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

It was a very special occasion indeed last Friday evening when Bishop Max Davis received 26 students into the sacrament of Confirmation in our church. Along with our own Parish Priest, Father Paul, and an overflowing congregation, it was an uplifting experience to see the reverence with which the students conducted themselves and the pride they displayed in achieving this milestone. Our thanks again go to the Stage 3 teachers and the Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator Mrs Lou Mackay.

There will be a celebratory Mass this Sunday at 10 am, followed by a morning tea for the candidates in the Parish Centre. Please feel free to come along and join in the celebration.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2014

Last night saw an informative meeting in the Kindergarten rooms when parents of prospective Kinder 2014 enrolments heard what our school has to offer for next year. All aspects of school life were covered to allay the concerns that are associated with a child beginning school.

In an effort to finalise enrolments and facilitate planning for 2014 it is asked that all Kinder enrolments for 2014 are finalised by Friday 26 July. If you know of a family intending to enrol a child at St Patrick’s please ask them to collect an enrolment pack from the office or call 6452 1721. In terms of marketing the value of a St Patrick’s education there is no more effective advertisement than a recommendation from current families so please ‘spread the word’!

End of a busy semester

With the distribution of reports last Monday the staff and students are looking forward to a well-earned break to restore their spirits, energy and in some cases their health.

A reminder that school resumes for all students on Wednesday 17 July. Thank you to all members of the school community for your contribution to the life of St Patrick’s over the past two terms.

By sharing some of the images of this time we can see just how dynamic our great school continues to be. If you are travelling over the school holidays we wish you safe journeying.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
Primary School Captain's weekly Report

Over the past couple of weeks St Pat’s has been very busy with a number of activities. On Tuesday 11 June a group of Stage 3 students travelled to Canberra to play in the Sullivan Shield. They were very successful and have made it to the next round. Good luck!!!!

Well done to the Stage 3 students who participated in the Brett White Gala Day last Thursday. Very good sportsmanship was displayed throughout the day. Thank you to Darnel and Remy for helping to train the Oz tag girls and to Ryan Eager and Sam Patricks who gave a helping hand. A big thank you to Mr Introna for organising it all.

Congratulations to the students who were confirmed with the Holy Spirit by Bishop Max last Friday night. Thank you to Bishop Max who came down to Cooma for our Confirmation.

Well done to Bailey Rogers, Damon Fanning and Broc Allen who have made the Mackillop representative side. On Monday they played at Forbes. We hope they went well.

Written by Zara Childs and Miranda McGufficke.

Our Pets

During Term 2, Olave and Logan brought in their pets for special news. Olave showed the class her working dog Roy, whilst Logan’s chihuahua puppies were very cute and cuddly.

Olave gave a great presentation on the variety of jobs Roy does around the farm. Mr Wilkinson also showed 1P some of Roy’s many talents like being able to sit, stay and jump high fences.

1P would like to thank Olave and Logan, as well as their parents, for sharing their special pets with the class.

Elective Drama Infants Performance

On Tuesday our Elective Drama class performed some of the work that they have been doing as part of their Children’s Entertainment unit with Lambie Street Preschool for our infants students on the K-2 campus. The drama students read stories, sang songs and played games with important educational themes such as road safety, the seasons and healthy eating. The drama class have really enjoyed working with the preschool children throughout Term 2 and enjoyed spending time in our infants campus.

Mrs Stacey

Kiama Big Band

On Wednesday St Patrick’s students went to the Cooma Public School to listen to the Kiama Big Band. The band was a classical band and they had lots of awesome instruments like the piano, drums, trumpets, trombone, guitar, triangle, flute and the chime bars, to name a few. They played songs from movies including Shrek and Harry Potter. A girl named Sarah sang for us and we danced to YMCA. Declan, one of our Secondary students, led the band with a conductor stick. We had a fantastic time listening and watching this huge group of talented high schoolers!

Written by Adelaide Chong

Australian Geography Competition

Thirteen Year Ten Geography students tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2013 Australian Geography Competition. Around 75,000 students entered the competition this year so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of Geography. In the intermediate section the following students attained a Credit Award: Daniel Sharkey, Magdalene Shatrov, Emma Holgate and Chelsea Case. Will Fitzgerald attained a High Distinction in this section which was a fantastic result. In the senior level both Alana Smith and Louise Fletcher achieved a Distinction Award which is a terrific result as they had to complete the sections that students in Years 11 and 12 also completed. Well done to all the students who participated.

Written by Zara Childs and Miranda McGufficke.
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.

“No-one can sincerely try to help another without helping themselves”.

Primary SRC

STAR Awards Theme – “Consideration”

Consideration is thinking about how your actions affect others and caring about how they feel. It is paying attention to what other people like and don’t like. When people behave selfishly and don’t practise consideration, other people feel hurt. When we are considerate others know they are important to us!

• KG Hunter Kanowski – for being considerate of others by staying on task!
• 1O Clara Thornton – for consideration to her classmates and teacher!
• 1P Natalie Revelant – for always taking into consideration the feelings of others. Well done!
• 2P Lochlan Giuliani – for being a responsible and considerate class member!
• 2O Cambell Wenban – for the considerate way he helps his peers!
• 3P Remy Oldrey – for being responsible and considerate during French and music lessons!
• 3O Josie Platts – for being a responsible and considerate class member!
• 3G Rhys Freebody – for his considerate, thoughtful actions in class by always respecting the rights of others to learn!
• Library Jacob Ingle – for his considerate manner when using the library!
• Music/French Eric Henderson – for showing consideration to a friend in bus lines!

Well done boys and girls!

Semester One photos

Chook Lotto

• Lucy Pope – KG – Earn and Learn
• Erin Alexander – 1O – Participation in prayer
• Darcy Brown – 1P – Perfect writing, well done!

Secondary Term 2 Awards Assembly

Friday 28 June 12.10 pm in the church. All parents/carers welcome.

NOURISH

You can now purchase Nourish at $25.00 per book or 3 for $60.00 from the School Office. A perfect gift for family or friends with some great hearty warm recipes for this winter!

Personalised St Patricks School Caps - $15.00
Orders are being taken again for the school caps with your child’s name embroidered on them. Please contact email Karen McGufficke mkmcgufficke@bigpond.com or 0417 496708 for an order form, by Wednesday 3 July, as the order will be placed over the holidays.

Next P&F meeting
Reminder our term 3 P&F meeting will be held Thursday 25 July at 5.000m in the primary staff room. All parents very welcome.

K-6 Disco
Save the date, Friday 6 September, more details closer to the date

The P&F team wish all students, parents and teachers a very happy and safe school holidays, thank you to all for your support in term 2.

P&F Executive
Thursday 27 June
Yr7 Parish Mass

Friday 28 June
7-10 Awards Assembly - 12.10pm
Last day of Term 2

Saturday 29 June
School Holidays commence

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

Canteen News

Thursday 27 June
Kathy Venables
Friday 28 June
Melissa Caffarelli

A HUGE thank you to all my wonderful helpers over this term - the canteen would be very difficult to operate without you! If anyone has a free hour from 10am to 11am, I would be very grateful for extra help. Please contact me through the school.

RED LICORICE IS OUT OF STOCK AND CAN’T BE REORDERED AT THIS TIME, SORRY!

MEAL DEAL FRIDAY IS FREE CHOICE, PLEASE WRITE YOUR ORDER ON A BAG AND I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO GIVE WHAT IS ORDERED. THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF SUSHI ROLLS, AN ALTERNATIVE WILL BE GIVEN IF SOLD OUT!

Thank you for your continued support.
Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Around Town

* Resilience Inc is presenting “The Great Zamboni” at Cooma Little Theatre on Saturday 13 July – 2 children's shows at 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. Tickets available from 15 June from the Cooma Visitor’s Centre or online at www.resilienceinc.org.au.

* 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.

* The Community Chest: To purchase your new 2013/2014 Entertainment book contact Kristy Cleverley 0423186962 or email kirsty@bmrlawyers.com.au $12 from each book sold will contribute to supporting those in our local community who need it most.

* 2013 Canberra Careers Xpo: Wednesday 31 July & Thursday 1 August. Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC). Over 80 local and national exhibitors, including universities, TAFEs, colleges, training providers and career placement organisations providing a wide range of information sources. Students, parents, community members, teachers, carers, and anyone looking for career and future pathways information. For more information go to the website http://www.canberracareersmarket.com.au/ or contact Alexandra.dashwood@act.gov.au or 62053601.