Dear Parents, Staff and Students

This Christmas let us not forget to keep a place for Christ in amongst all the focus on giving and receiving and be mindful of the ultimate sacrifice that he made for us. When we say that Christmas is about presence, and not just presents, we are asking that he has a place in our hearts and minds as we gather with family and friends over the Christmas season.

We look forward to welcoming almost 50 new students in 2014 across Kindergarten to Year 10 and wish all students moving on to other areas and/or new schools all the best.

Again we would like to thank those staff members who are leaving us, Rebecca Nassar, Janice Dunlavie, Katrina Joyce, Chris Reeks, Noeline Diacono, Lyn Southwell and wish them all the best for the future.

Thank you to the parents for the ongoing support of all aspects of our school this year. Congratulations to all students on their efforts and achievements in 2013. A very big thank you to the teaching and support staff who give so much of themselves every year for the benefit of the whole school community.

May you enjoy a restful and joyful Christmas season and the best of good fortune in the New Year.

Farewell, St Pat's

Phil Stubbs
Principal
**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**St Patrick’s Cooma**
- Christmas 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 20 December, 7pm
- Christmas Vigil Mass, Tuesday 24 December, 6pm
- Christmas Day Mass, Wednesday 25 December, 10am
- New Year’s Day Mass, 1 January 2013, 10am

**St Andrew’s Nimmitabel**
- Christmas Vigil Mass, Tuesday 24 December, 9pm

**St Mary’s Adaminaby**
- Christmas Day Mass, Wednesday 25 December, 8am

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**THANKS**

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**TERM 1 2013 COMMENCEMENT DATES**

**Wednesday 29 January**
- Yr 1 - 7 return to School

**Thursday 30 January**
- Kindergarten First day of School
- Yr 8 - 10 return to School

Please refer to School website for more information

www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au

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**Christmas Eve**

**Children’s Mass**

Any children who would like to be part of the ‘Nativity Play’ at the 6:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to meet at the Church on Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 December at 4pm for a quick practice. We hope to see lots of little ones there!

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**Around Town**

- **Cooma Children’s Centre (OOSH)** - Vacation Care Service, Summer holidays from Monday 6 January to Tuesday 28 January 2014, located at Cooma Public School - Commissioner Street Entrance. Bookings essential call 0450127090 or email ooshcooma@dodo.com.au
- **Cooma Judo** - Classes commence in February 2014, Monday evenings at Cooma squash courts. Enquiries call 64521213 or coomajudo@gmail.com

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**St Patrick’s Parish School P&F** invite you to

**2013 Ladies Christmas Party**

An event to celebrate the end of another busy year for all the ladies of the Snowy Mountains

- Saturday 21 December 2013
- 7.00 pm
- Cooma Hotel Upstairs Function Room
- $30 pp includes a glass of bubbly on arrival, canapés and live music!

Tickets available from The Fabric Salon, Vale Street Cooma. Enquiries to Kylie Douch 0412666646 or Joumana Nassar 0411270317.

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