We pray that through the Sacrament of Confirmation the Spirit of the Risen Jesus will enlighten our young people, as with tongues of fire, and set their minds and hearts and lives aflame. May we all be renewed in the Spirit.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates

Twenty-five candidates were presented to Bishop Pat Power last Friday evening in an uplifting and reverent Mass to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on the students who had spent many weeks preparing for the occasion. Bishop Pat challenged us to live out our lives renewed by the Spirit and to provide guidance and support to these young people as they live out their faith journey. 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 on Pentecost. The rituals of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil symbolise the identification of a confirmation candidate as ‘an anointed one’.

Thank you to Bishop Pat, our Parish Priest Father Paul, the Sacramental Program Coordinator Lou Mackay, the parents and sponsors and all those involved in bringing together this very special celebration.

It was also a fitting occasion to farewell Bishop Pat as he approaches his retirement at the end of this month. He is indeed an inspiration to all of us in setting an example of how to live our faith in everyday life. We wish him all the best for a long and fulfilling retirement.

Year 10 Record of School Achievement

As we have mentioned previously, the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) has replaced the School Certificate, with a major feature being the greater reliance on school-based assessments for Year 10 students rather than external exams as was previously the case. A significant benefit of this is that students can maintain their efforts with assessment tasks throughout the year to ensure the best possible exit credential.

In order to present more information to parents and employers, the NSW Board of Studies has established a portal on their website that gives the latest updates on the RoSA; take the time to visit: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/rosa/parents-employers.html

Kindergarten 2013 Enrolments

A reminder about the Kinder 2013 Information meeting this evening at 5:30 pm on the K-2 campus. This will be followed by open classrooms on that campus tomorrow between 10 am and 1 pm. The staffing process for 2013 is well under way and it is most important that we finalise our Kinder enrolments for 2013 as soon as possible. If you know of someone who is considering St Patrick’s for Kindergarten next year please encourage them to collect an enrolment pack from the office this week. We would like to have all Kinder 2013 applications handed in by the end of Week 1 next term (21 July) to ensure that parents can secure a place for their child. With our steadily increasing enrolments it has become necessary to close off further Stage 1 and Kinder 2012 enrolments for this year and to establish waiting lists for these classes.

Enrolments have already been received for Year 7 2013 from outside the school and information will be provided at the start of Term 3 with details of the information evenings and the Year 7 2013 Orientation Program.

Thank You Snowyhydro!
The support and generosity of Snowyhydro was very apparent yesterday when we took receipt of a significant number of ex-Snowyhydro laptops and PCs that will soon be distributed throughout the school for the benefit of all students. Our ever-efficient ICT Technical Support person, Dan Marks, is already hard at work imaging the machines and preparing them for their roll-out.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Steiner for her outstanding effort in the Rostrum Public Speaking competition last weekend to secure a podium finish.

Well done to our Year 8 debaters who won their round in the ACT Debating Competition last Monday. They now move into the quarter-finals and we wish them luck next Monday evening in Canberra.

Good luck to our Secondary Rugby League teams in the Rugby League Knockout carnival tomorrow!

Congratulations to 2 Orange (Mrs Moser’s class) on a fantastic assembly last Friday and good luck to 1 Orange (Mrs Davies’ class) this Friday.

Phil Stubbs
Principal

The 2012 Confirmation candidates being presented to the assembled congregation, with Bishop Pat and Father Paul.
**Cross Country**

Last Friday Joshua Hogan, James Minards and Joshua Steinke all travelled to Eastern Creek near Sydney to represent the school and the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese at the Combined Catholic Colleges Cross Country Championships. The boys ran exceptionally well with James Minards and Joshua Hogan finishing 37th and 54th respectively in the 16 boys, and Joshua Steinke came 41st in the 15 boys. Well done and a big thank you to your families for their support and help in getting you to the event.

Mr Lawley

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**Moments of Grace**

The grace of God is often revealed through the daily miracles and wonder of nature. As you walk or drive, take time to observe the beauty and gift of nature. Let us give thanks for the many small and great blessings in the gifts of creation.

**Confirmation:**

Last Friday evening 25 young people were confirmed in a celebration of the gifts of God’s grace. The gifts of: wisdom, understanding, the spirit of right judgment courage, knowledge, reverence and the spirit of wonder and awe are evidence of the abundance of God’s grace. Thank you to parents, sponsors, Bishop Pat, Fr Paul and teachers for your presence and support for a wonderful celebration.

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**Secondary Debating**

Congratulations to the Year 8 debating team that won their way through to the quarter finals of the ACT Debating Union’s competition for schools on Monday night. They have defeated teams from Canberra Girls’ Grammar, Marist College, Campbell High School and Gold Creek High School to get this far. Good luck next Monday night to speakers Molly Barrett, Caitlin Galwey, Patrick Herbert, Annika Rooney and their researchers Zali Steiner, Olivia Knott and Florance McGufficke.

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**Year 8s Get a Shock**

Students in Year 8 are studying a unit in Science on electricity. Throughout the course they have a chance to put their theory into practice. For example...How much does an electric shock hurt? To answer this question, the students were shown how to construct an electric fence and then how to “handle” it safely. They will remember this lesson not perhaps so much for the current and voltage but in the excitement that that was generated!

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**Blossoming Basils**

Last Thursday the Blossoming Basils were hard at work planting spring bulbs. They did a fantastic job working in pairs and also on their own. Awesome effort guys!

Written by Gabrielle Steiner

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**Coles Sports for Schools Promotion**

From now until 15 August you can collect Sports for Schools vouchers by shopping at any Coles, BiLo or Pick’n’Pay store or at Coles online. And for this week, you can double your vouchers! You will receive 2 vouchers for every $10 spent from today until Sunday 24 June. Plus don’t forget to look for bonus products throughout the program where you can boost your voucher tally by earning 1 voucher for every Bonus Voucher marked product.

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**Head Lice**

These pesky little creatures are once again making their presence known! Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair regularly. If lice are evident, please treat before sending your child back to school. Thank you for your assistance in trying to stop the spread of these little horrors!

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**SCHOOL BANKERS**

Collect 10 tokens and put a note in with your banking letting me know which of the following items you would like (one item per 10 tokens): Lunch box, drink bottle, hand ball, reading book light, watch or a money box. Thank you and happy banking!!

Jo Heise
School Banking Coordinator
**Bus Line Arrangements**

We will be trialling new bus line arrangements next week. This follows on from the successful reorganisation of the afternoon bus lines last Friday, due to Bishop Pat’s farewell.

From Monday next week all secondary students will assemble under the shade cloth, at the end of the day. Once it is announced that their bus has arrived, students will be directed to walk between the buildings to the side gate.

All students who walk home or are picked up by parents are to either leave the school from the back laneway, or past the science block via the front steps. Even if your parents pick you up at the Church you must leave via the front steps of the school.

We feel that this will allow the students to wait in a warmer part of the school, reduce congestion when the Primary students arrive and ensure students are not running across the road between buses.

Primary students will still wait in the Canteen area as normal. We will evaluate this new arrangement early in third term.

Thank you

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

**Road Safety**

On Friday afternoons Caitlin and Kiahna have been exploring the road safety signs around our school with Mrs Field.

**SRC super awards**

Week 8 Theme ‘Accepting Others’

Accepting others is treating other people with care and respect. When we accept others we make people feel like they matter. You do this by putting yourself in someone else’s shoes. You can be accepting of people you don’t know, just by caring about what happens to them and sending them loving thoughts.

- KG Charlee Tozer – for her kind and accepting attitude towards others!
- 1P Olivia Bottom – for her generous acceptance of others!
- 1O Mitchell Burke – for the accepting way that he helps and deals with others!
- 2O Anna Connolly – for being a friend to all people and accepting them for who they are!
- 2P Nowell Utrush – for always being non-judgemental and accepting others!
- 3O Sara Knott – for being a great SRC Representative and listening to all pupils opinions!
- 3P Caitlin Hain – for accepting the differences of others in class.
- 3G Damon Johnson – for allowing people to be themselves through his accepting nature and having the ability to make others feel good about who they are!
- Music/French - Rylie Marks – for being accepting towards those around her in French and Music!

**SRC Primary photography Competition**

Welcome to the first ever K-6 photography competition. There is no skill needed to enter. Free to enter, so join in!!!

All entries will be displayed. The photo competition is just for fun. If you participate, everybody is a winner!

Categories

[**Posed**] get someone or something to pose for you

[**Creative**] be creative

[**Life**] take a picture of life /nature

All classes will have entry forms in their room. Photos must be submitted by Monday 19 June Week 9.

Thanks from the Primary SRC Photography Committee Josh McConkey, Sara Knott and Harrison Chong.

“Spread love everywhere you go, first in your own house” Mother Teresa

**Nourish**

Nourish is being printed and will be available sometime in Term 3. We would like to encourage all our families and staff who have not yet pre-ordered to take advantage of the ‘Early Bird Special’ of Nourish at the exclusive price of $20.00 per book up until Friday, 29 June 2012. You have only eight days left to Pre-order! NOURISH will then retail for $30.00 per book.

Download the Pre-order form: [http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pfformsandnotes.html](http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pfformsandnotes.html) or contact our Sales Promoters: Melissa Giuliani 0429 993440, Erika Statham 0400 787398 or Alison Hemphill 0466 850723. Completed pre-order forms and payment can be left at the School Office.

When Nourish arrives you will receive notification of how and when you may collect this beautiful cookbook full of past and present memories.

We are grateful to Allianz Insurance, our major sponsor along with all our local food producers and retailers who are advertising and supporting our school.

We will evaluate this new arrangement early in third term.

Thank you

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

**P&F News**

- Woolies Earn and Learn/Coles Schools Sports Promotion - Don’t forget to support these two initiatives.
- 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 hwalker-broose@bigpond.com

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

**Wednesday 20 June**
Kinder 2013 Information Evening 5.30pm

**Thursday 21 June**
3G Parish Mass 10.00 am
Open Classrooms K-2 10.00 am to 11.00 am
7-10 Small Schools Rugby League

**Friday 22 June**
Poetry and Drama Workshop
1O Assembly at the Cooma Ex-Services Club 12.00 pm

**Sunday 24 June**
Confirmation Celebration Mass

**Wednesday 27 June**
Year 10 Taste of TAFE Day

**Thursday 28 June**
Stage 3 Sullivan Shield Round 2
3P Parish Mass 10.00am
School Board Meeting 6.30 pm

**Friday 29 June**
Last day Term 2

**Monday 16 July**
Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 17 July**
Students return for Term 3

**Friday 20 July**
Day 1 Secondary Skiing

**Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 July**
Interschool skiing at Perisher

**Thursday 28 July**
K-6 Ski Program

**Friday 27 July**
Day 2 Secondary Skiing
K-6 Ski Program
3G Assembly 12.00 pm at the Cooma Ex-Services Club

**Monday 30 July**
K-6 Ski Program

**Tuesday 31 July**
K-6 Ski Program
K-2 Peter Rabbit Theatre Production in Canberra
Reconciliation meeting in the Church 6.30 pm

**Wednesday 1 August**
Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 2 August**
3-10 Australian Mathematics Competition
Year 10 Careers Expo in Canberra
2P Assembly 12.00 pm at the Cooma Ex-Services Club

**Friday 3 August**
Day 3 Secondary Skiing

**Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August**
Reconciliation Request for Candidates this weekend’s masses

**Tuesday 7 August**
Year 7 2013 Info evening (TBC)
Reconciliation meeting in the Church 6.30 pm

**Wednesday 8 August**
Mary Mackillop Feast Day

**Thursday 9 August**
3-6 Southern Region Athletics Bega
School Board Meeting 6.00pm

**Friday 10 August**
K-2 Ski Program

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**Canteen News**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Volunteers**
Thursday- Rebecca Hain
Friday – Catherine Commons

**MEAL DEAL FOR FRIDAY**
- 2 chicken nuggets/2 Party pies/sauce and drink of your choice - milk or juice.
The cost is $5.00. This is the ONLY choice available to Primary and Infants. If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding meal deals or other matters regarding the canteen, please do not hesitate to call me 0406 763 375.

**VOLUNTEERS**: I am very grateful to all my wonderful helpers. If you can spare a couple of hours of your time to help, please give me a call.

**LOW STOCK**: As we are heading towards the end of term 2, SOME items may not be available. An alternative will be offered.

Thank you
Carolyn Hely

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**Around Town**

**SATURDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP**: The Australian Breastfeeding Association and Family Support Service are offering a Saturday Morning Playgroup at Family Support Service in Cooma on 16 June, 14 July and 11 August from 10.00 am to 12 noon at 59A Vale Street Cooma (between the Library and Medicare Office).

**POSSUM’S NOOK FUN CAMP**: Horse Mad? Then join our fun school holiday camps. Learn to ride or improve. Have lots of fun too! For ages 5-16 years – beginners or experienced. Six days & nights email: possumsnook@activ8.net.au Phone Kerry or Brian 02 6453 6236 Fax: 02 6453 6232

**COOMA TAFE SEMESTER 2 COURSES**: Visit or phone the Cooma Campus 6452 0756 or 6452 0764 for information about courses available in Semester 2. Classes start mid July.

**COOMA CHAMPS TENNIS CAMPS**: Wednesday 4 to Thursday 5 July and Wednesday 11 to Thursday 12 July. Call Tom 0404 838 049 to book.

**COOMA AUSKICK SEASON 2012**: Snowy oval 9.30 to 10.45 am Saturday 23 June for children 5-12 years. Program runs for 5 weeks with final session being an Auskick half-time game at Manuka oval in the AFL game between Melbourne Demons and GWS Giants on 18 August.

**For more information visit** www.coomacats.sportingpulse.net or call Stuart 0422

**COOMA SQUASH AND SPORTS CENTRE 2012 SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMS**: Join in the fun these April, July and September School Holidays with our Sports Programs for kids aged 7-14. Register by calling the Cooma Squash Centre on 6452 1213.

**COOMA LIBRARY**: Celebrating the National Year of Reading in June with its “Reading Food” month. Saturday 30 June 12.00 to 1.00 pm – additive-free and sugar reduced demonstration kid’s party (for grown-ups!). Come and see, taste and talk to other parents or grandparents. RSVP 64551730 or library@monaro.nsw.gov.au.