Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome to Week 3. We have experienced all four seasons over the last several days with high temperatures, gale force winds and frosty mornings. As bad as these are for my vegetable garden, this is nothing in comparison to what is happening in NSW at the moment with the fires. Please keep the fire fighters and families who are experiencing the heartache of losing their homes from the bushfires in our thoughts and prayers.

**Tournament of Minds**

Congratulations to Emma Holgate, Vendulka Wichta, Angela Sullivan, Charlie Keegan-Bull, Alexei Shatrov, Magdalene Shatrov and Ethan Venola who represented the school at the Australasian Pacific Finals of the Tournament of Minds competition for the third year in a row. This year our team were runners up in the Applied Technology division and also received the “Spirit of the Tournament” award. This is truly a remarkable achievement given that this is a national competition and that there were 650 teams from New South Wales alone! It is a huge job and the team spent many, many hours preparing for this event. A special thank you to Sue Stubbs, who spent countless hours helping the students get ready for the competition.

**Swimming Program**

The annual St Patrick’s Swimming Program is now well and truly underway. This program is a vital part of the water awareness component of the Physical Education Curriculum. The K-6 students swim every Friday with the wonderful instructors from Michelle’s Swim School. A big thank you goes to Rebecca Nassar and Michelle for all the hard work that they have put into organising this program. Everything is going swimmingly!

**Bazaar Fair**

The St Patrick’s Bazaar Fair is only two weeks away and is gaining momentum! The Bazaar will be on Saturday 2 November at Centennial Park from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please mark this date in your diaries if you have not already done so.

**Super 8’s Cricket**

Congratulations to all the students who represented St Patrick’s at the Super 8’s Cricket Day yesterday. Over 45 Stage 3 students from St. Patrick’s participated. It was wonderful to witness the great sportsmanship displayed from our students. Special thanks go to Mike Introna and the Sydney Thunder Development Officers for the organisation that went into the day.

**Kinderstart**

There will be many bright eyed and enthusiastic ‘little ones’ at St Patrick’s over the next two weeks with our Kinderstart days taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children will be taking their first steps into ‘big school’, so remember to watch out for them and have a friendly smile ready. A special ‘thank you’ to all the preschool staff and parents who have helped prepare them for this next chapter in their lives.

**Music Workshops and Children’s Mission Mass**

This week the Secondary students, the Choir and Performance group have the opportunity to spend time with Genevieve Bryant. Genevieve has been working with the students to make old hymns new and enliven their sense of liturgy through music and poetry.

Our student leaders travelled to Canberra for the Archdiocesan Children’s Mission Mass. October is the month where we give extra support for missionaries throughout the world.

…and now just for fun…

One day a Kindergarten teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer. She read, “… and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, ‘The sky is falling, the sky is falling!’” The teacher paused then asked the class, “And what do you think that farmer said?” One little boy raised his hand and answered, “I think he said: ‘Crikey! A talking chicken!’”

Have a great week.

Steve Joyce
K-6 Coordinator
Year 8 Visual Arts went to visit the Briscoe Memorial Exhibition at the Raglan Gallery.

The Briscoe is Cooma’s most prestigious exhibition and this year the judge was local artist Lucy Culliton. Looking at the work of practising artists is a key component of inspiring and informing the students own art practice.

Year 8 Visual Arts students enjoyed the diversity of mediums and styles, and chose the work they thought should win the People’s Choice Award.

Everyone is warmly welcomed at the Raglan and I would encourage everyone to see the show before it closes on Sunday 27 October; you may even purchase a great art work at a very reasonable price.

Sabina Kovats.

20/20 Sydney Thunder Big Bash

Stage 3 2013 Cricket Day!

On Tuesday 22 October 2013, 50 stage three students from St Patrick’s left for Nijong oval in Cooma to play cricket. When we arrived we were given the rules and our team names and then given a draw. The first two activities were two games of 20/20 cricket. Just before lunch we had an awesome catching comp. During lunch we had a fun dancing comp. We were supposed to play two more games of cricket, but sadly, it started to rain. Highlights of the day from some people:

- Hamish Bottom: The ball catching competition.
- Amber Martin-Smith: playing with the team players.
- Emmilee Reid: When Mr Introna said to my team if you hit a six I’ll buy you anything from the canteen.

St Patrick’s would like to thank all the people who put time and effort into the day, especially the cricket people from the Sydney Thunder and our teachers!

By Emmilee Reid and Jamie O’Donnell

Lunchtime Basketball Competition

During Term 3, a round robin lunchtime basketball competition was held. There were 5 teams competing in both the Yr 7/8 competition and Yr 9/10 competition. With the added support of the SRC students, House Captains and Student Executive to referee and score, the competition was played in great team spirit.

The finals were played in Week 1 of this term. Both finals were very close with the Yr 7/8 Dream Team and Yr 9/10 DPJTEF Rocks claiming victory in the end, CONGRATULATIONS! The students playing in the final were:

- 7/8 Winners: Jarrod Pratt, Alex Swan, Declan Gregory, Jake Crawford, Matthew Chelin, Chloe Walsh, Maai Johnson, and Elissa Bujalski.
- 9/10 DPJTEF Rocks: Tyler Pielli, Tyler Fanning, Charlie Keegan-Bull, Toby Williams, Jacob Wenban, Angela Sullivan, Annika Rooney and Molly Barrett.
- 9/10 MacDaddies: Jeremy Mackay, Lia Venola, Louise Fletcher, Magdalene Shatrov, Emma Burt, Jozeph Nassar, Jayden Walker and Oscar Thomas.

I would like to thank all the teams who participated in the competition and played with such good sportsmanship. In particular, a big thankyou to the student executive, house captains and SRC for refereeing and scoring. It allowed the competition to run very smoothly.

Presentation was held last week during the assembly. The students gaining first place each received an adidas sports bag and the runners-up received an asics drink bottle. Thankyou to Mr Dunne and the SRC for donating the prizes. I look forward to even MORE teams entering the competition next year!!

Ms T Wawrzyniak
**Tournament of Minds**

Congratulations to all students who participated in Tournament of Minds this year for your enthusiasm, creativity and resilience. St Patrick’s Parish School was applauded loudly on Saturday night at the Australian Institute of Sport when our Applied Technology team took out the coveted “Spirit of the Tournament” award as well as being runners up to South Australia in the final. The entertainment for the evening was provided by our very own Vendulka who delighted the 1000 strong audience with her beautiful voice and music.

**Australasian-Pacific Runners Up:**
Angela Sullivan, Ethan Venola, Charlie Keegan Bull, Vendulka Wicha, Mrs Sue Stubbs, Emma Holgate, Magdalene Shatrov and Alexei Shatrov accepting their awards.

**BAZAAR FAIR**

**URGENT! HELPERS NEEDED**

We need helpers on the following stalls: BBQ, Jumping Castle, Pick-a-Box, Football Passing, Books, Plants plus some strong people to volunteer to help pack up from 1.30 – 3.00 pm.

**Second Hand Books:** If you have any second hand books, can you please send these into the school now c/- Mary-Ann Fraser. Otherwise donations of plants, games, books and homemade sweet treats can be delivered to Centennial Park from 8.00 am onwards.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help on the day - your stalls will be available from 8.30am onwards for setting up of merchandise.

Please RSVP to the Bazaar Notice sent out recently and return to the School Office ASAP or contact Erika on 0400 787 398.

Bushking in the Park will be occurring throughout the morning. Come down and enjoy a great family morning out!

Thank you for support and help from Bazaar Fair Committee.

**Chook Lotto**

**Infants Chook Lotto Week 2**

- Ben Smith KG: for Dojo points
- Darcy Brown 1P: for always listening his best!
- Safia Nassar 1O: for effort during Numeracy Groups!

**Primary Leaders’ Report**

Can you believe it, we are already into week 3? We must all be busy!

Remember to put your name down to help at the school Bazaar on 2 November 2013.

All classes have a basket for the chocolate wheel. Please bring in an item to add to it.

Friday 25 October is ‘CRAZY HAT DAY’ so wear a crazy hat and bring in a BOTTLE for the tombola stall.

Preparations are underway for Stage 3 camp at Birragai. Stage 3 are currently learning about gold in HSIE.

Thank you to Mr Intra for organising the Super 8 Cricket day on Tuesday. All teams had fun playing and learning a new skill.

Best of luck to the children representing the school at the Netball Carnival in Canberra on Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Moxon for organising the event.

**NOW that it is summer all students need to remember to wear their HATS. NO HAT NO PLAY.**

Enjoy your week.

Brog Allen and Miranda McGufficke School Leaders

**Secondary SRC News!**

Congratulations to the winners of the SRC footy tipping competition! Our winners were C9 for the home rooms and Ben Hayden for the individuals. We would like to thank Mr Dunne for organising draws and prizes and hopefully we will be able to run another competition next season!

We would also like to congratulate the winners of the basketball competition! We hope you are all enjoying your prizes and had a great time playing basketball this term. A big thank you to Ms Wawryzniak for organising draws and prizes. Thank you to all those students who volunteered to referee the games and also to those who did the scoring. Hopefully we can run more afternoon sport next year.

Angela Sullivan - Year 9 SRC

**Star Awards**

**STAR Awards Theme – ‘Being Enthusiastic’**

Enthusiasm is being full of spirit. Enthusiasm comes from having a positive attitude. A person without enthusiasm becomes boring. Enthusiasm makes life more enjoyable. When you enjoy what you are doing, even the dullest job can be fun. Show enthusiasm to others by celebrating with them. Your enthusiasm rubs off on others.

- KG Ollia Stockl – for her enthusiastic approach to writing!
- KG Jorja Geelan – for her enthusiastic smile during every task she undertakes!
- 1O Joshua Williams – for the enthusiasm he shows when completing activities in groups!
- 1O Safia Nassar – for the consistent, positive attitude and enthusiasm she displays!
- 1P Cooper Inskip – for the enthusiasm he shows when anyone needs help in the classroom!
- 2P Aidan Childs – for his enthusiastic approach to all computer tasks!
- 2O Emily Quodling – for the enthusiasm she displayed when participating in the group skipping routine!
- 2O Rylee Byrne – for the enthusiastic way she is approaching all maths tasks!
- 3P Zara Childs – for always being an enthusiastic member of 3P!
- 3O Connor Inskip – for being keen and conscientious about getting his work right!
- 3O Joshua Sharkey – for being keen to share ideas in class!
- 3G Sara Knott – for the positive enthusiasm she displays towards learning, her peers and her responsible decision making!
- 3G Eli Wilkinson – for his enthusiastic attitude towards reading, our Gold unit and for having a real zest for life!
- Music/French Emily Revelant – for her enthusiastic approach to learning French and Music!

“People are just about as happy as they make their mind up to be” Abraham Lincoln

**SRC Quote of the Week**
Thursday 24 October
3P Parish Mass 10am
Yr 7 - 10 RE and music workshops
Yr 9 Camp
Kinderstart 9.30am - 11am

Friday 25 October
Yr 9 Camp
K-6 Swimming Program
K-10 Crazy hat day (for tombola)

Monday 28 October
Stage 3 Camp

Tuesday 29 October
Stage 3 Camp

Wednesday 30 October
Stage 3 Camp

Thursday 31 October
Kinderstart 1.30pm - 3pm

Friday 1 November
K-6 Swimming Program
‘Socktober’ uniform free day
Yr 10 White Card Course

Saturday 2 November
St Patrick’s Bazaar Fair 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 5 November
CEO Director’s Visit

Wednesday 6 November
Secondary Exams

Thursday 7 November
2P Parish Mass 10.00 am
K - 6 Sports Awards
Secondary Exams
School Board meeting 6.30pm

Friday 8 November
Secondary Exams
K-6 Swimming Program

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Billy G Cookie Dough fundraiser! We hope you are enjoying scrumptious cookies and your selected prize. Your support has helped us to raise vital funds for our school.

Thank you!