Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Confirmation this Friday
Our prayers and thoughts are with our Confirmation candidates this Friday evening as they receive this significant sacrament as part of their faith journey. Their preparation has continued over several weeks with a series of home meetings to enable them and their families to understand the true meaning of what they are undertaking. Confirmation complements the grace of our Baptism by ‘confirming’ the Holy Spirit in our lives and enables us to more fully live out our faith. The ceremony of Confirmation mirrors the bestowing of graces that were granted to the Apostles at Pentecost. The rituals of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil symbolise the identification of a confirmation candidate as ‘an anointed one’.

Congratulations to our da Vinci decathlon team
Our Year 7 and 8 teams put in a wonderful performance yesterday in Canberra as they competed against more than 80 teams from 40 schools across the region and the ACT.

There are ten academic events that make up the da Vinci decathlon:

- **Science**—students are provided with higher level scientific concepts and are challenged to apply them.
- **Creative Producer**—a sub-group from the team has ten minutes to develop and present a 30-second commercial to promote a particular product.
- **English**—involves spelling, word origins, definitions, scrabble, and writing.
- **Philosophy**—students deal with logic, observations and evidence.
- **Mathematics**—emphasises problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzles.
- **Engineering Challenge**—a building task designed to test creativity and ingenuity.
- **Art and Poetry**—the team develops a poem plus a complementary work of art on a given theme.
- **Cartography**—involves reading and designing maps.
- **Code Breaking**—in the spirit of World War II, students attempt to decipher several codes.
- **General Knowledge**—includes current affairs, issues, history, science, entertainment, sport and world facts.

Unlike an Olympic decathlon, however, this is very much a team challenge and not an individual pursuit. The day is divided into three sessions and at each session the problems/tasks/challenges over a number of categories are presented to the whole group. The group then decides how they will allocate their people and total time to the whole set of tasks.

Our thanks go to Mrs Pam Fletcher and Mrs Amanda Knott for training and accompanying the teams. Our Year 7 team came third in Mathematics and our Year 8 team came first in General Knowledge. Well done to all the students!

Reports being distributed
The Semester 2 reports for all students K-10 will be distributed during the next few days and I would ask that you read them carefully in conjunction with your child or children. It is important for students to heed the constructive advice of their teachers in order to more fully develop their potential. There will be a formal opportunity for parents to discuss these reports early in Term 3 as part of the parent-teacher interviews. Thank you to all the staff for their efforts with reports and particularly to the office ladies for all the ‘behind the scenes’ work to have them ready for distribution.

Starting date for Term 3 – Wednesday 17 July
School will resume for all students in Term 3 on Wednesday 17 July.

On Monday 15 July all teaching staff will be involved in a professional development day at Lumen Christi College, Pambula. The focus will be on the key aspects of the Australian Curriculum which is being introduced in 2014 and will allow our teachers to collaborate with staff from other CEO schools in the southern region. The following day, Tuesday 16 July, will allow the consolidation of the new curriculum when further professional development is held at school to develop teaching programs at stage and subject level.

Prayers and thoughts
Please keep Kevin Dunne and his family in your prayers on the sad news of his brother’s death last night after a long illness. Our prayers and condolences are also passed on to those members of the school community who have suffered loss in recent times.

Phil Stubbs
Principal

Our K-8 students enjoyed a concert by the Kiama High School Band today.
Welcome to Ninja Maths. Every three weeks, the K-6 students will have the opportunity to solve a mathematical problem. This will be advertised in the school newsletter. Are you ready for our very first Ninja Maths Challenge?

Can you masterfully identify many different ways to represent one number? Who is the Mathematics champion who can come up with the most creative solutions?

**MATERIALS**
Coloured pencils/crayons and paper/recycled materials

**PROCEDURE**
Choose a number. Write it in the centre of a piece of paper. Write down as many different ways to represent the number as you can. Next have a competition with members of your family to see who can come up with the most creative representations. Both you and all your family members can write, draw or create as many different ways to represent the number as possible.

Send in your entry and place it in the Ninja Maths Challenge Tub in the K-2 Break out area. Make sure that you have your name clearly written on your entry. All entries must be in by the 20 June (Week 8). The winning entry will get to be the Year 6 Coordinator for a day!

Can you work like a mathematician?

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On 31 May 3G had their assembly! It was great fun! I read out my relationship poem, Balinese compound and my personal power. 3G assembly was so much fun. The part I enjoyed the most was the slideshow because it showed how much our class had improved! Written by Amber Martin-Smith

On 13 June 3G had our Parish Mass. It was really enjoyable just to be quiet and reflect on what God has given us and how to respect one another. Written by Bronte Hely

Today in the church I learnt that God actually listens when we say these prayers. Also he loves us like we were his children. Written by Sara Knott.

Today in Mass I was able to understand the Word of the Lord better. This was because I was still on the inside and the outside! Written by Ryan Birch

**Relationship Acrostic Poem**
R - Respect your friend in what they do
E - Expand friendships with people you don't know
L - Laugh at yourself and with others
A - Accepting others in your games
T - Trusting friends and family
I - Inspire others in what you do
O - Open the doors to new things
N - Never give up in what you do
S - Share belongings with others
H - Help people when they are hurt or injured
I - Introduce yourself to new people
P - Push yourself to become a better person

Written by Hamish Bottom

Organised by Bronte and Andrew 3G SRC
Congratulations to our Year 9-10 footballers who beat Bombala High School 44 – 40 in the Small Schools Rugby League tournament at the Showground today. The boys showed great determination and stamina against a larger team and had with only nine players for much of the game. Well done.

BAZAAR FAIR 2013
St Patrick’s Parish School Cooma
P&F Association presents

Snowy Ride weekend – Saturday 2 November 2013
Come and enjoy the festivities in Centennial Park from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

With Term 3 looming the Bazaar Fair committee will soon be advertising our Billy Gs Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser. Watch out for updates as there are lots of prizes to be won including an IPad! There will be a number of events leading up to the Fair such as: Jelly Bean Competitions and 100 Club draws. Donations would be much appreciated and can be left in an envelope at the School Office marked ‘Bazaar Fair’ Committee. Donations of bags of Jelly beans, money and various assortments of scratchies would be greatly appreciated. The scratchies will be used for one of our new stalls called the Money Tree on the Chocolate Wheel. Stay tuned!

Bazaar Fair Committee members: Rebecca Hain, Erika Statham, Catherine Pearce, Mike Introna, Louise Platts, Steve Joyce and Glenyce Moxon.

STAR Awards Theme – “Being Fair”

Being fair is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. Without fairness people take advantage of others. It is never fair for strong people to hurt weaker people. You can be fair by thinking for yourself and owning up to your mistakes and accepting the consequences. Being fair takes courage!

• KG Ben Smith – for being fair by standing up for others when they get hurt. Well done Ben!
• 1O Jack Buckley – for the fairness he shows when participating in group work and games!
• 1P Harriet Greville – for always being fair in the classroom and on the playground. For doing the right thing and looking out for others!
• 2P Brooke Tangye – for always treating her peers fairly in the way she speaks and interacts with them!
• 2O Matilda Mitchell – for being fair and honest with her peers!
• 3P Damon Battye – for always playing fairly during sport!
• 3O Emily Pearce – for always being fair in the classroom!
• 3G Joel Case – for having the courage to respect the rights of others and treating those younger than him with fairness, gentleness and joy!
• Music/French Alex Smith – for his fair and honest approach to people around him!
Thursday 20 June
Yr 5-6 Rugby League Brett White Gala day
1O assembly

Friday 21 June
Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 25 June
Secondary drama performance for K-2 students
Kinder 2014 information meeting 6pm

Wednesday 26 June
Kinder open classroom 9.30-11am
Yr10 Taste of TAFE day

Thursday 27 June
Yr7 Parish Mass

Friday 28 June
Last day of Term 2

Saturday 29 June
School Holidays

Sunday 30 June
Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 15 July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 16 July
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 17 July
Students return for Term 3

Please refer to School website for more information

www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au

FRIDAY MEAL DEAL IS NACHOS and a DRINK FOR $5.00 OR VEGETABLE SUSHI ROLL/ FREDDO AND DRINK FOR $5.00.

BREAKING NEWS.....I am now selling Sushi made locally at the Cooma airport! There will be a variety of flavours available most days, including chicken, tuna, vegetarian and tempura prawn and priced from $2.50 to $3.50. They are delicious and so very good for you. Please contact me through the school if you would like to try some.

Please look out for a note regarding the REUSABLE LUNCH BAGS. Please return the note as soon as possible so that I can place an order ready for next term.

NOW AVAILABLE...MACARONI CHEESE FOR $3.70.

Thank you for your continued support.
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Paddy Pallin Junior XC Ski Event: 11am Saturday 29 June 2013 at the Perisher Nordic Shelter. Register by 10am. All children up to 16 years welcome. Lunch provided for all competitors followed by the famous jelly snake hunt on skis! A fun kids ski event not to be missed! For more information contact Pip & Tim Greville on 0417 263 836.

Storytime: Come along to Cooma Library’s next baby & toddler storytime Monday 15 July 10.30am – 11.30am. Storytime sessions are monthly, free, fabulous and fun! Explore books, reading, craft and songs in a family friendly environment. For further information please contact Pip & Tim Greville on 0417 263 836.

YMCA: July School Holiday Program from Tuesday 2 July until Friday 12 July. All events are free, lunch provided. All events for 12 to 17 year olds. Events are held at the HUB Youth Centre. Events include Candle making, pool comp, can of worms, movie day, milkshake day, NAIDOC day, gaming day and pancake day. Sessions are 10am to 3pm, closed on Monday 1 July and 8 July. For further information please contact Cathy on 64555534 or 0403498322 or Facebook on CathyEmmaHub

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