides a guide for parents, carers and teachers about digital citizenship, the safe and responsible use of social networking sites, understanding cyberbullying, as well as appropriate games and resources.
Monaro High School Transition to Yr 11 2016

The Year 10 to 11 transition activities for this year are:

1. Year 10 to 11 Parent Information Evening - Monday 3 August, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
2. Year 10 to 11 Student Transition Day - Tuesday 4 August, from 9:15am to 2:30pm

While the above dates are the main avenues whereby they communicate a significant amount of detailed information to prospective students and their parents, they are always happy to meet at alternative times as well.

$6,000

We are very pleased to announce that, with your support, the St Patrick’s Art Show has been successful in making just over $6,000 profit! This will be used to furnish the new Visual Arts and Technology building on the Secondary Campus.

Thank you to the Art Show Committee for all of the hours and creative energy that you put into making a wonderful community event.

Special thank you to Rewa, whose creative drive made our show such a success.

Rewa Nolan

Karen McGufficke

Kylie Schutz

Sue Bottom

Denise Mensic

Michelle McGufficke

Marjorie Revelart

Yvi Henderson

Glencye Moxon

Frances Robertson

Giovanna Davies

Rashida Nuridin

Emma Hill

Melinda Barrett
Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

> Optional information: summarise your school’s profile from the 2012 AEDC <

Canteen News

Welcome back! There are no major changes to the price list this term. It is attached to the newsletter this week, and can also be found on the school website under the Parents section.

Volunteers - Thank you!
Wednesday 15/7, 10am Kelly Gill
Wednesday 15/7, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Kelly & Marjorie
Thursday 16/7, 10am Sara Souter
Friday 17/7, 10am Grant Pascoe
Wednesday 22/7, 10am Sue Bottom
Wednesday 22/7, 1.15pm Mini-canteen Howard & Marjorie
Thursday 23/7, 10am Jackie Bitar
Friday 24/7, 10am Rebecca Hain

A Canteen Volunteers form is attached to this week’s newsletter, volunteering is fun and easy!

Mini-canteen will be happening again on Wednesday’s this term for Infants and Primary students, starting in Week 1!!! Items are priced from 50c to $2.

This Week’s Friday Meal Deal:
St Pat’s Pasta (Large) with a Drink = $6
St Pat’s Pasta (Small) with a Drink = $4

The pasta is made fresh each week in the canteen with beef mince, hidden vegies, and a bolognaise sauce mixed with penne pasta and topped with cheese.

Don’t forget that anything can be ordered on a Friday!

Caroline Blyton
Canteen Manager
**St. Patrick's Canteen Menu**

**Monday to Friday**

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**Sushi**

- **Wednesday only**
  - Sushi with ham, chicken or tuna: $3.00
  - Rainbow Wrap: A healthy, colorful salad wrap: $2.50

**Cold**

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**HOT**

- St Pat's Pastas: Home-made, filling & healthy
- Toastie (2 Fillings): A toasted cheese and ham sandwich with ham, chicken or tuna: 3.00
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**St. Patrick's Canteen Price List ~ Term 3, 2015**
St Patrick's Parish School Canteen Volunteers Form

~ Please complete this form and return to the school via the office or your child's teacher ~

Volunteer Name: 

Student’s Name/s: 

Home Phone: 

Work Phone: 

Mobile Phone: 

Email Address: 

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I can be contacted to check if available for carnivals and gala days throughout the year:  

☐ YES

I would like to be reminded a day prior to my shift:  

☐ YES

Thank you in anticipation of your support; all family and friends in the St Patrick’s community are welcome!

**Caroline Blyton**  
Canteen Manager  
July 2015

Generally, the morning volunteer will be helping with the infants and Primary school lunches, Secondary recess, and mini-canteen on Wednesdays. The afternoon volunteer will be assisting with the Secondary lunches, and meal preparation for the next day. No experience necessary! It’s easy!
The Journey THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

The Program is called The Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP – P). This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school years 5 & 6 and secondary school students attending years 7—12.

RAP – P will help you:

- Help your teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem
- Help your teenager to gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family
- Manage your stress so you can do your best job as a parent
- Prevent and manage conflict with you teenager
- Promote harmony in your family

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

DATES: 9th, 16th & 23rd September
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $80 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential Contact
1800 068 698
Free Call
Thank you to the following Businesses and families who made very generous donations to our Art Show Raffle and Silent Auction.

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Thank you to those who shared their artwork, to those who bought raffle tickets, to those who made monetary donations towards our cause. It all helps us to achieve our goals.