Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Registration a great success
After months of preparation we received the report from the Registration Panel last Wednesday and the school has passed with flying colours. The panel was very positive and affirming of practices, procedures and processes in place in the school and this is testament to the ongoing dedication of staff in particular, the enthusiasm and commitment of students and the unequivocal support of parents. Thank you to all involved in gaining this valuable accreditation status. The panel also made recommendations on various aspects of school life and these will form part of the school’s strategic planning over the next 5 years.

Four days in the West – what an experience!
There were some bleary eyes and weary bodies very late on Sunday night when our Tournament of Minds (ToM) team arrived back from the Australasian Pacific finals which were held in Perth over the previous 4 days. It was a privilege to be able to accompany the team and witness their spirit of good fun, teamwork and creativity throughout this time. While our team didn’t win at national level, their presentation in the Applied Technology final was outstanding with a blend of drama, humour, social commentary, music and environmental awareness.

The major sponsors of the Perth program were BHP Billiton, the University of Western Australia and Notre Dame University. The organisation of transport, accommodation, tours and the competition itself was a monumental task and certainly provided the more than 600 ToM participants with lifelong memories. The national finals in 2013 will be held in Canberra as part of the centenary celebrations and you can be assured we will again be trying our hardest to make it 3 in a row in getting to the national finals in 2013!

Congratulations to Jasmine Bujalski, Emma Holgate, Magdalene Shatrov, Charlie Keegan-Bull, Angela Sullivan, Jessica Brown and Madeleine Rooney. Particular thanks also to their coach Sue Stubbs for her guidance of the team.

Kinderstart under way
There were a few teary eyes and apprehensive looks as the Kinder class of 2013 began their first Kinderstart day yesterday morning for a couple of hours. The uncertainty was replaced by big smiles (in most cases) and a keen sense of anticipation about commencing ‘big school’ next year thanks to the skilled guidance of teacher Angie Introna, who was ably assisted by Marg Field. There are 3 more Kinderstart days in the program and the aim is to familiarise the children with basic classroom procedures and reassure them and their parents about the transition to school.

SPOT Day (St Pat’s Orientation Time)
Our incoming 2013 Year 7 students got into the spirit of high school life on Monday, including the 12 new students joining us. The students had a variety of activities including a Science laboratory session, a cooking session in Food Tech and a Drama workshop. Thank you to our Secondary Coordinator, Pam Fletcher, for organising the day and to Sue Wallace and Suzanne Stacey for running the workshops.

News Update
Congratulations to our Super 8 cricketers for the spirit shown in their activity day yesterday.
Good luck to our Year 9 students who headed off this morning on their 3 day camping trip to Mimosa Rocks National Park, accompanied by Glenyce Moxon, Tim Lawley and staff from Coastlife Adventures.
Good luck to 3 Green with their assembly on Friday at noon in the Club.
Let’s hope for a return to summer for the Primary Swim Program on Friday.
Good luck to our ex-students who are in the midst of their Higher School Certificate exams. We are hopefully providing them with a quiet, reflective exam environment by leasing out our old Infants’ Campus building at Cooma North to Monaro High School over this four week period.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
Kinderstart

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Perpetual Trophies

If you received a perpetual trophy at last year’s Awards Day, please return it to school as soon as possible in preparation for the 2012 Awards Days. Thank you.

Email Address

We are looking at better ways to communicate more effectively with our community. Although we have phone and mobile contact information, we would like to ensure email addresses are also up to date.

Can you please forward your email address to: office@stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au.

Please note that any email addresses, like other personal information, will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you.

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

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Pre-order your Christmas gift NOW! $25.00 RRP.
(This offer is exclusive till 21 Dec 2012). Contact School Office for your copy.

Mr Joyce - Bike Ride

I will be entering the 2012 Sydney to Wollongong Bike Ride. All funds raised go towards supporting people affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

I would appreciate if anyone would be able to sponsor me in this event. You could do so by following the following link


Fish and chips by the Swan River was a great start to the Perth visit.

The CEO Director, Mrs Najdecki, was in Perth for a CEC Conference and dropped in to support St Pat’s and the Sacred Heart, Pearce, teams.

Time to unwind after their presentation near the University of Western Australia oval.
CAPS: By popular demand the P&F are putting in another cap order. If you missed out last time and are interested in placing an order, please contact the office for an order form.

BUSH DANCE: Saturday 3 November at St Paul’s Church Hall. Please come along and support the school by attending this fun and very affordable evening. Tickets on sale now from the Fabric Salon or at the door.

Decorations: if you have gingham or check tablecloths, old hats, drizabones, rabbit traps, ornamental garden windmill, etc, please contact one of the organisers listed below (please ensure you label everything clearly).

Setup: from 10.00am on Saturday 3 November. BBQ, etc needs to be transported to venue. Helpers are also needed to tidy up on the Sunday.

Desserts: If you can make a dessert, please let us know how many servings so we can ensure we have enough for everyone. Ovens available if required. Help is also needed on the Saturday making salads and preparing potatoes.

Auction Items: We have sourced some fantastic auction items. Just a few more items required for our Bloke Barrow (wheel barrow full of bloke stuff) - any donations appreciated.

Please contact Eva Tangye 0413 555 565 or Karen McGufficke 0417 496 708 if you can help in any way. Many thanks for your support.

The P&F Team
**WHAT'S ON**

**Thursday 25 October**
- Year 9 Camp - Mimosa Rocks
- Principals Conference ACT
- 2nd Kinderstart 9.30—3.00pm

**3G Assembly 12.00 pm Cooma Ex-Services Club**
- Friday 26 October
- Year 9 Camp - Mimosa Rocks
- K-6 Swimming

**Sunday 28 October**
- Catholic Primary Netball Carnival
- **Monday 29 October**
- Eucharist 3rd Meeting (Homes)
- Stage 3 camp at Cooba

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**Canteen News**

**Volunteers:** A new roster for the remainder of the term has been sent home - please check and rearrange asap if you need to. Thank you again for all your support. Parent volunteers are vital in the successful running of the canteen. If you are able to spare any time at all, please contact me through the school or my mobile 0406763375.

**Thursday 25 October**
- Volunteer needed

**Friday 26 October**
- Melissa Caffarelli

**Friday Meal Deal:** 2 party pies/2 chicken nuggets/sauce and drink of your choice - All for only $5.00. This will be the **ONLY** choice available to Primary and Infants.

Thank you for your continued support.
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

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**Around Town**

- **Cooma Little Theatre:** presenting a ‘Triple Treat’ of one act plays in November: “Mayflies, Mystery and Mayhem” comprises 3 fun and entertaining plays. Performances on November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8pm. Tickets available from Cooma Visitors Centre from 22 October. Rated PG.

- **Cooma Cats:** Looking for girls aged 13-18 to play in the AFL NSW/ACT Youth Girls U18s Cup in Canberra on Saturday 17 November 2012. No experience necessary—training sessions held prior to carnival. All you need is a pair of boots, a mouth guard and a desire to learn a new game. Contact Rob Barnes 0425827130 or email secretarycoomacats@gmail.com.

- **MILO in2CRICKET at Cooma:** introduces girls & boys to the game of cricket, Australia’s favourite summer sport. Once participants register they will take part in a fun, inclusive, action-packed 12 week program. MILO in2CRICKET will be held Saturdays from 9.00 to 10.00 am at the Nijong Oval. Cost is $60. Register online at www.in2cricket.com.au by typing in postcode 2630 and MJCA as centre. Visit www.in2cricket.com.au or email Cricket NSW on in2cricket@cricketnsw.com.au.

- **Open Gardens Australia:** Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Cooma gardens on show – Liz and Ian Litchfield 3 West Baron Street, Virginia and Keith Kinsella 26-28 Hawkins Street and Petra and Terry Murphy 695 Mittagang Road. Entry $7 per garden. Morning and afternoon tea available in Murray’s garden provided by Raglan Gallery volunteers. Monies raised to the Raglan building fund. Ceramic garden sculpture by Petra Murphy and visiting artists will also be displayed throughout the garden with some art works for sale.

- **A Feast of Poetry 2012:** Sunday 4 November at the Raglan Gallery, Lambie Street. Song competition presentation by Allan Spencer from the Cooma School of Music at 10.00 am. Finalists read their poems, winners announced and prizes and certificates presented from 11.00 am. Prizes to be won for all age groups for open microphone section, poem on the spot competition and original bush poetry competition for students. Live entertainment, refreshments and coffee. A Feast of Poetry Anthology 2012 on sale for $10. For more information, contact Lucy Nesici on 6452 5546.