Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Registration – a very thorough and rewarding process!
The last 3 days have seen one of the busiest periods that any school can experience. The Registration Panel has been reviewing all aspects of school life as part of their appraisal process. The Parish Centre has been transformed by student work samples, class displays, teacher programs and various forms of documentation. On Monday afternoon the Executive team gave a 90 minute presentation on life at St Patrick’s from curriculum, pastoral care, parent involvement, academic results, challenges, through to the elements of the school that have been transformed since the last registration in 2007. That was followed by a dinner where we were joined by the School Board and the P&F Executive.

The highlight yesterday was undoubtedly the very moving and uplifting liturgy which was coordinated by Paul Mackay and involved the whole school. The panel also took the opportunity to join in our morning prayer meeting, followed by a very professional tour of the school guided by our Primary and Secondary Executive. Much of yesterday and today was spent interviewing staff and students and visiting classrooms.

The demands on the Registration Panel are also significant as they are required to produce a comprehensive report which will be presented to staff this afternoon after school. Details of the findings will be presented in next week’s newsletter.

I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all support, office and teaching staff for the incredible efforts that have gone in, over many months, to prepare for registration. Thank you to the students for their openness and welcoming approach to the panel and a particular thanks to the parents who have worked ‘behind the scenes’, with such things as catering, to ensure the panel has been looked after.

The path to First Eucharist
Last night we held the initial meeting for candidates who are embarking on the next stage of their faith journey with their First Eucharist on the 11th and 17th November. The theme of “God is Love” comes through so strongly in the students’ preparation for the sacrament, working with their families and the school to prepare them for receiving the Bread of Life. Our thanks to Father Paul, Lou Mackay and the Stage 2 teachers for their guidance with the Sacramental Program.

Working Bee a great success
The school was a hive of activity last Saturday morning (and even into the afternoon) when parents, students and staff had an energetic clean up of all 3 campuses. Weeds were pulled, trees pruned, paths swept, windows were cleaned and muscles ached as the school got a final transformation before the registration visit. Thanks to the more than 40 people who came along to help, even including young Archie Blyton who is starting in Kinder with us next year! Well done to all involved!

Perth is calling! Good luck to our TOM team!
Excitement and anticipation are hardly the words to describe how our Secondary Tournament of Minds team is feeling as they head off from Canberra Airport tomorrow morning at 6 am to represent the Archdiocese and the ACT region in the Australasian Pacific finals of the competition in Perth over the next 4 days. I can guarantee that the experience itself will be ample reward to the team and their coach Sue Stubbs for the immense effort put in over many months in preparation. To say that that I am equally excited is an understatement as the CEO has asked me to accompany the group as well! A full report can be anticipated in next week’s newsletter.

Good luck to our Stage 3 Super 8 cricketers next Tuesday.
Good luck to our incoming Year 7 2013 students who will be having their second orientation day next Monday.

All the best to Year 9 who are heading off on their 3 day camping trek to Mimosa Rocks National Park next week as well as accompanying teachers Mark van Ommen, Glenyce Moxon and Tim Lawley.

Let’s hope for a snow-free day this Friday for the start of the Primary Swim Program and thanks to Katarina Ivancic for all her work in bringing it together.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
Seventy four students in Years 3-10 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition which was held on 2 August this year. All students who participated need to be congratulated on their efforts in attempting this prestigious but very challenging competition. Special congratulations are extended to all the successful students who received awards. This year the school received one distinction certificate and nineteen credit certificates. The students who were successful are listed below.

Annika Rooney (Year 8) received a Distinction Certificate and the following students were awarded Credit Certificates.

Year 4: Colin Kingston
Year 5: Broc Allen, Hugh Haywood-Mercer, Emma Hopkin, Bronte Hely, Damian Fletcher
Year 6: Thomas Hain, Gabrielle Steiner, Kadie Laird
Year 7: Andreas Nassar, Andrew Devereux, Penelope Fletcher, Madeline Russell, Lachlan Marks
Year 8: Isabella Salvestro, Zali Steiner, Clair Schofield
Year 9: Chelsea Case
Year 10: Vasek Wichta

Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly.

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Family BUSH DANCE

6.30 pm - 10.30 pm
Saturday 3rd November 2012

Two course dinner & fantastic bush band
“The Usual Suspects”

Auction & Raffle
Beverage refreshments available

St. Pauls Church Hall Commissioner Street Cooma

Tickets available – Fabric Salon
8 Vale Street Cooma
$10 Family  $10 Adult  $10 Child

Enquiries contact Eva Tunge on 0411 355 395
Claim the date: Saturday 3 November is the date set for our much anticipated bush dance. The P&F is planning to hold an auction and a raffle. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a P&F representative.

Hope you all have a good week!

Cheers the P&F team

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Dear parents
We are looking at better ways to communicate more effectively with our community. Although we have phone and mobile contact information, we would like to ensure email addresses are also up to date.

Can you please forward your email address to; office@stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au, so our records are up to date.

Please note that any email addresses, like other personal information, will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you
Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

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**Primary SRC Super Awards**

**SUPER Theme Week 2 – ‘Being thoughtful’**
Being thoughtful is when you do some good to make life better for others. Being thoughtful is when you notice someone or something needs care. When you act thoughtfully you make a situation better. Without thoughtfulness the world is a less friendly place.

- KG Riley Kofler – for his thoughtfulness towards others at his new school!
- 10 George Jacob – for his thoughtful actions in class this week!
- 10 Millie Blyton – for being a thoughtful and caring member of 1 Orange!
- 20 Julia Bottom – for the thoughtful and kind way she treats her friends!
- 2P Lucy Thornton – for always being thoughtful towards others by her manner and interactions with them!
- 3G Kane Trent-Smith for being prepared to make choices and give comments that make life better for those around him!
- 30 Erin Dodd – for being thoughtful and offering to help with the ‘Words of the week’ for other classes!
- 3P Logan Crawford – for being thoughtful to those seated around him!
- Music/French Noah Mylan – for being thoughtful and considerate towards his peers!
- School Captains – Damon Fanning – for being thoughtful about keeping our playground clean, by making sure that all his rubbish goes in the bin at lunchtime!

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**SRC Quote of the week**

“If someone listens or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, extraordinary things begin to happen”

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**SRC Football Raffle**

Congratulations to Lochlan Giuliani on winning the signed football by Raiders half back and ex student Sam Williams. Thanks to all those who participated. We raised $40.80. Well done to all those stage 3 students who helped organised this event.

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**Perpetual Trophies**

If you received a perpetual trophy at last year’s Awards Day, please return it to school as soon as possible in preparation for the 2012 Awards Days. Thank you.

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**Chook Lotto**

Infants
- Thomas Mackenzie - for walking in line sensibly.
- Tyler Hart – listening
- Koby Grech - listening

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**P&F News**

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Cheers the P&F team
**WHAT'S ON**

**Thursday 18 October**
Tournament of Minds team in Perth  
Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 19 October**
K-6 Swimming

**Saturday 20 October**
Eucharist (request of candidates) 6pm-7.30pm

**Sunday 21 October**
Eucharist (request of candidates) 10am-11.30am

**Monday 22 October**
SPOT Day (Year 7 Orientation)  
Eucharist 2nd Meeting (Homes)  
National Dental Survey

**Tuesday 23 October**
Stage 3 Super 8’s Cricket at Nijong oval  
National Dental Survey  
First Kinderstart 9.30am – 11.00am

**Wednesday 24 October**
Year 9 Camp - Mimosa Rocks  
National Dental Survey  
K-6 Water presentation Multi Function Centre 9.30am

**Thursday 25 October**
Year 9 Camp - Mimosa Rocks  
Principals Conference ACT  
2nd Kinderstart 9.30am – 11.00am

**Friday 26 October**
Year 9 Camp - Mimosa Rocks  
K-6 Swimming  
3G Assembly 12pm

**Saturday 27 October**
Catholic Primary Netball Carnival

**Monday 28 October**
Eucharist 3rd Meeting (Homes)  
Musica Viva K-8 and Drama 9am - 2pm

**Thursday 1 November**
4th Kinderstart 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
P & F Kinder 2013 BBQ 5pm

**Friday 2 November**
K-6 Swimming  
3P Assembly 12pm

**Saturday 3 November**
P & F Bush Dance (St Paul's Hall) 6.30pm

**Monday 5 November**
Exam week Secondary

**Tuesday 6 November**
Eucharist practice 9.30am

**Wednesday 7 November**
Principal Retreat  
Exam week secondary

**Thursday 8 November**
Principal Retreat  
School Board Meeting 6.00pm—7.30pm

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**Canteen News**

**FRIDAY MEAL DEAL:** This Friday the meal deal is A SMALL WRAP WITH HAM AND SALAD OR CHICKEN AND SALAD, (PLEASE SPECIFY), A FROZEN FRUIT CUP and HONEY SOY or PLAIN CHIPS - ALL THIS FOR ONLY $5.00! This will be the ONLY choice available to both Primary and Infants.

**PRICE CHANGES:** The updated price changes are now effective. Please check on the new menu regarding any changes. Thank you.

Thank you to all my wonderful helpers, especially Catherine Pearce, Rebecca Hain and Jackie Bitar.

If you have any queries regarding the canteen or you are able to help, please contact me through the school.

Carolyn Hely  
Canteen Manager

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**Around Town**

- **Cooma Little Theatre** is presenting a ‘Triple Treat’ of one act plays in November: “Mayflies, Mystery and Mayhem” comprises 3 fun and entertaining plays. Come along and be intrigued by the mystery of the disappearance of the “Grand Cham’s Diamond”, enchanted by the love life of Horace and May – 2 mayflies in “Time Flies” and get a good laugh from the comedy “Curses, Foiled Again”. Performances on November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8pm. Tickets available from Cooma Visitors Centre from 22 October. Rated PG

- **Art Show** – Cooma Lambie Street Preschool’s major fundraiser for the year. The children have been creating amazing works of art for this year’s show. Help us raise funds to improve essential facilities at the preschool – join us on Friday 19 October at 7pm for the opening, which includes supper, wine, music and fantastic art. Tickets to the opening are $20/single and $30/double. The show will also be open on Saturday 20 October from 10am to 3pm - entry via a gold coin donation. Tickets are available from the preschool. More information contact the preschool 6452 2669.

- **Getin2FUN:Getin2CRICKET:** Nijong Oval every Saturday 9.00 to 10.00 am for both boys and girls. Sign up at www.in2cricket.com.au/. For further information, contact Lisa Phillips email; lisa@granitesolutions.com.au.

- **Cooma Cats:** Looking for girls aged 13-18 to play in the AFL NSW/ACT Youth Girls U18s Cup in Canberra on Saturday 17 November 2012. No experience necessary. A number of short training sessions will be held prior to the carnival. All you need is a pair of boots, a mouth guard and a desire to learn a new game in a team environment. Contact Rob Barnes 0425827130 or email secretary-coomacats@gmail.com.