Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Loving Father,
who has called your son Christopher
to serve in the Church as Bishop,
grant, we pray,
that he will always be a true disciple
and ardent apostle
of Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Welcome to our new Archbishop Christopher Prowse

It was a privilege yesterday to attend the installation of the new Archbishop of the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese, Christopher Prowse, in St Christopher’s Cathedral in Manuka. The congregation included almost 50 Bishops from across Australia, 150 priests, civic and political leaders and principals representing the 57 schools in the Archdiocese.

Following the formal reading in Latin of a Papal edict, Christopher Prowse was installed as the seventh Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. The Vatican’s Ambassador to Australia, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, read out the letter of appointment from Pope Francis before it was translated into English. Describing Australia as “a country very dear to us”, the Pope urged Catholics in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to welcome Archbishop Prowse. “We encourage them to welcome you warmly and always remain one with you in faith and love,” he wrote. Archbishop Prowse formerly served as Bishop of Sale and as an auxiliary bishop in Melbourne.

In his homily, Archbishop Prowse reflected on the fact he and the cathedral were both named after St Christopher. According to legend, St Christopher served God by carrying people – including on one occasion the Christ-child – across a dangerous river. “I want to be a ‘Christopher’ for you,” Archbishop Prowse told the congregation, “I want to carry you and your burdens to Jesus, the great burden-bearer, across the dangerous river of life.” He further acknowledged the challenges faced by the Catholic Church in Australian society today and the need for each of us to be more pastoral in reaching out to others.

Please keep Archbishop Christopher in your prayers and thoughts.

Leadership contenders
While on the issue of leadership, it was also a privilege to listen to the presentations by our Year 9 students last Friday as part of the process of electing the 2014 Student Executive. Almost without exception the students gave a genuine reflection on their time at St Patrick’s and the reasons why they would feel privileged to be elected to the 2014 Executive by the Secondary students and staff. The students can feel very proud of their commitment, honesty and integrity in seeking this leadership role for next year. The successful nominees will be announced to the school community in the very near future.

Lots of activities at the moment
Congratulations to our Primary students on the enthusiasm they are showing in their swimming program each Friday. The weather at times has been challenging but this has not deterred them from becoming fully involved in all the essential water awareness activities.

Many of our Year 10 students successfully completed their Rural Fire Service cadetship last week and a number of them completed a senior first aid course earlier this week.

The Martin Schoo basketball competition was completed yesterday and our students deserve to be congratulated for the spirit in which they got into their games. We have our final social of the year at the Ex-Services Club at 7pm tomorrow evening. Year 6 students, including those new to the school in 2014, have been invited.

Phil Stubbs
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**Parent Line NSW**

Parent Line NSW - is a state funded program managed by CatholicCare Sydney. It is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children ages 0 to 18 who live in New South Wales. The service includes the Early Childhood Intervention Infoline, providing information and support about concerns regarding child development, disabilities and developmental delays.

Parent Line is available 9am to 9 pm Monday to Friday, and 4pm to 9pm on weekends. It has been supporting NSW parents for over 15 years and answers over 10 000 calls each year.

Calls are answered directly by a team of trained, professional counsellors with training in parenting programs and qualifications in social work or psychology. Each of the counselling staff have many years of experience in helping families deal with ordinary parenting dilemmas and a range of more difficult problems.

Also provided is support and information for professionals working with parents and children, including advice for supporting parents, referral to services, details about how support can be given to families, newsletter articles and more.

Free Parent Line publicity materials are available on:

www.parentline.org.au

Counsellors can be accessed on 1300 1300 52

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**Farewell to Mr Phil Stubbs**

A farewell function for our Principal, Mr Phil Stubbs, will be held on Tuesday 17 December 2013.

We will be joining our Parish community at the weekday Mass in the Church at 5.30 pm; afterwards there will be drinks and nibbles served in the Secret Garden on the Secondary campus.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 6 December to St Patrick’s Parish School office. School Office Phone: 6452 1721 or Email: office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au

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**Secondary SRC Report**

This Thursday, 21 November, the secondary SRC will be holding a sausage sizzle to raise money for the people in the Philippines recently affected by the typhoon. A sausage in bread will be $2.50 (this is only for secondary students).

Also on Thursday, we will have a social to say farewell to the Year 10s and to welcome the current Year 6s as well as new enrolments for Year 7 next year. Everyone from Years 6-10 is invited. The theme is book characters. The social will be at the Cooma Ex-services club from 7pm-10pm and the cost is $6 per student or $8 if you come with a brother or sister. There will be water and lollies available for purchase.

So please come along as your favourite book character and you might even get best dressed!

Angela Sullivan - Year 9 SRC

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**STAGE 3 CAPTAIN NOMINATION PROCESS**

A reminder that the application forms to nominate for the K-6 Captains need to be returned by tomorrow, Thursday 21 November. Only current Year 5 students can nominate. Once nominations are accepted, the student is then asked to write a speech that must include information about his/her catholic values, skills, talents and personal qualities that would make him/her a good leader. The speech should be written by the student at home and be one to two minutes in duration. All speeches must be brought to school on Monday 25 November.

Speeches are presented to all K-6 students at the church on the 26 November. The speeches will begin at 9:30 am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend, with seating available at the back of the church. All candidates will need to be dressed in full school uniform.

Immediately after the speeches, the 3-6 students and staff will vote in their classrooms.

The 2014 Captains will be announced at the Awards Day.
Our Annual Awards Day presentations are fast approaching with the K-6 Awards Day scheduled for Thursday 5 December and the 7-10 for Thursday 12 December. If you would like to make a donation toward either or both of these days, please forward to the school office. A receipt will be issued and all donors are acknowledged in the Award Day booklets. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

We will be celebrating our annual Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 12noon in the Church. This celebration is for all students and staff in our school to come together and celebrate and give thanks for the gifts and graces of the year, the presence of God throughout and the anticipation of the greatest gift of all – the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

We make our thanks with our hearts and minds and also through the tangible way of making a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society. This in turn will help them support families in need this Christmas. Students are asked to make a donation to support this cause and to help give someone a happy Christmas.

**Primary students** are asked to bring a small gift suitable for a child. It can be wrapped and labelled with a note stating the gender and age it's suitable for – or it can be left unwrapped. **Secondary students** are asked to bring a monetary donation in an envelope.

Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

We have had reports of head lice in the school. Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair regularly. The eggs are minuscule and difficult to see. It takes about a week for the eggs to hatch and the empty egg shell remains fixed to the hair until it is physically removed. Covering the hair with white conditioner stuns lice for up to 20 minutes making it easier to detect and remove them with a head lice comb. Hair should then be treated with a specially formulated product available from your local chemist or supermarket. Students should remain at home until after treatment has commenced.

The Second Hand Uniform Stall will be open Saturday 23 November and Saturday 30 November from 11am to 12pm at the Infants Campus.
**WHAT'S ON**

**Thursday 21 November**  
Yr 10 Love Bites Workshop  
Yr 7 - 10 Social (Year 6 invited)

**Friday 22 November**  
K - 6 Swimming Program

**Monday 25 November**  
Yr 10 Work Experience

**Tuesday 26 November**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
K-6 School Captain speeches - 9.30am

**Wednesday 27 November**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
K-9 Thanksgiving Liturgy - 12pm

**Thursday 28 November**  
Yr 10 Work Experience

**Friday 29 November**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
K-6 Swimming Program

**Monday 2 December**  
Yr 10 Work Experience

**Tuesday 3 December**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
Yr 6 Sexuality Information evening (Ruby Curtis) 5pm - 6pm

**Wednesday 4 December**  
Yr 10 Work Experience

**Thursday 5 December**  
K-6 Awards Day 12pm - 1.30pm  
Yr 10 work Experience

**Friday 6 December**  
Yr 10 Work Experience  
K-6 Swimming Program

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**Canteen News**

**VOLUNTEERS**

Thursday 21 November  
Rebecca Hain

Friday 22 November  
Natalee Reid

Wednesday 27 November  
Linda Quodling

**MEAL DEAL FRIDAY** - The only choices are NACHOS and a DRINK for $5.00 OR SUSHI and a DRINK for $5.00 (vegetable or tuna only unless specified in order). Please note chicken or salmon sushi is $3.50 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carolyn Hely  
Canteen Manager

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**Around Town**

* Cooma Ex-Services Children’s Christmas Party:  
Members - don’t forget to register your child (aged 10 and under) as soon as possible – phone 6452 1144. Registrations closing shortly! This year’s party will be held on Sunday 15 December at the Club.

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**Kinder Visit**

We were lucky enough to have the Kindergarten students visit the office today. While they were visiting they chose some of their favourite animals to go on the newsletter.

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Please refer to School website for more information  
www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au