Dear parents, staff and students

This week I was reading about the life of Mother Teresa at the barber shop. Her motivation to help the poor was best exemplified by the gospel value of treating all people as we would treat Jesus

‘…When you did this to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

Please take the time to read the article in the newsletter by Mrs Mackay. The staff and students are trying to raise as much money as we can this Lent to help the poor both here and overseas.

Emergency at Cooma Gaol

At 3:25pm yesterday I received a call about the escapee from Cooma gaol. We made sure all staff on site were informed of the situation, that students and parents waiting for parent teacher interviews in primary were looked after and that students on bus lines were closely supervised. On Wednesday morning the police indicated that the escapee could still be in the area. The primary and secondary campuses put strategies in place to ensure students, staff and visitors were protected if we received any news from the Police.

I would like to commend the staff and students for showing common sense and calm during the last few days.

Working Bee

Last Saturday staff, parents and students helped weed, trim and remove rubbish on all campuses. This really helps our groundsman Don Southwell focus on other jobs around the school. I would personally like to thank all who gave up a few hours last Saturday. We are planning another working bee early in term 4, so if you are able to spare a few hours it would be most appreciated.

Year 7 Camp

The best compliment about the year 7 camp last week was from one of the instructors. Charlie said that our students were one of the most respectful and enthusiastic school groups she had ever been involved with. She could not believe that some of the students had only known each other for four weeks. Well done.

Please remember those in our community who are sick or require your prayers.

Thank you

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal
On Thursday 21 February 27 students competed in the Southern Region swimming carnival at Narooma. After an early start for some, students warmed up at 9:00am and the carnival began at 9:30am. Students were very enthusiastic and cheered team members on loudly. St Pat’s looked fantastic in their new sport representative shirts. There were some great swims and the students represented us proudly.

Congratulations to the following students who will now represent Southern Region at the Archdiocesan Carnival in Narooma on Monday 4 March; Lucy Thornton, Sami Frazer, Anna Brayshaw, Chloe van Ommen, Amber Martin-Smith, Miranda McGufficke, Hudson Laird, Hugo Steiner, Matthew Hopkin, Andrew Pearce, Broc Allen and Bentley Walker-Broscope. Congratulations to Hudson Laird - Junior Boy Champion!

Last Friday we had the Canberra Raiders come to visit stage 2 and 3. They showed us a film about bullying and asked us a few questions about the film. During the discussion we realised that not much bullying really happens at St Pats. Also, that just because someone might not be nice to you it is not necessarily bullying. The players introduced themselves and told us their daily routines and then we played a Quiz game called ‘Hot Seat’. We enjoyed meeting some of the players and we wish them good luck for the season. We would like to thank the Raiders for all the prizes they gave to the school and for their time.

By Damian F, Zara C, Broc A, Miranda M

On Monday, 25 February, we held our annual swimming carnival. Although the weather prediction was for rain and storms, it was a perfect day.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all students who attended on the day. Your outstanding participation in all events and great house spirit, particularly in the salmon relay, is to be commended. We also welcomed a new event to the carnival-The Blue Ribbon Event. This 50M Freestyle event is based on the six fastest times from all age groups for both boys and girls. Our winners for 2013 were Katie Patricks and Josh Steinke-CONGRATULATIONS!!

A special thank you to our house captains for their efforts with war cries, of which Ignis emerged the winner. Also for their efforts throughout the carnival- encouraging participation in events, fostering house spirit and cleaning up at the end of the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful parents who assisted on the day to act as officials and the staff whose collective efforts contributed to the success of the carnival. Without your support, the carnival would not have run efficiently.

**FINAL POINTSCORE**

1st Terra 1116 points  
2nd Caelum 889 points  
3rd Ignis 616 points  
4th Aqua 556 points

**AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2013**

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in swimming and are age champions for 2013:

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**RECORDS BROKEN**

Congratulations to the Samantha Bird who broke a record on the day – the 100m Freestyle in a time of 1.19.18 (previous record 1.21.25 in 2009).

Ms T Wawrzyniak (Carnival Organisor)

In Week 4, 2 Purple joined the other Stage 2 class and enjoyed an excursion to Sawpit Creek as part of the unit ‘State and National Parks’. Students enjoyed studying various flora and fauna, tasting bush tucker and learning about the different roles of the National Parks Staff.
**Stage 5 Creative Arts Excursion**

We set off early for a day that did not disappoint our expectations. First stop was the Toulouse – Lautrec exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia which we saw with great delight before the general public arrived. Lautrec’s masterful drawing skills and flair for characterisation will inform the practical work of both the Visual Arts and Drama students this term.

We had morning tea in light rain at the Sculpture Garden and then back onto the bus to the Canberra Theatre for a back stage tour. By going behind, under and above the stage, to the lighting room and workshop, we gained an insight into the world behind performances.

Thank you to the students whose behaviour was exemplary and to parents and staff who supported our excursion.

Ms Kovats and Mrs Stacey

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**Newsletter by email**

If you wish to receive your school newsletter by email please contact the school office on 6452 1721 or email office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au.

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**Snowy Relay for Life**

To be held on 2 & 3 March in Jindabyne. Too many of us know families affected by cancer. If you would like to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back, come and join us. All proceeds go to the Cancer Council. If you would like to make up a St Pat’s team, please see Ms Kovats.

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**Payments made to School Office**

Only one cheque is required when making payments for multiple items.

Thank you.

School Office

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**Chook Lotto**

- Abbey Johnson KG – for listening carefully at assembly
- Angus Wood 1P – for listening carefully in class
- Corey Mills 1O – for listening carefully at assembly

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**St Patrick’s Parish Family-based Sacramental Program Registration**

Due Friday 22 March 2013

The Confirmation program for this year will take place in term 2 (as previously mentioned programs for Reconciliation and First Communion will be offered again in 2014). If you would like your child or children to be part of St Patrick’s Parish family-based Sacramental program for Confirmation this year, please contact Lou Mackay or Ken Silich c/- St Patrick’s School or c/- St Patrick’s Church or phone 6452 4716 (Lou) or 6452 2062 (Presbytery).

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**Second Hand uniform Shop**

Ruby Curtis and Kris Laird are managing the uniform shop this year - still need helpers, contact Ruby on 0402-038 676 to arrange a time to meet. The prices are reasonable and the quality great.

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**P&F News**

Cooma Show - 9 March 2013 – The flyer has gone home with everyone and on the back is the Roster for helping and donations. If you can spare some time please fill in the Roster showing where you can help and send it back to the school office or contact Tammy Byrne 0428 645 323 or Karen McGufficke 0417 496 708. We also need donations of fresh eggs and bacon as well as helpers to clean the kitchen at the Multi-Function Centre on Friday 8 March 2013.
Thursday 28 February  
Year 10 Parish Mass 10.00 - 11.00am  
K - 6 Parent Teacher interviews  
7 - 10 Parent Teacher interviews - M - Z  

Friday 1 March  
Yr 9 - 10 Drama Workshop  
Years 7 - 10 Monaro Rugby 10’s  
K - 6 Parent Teacher interviews  

Secondary Archdiocesan swimming championships Yass  
K - 10 Caritas non - uniform day  

Monday 4 March  
Primary Archdiocesan swimming carnival Narooma  

Wednesday 6 March  
Yr 3-10 Netball Gala day  

Thursday 7 March  
3P Parish Mass 10.00 - 11.00am  

Friday 8 March  
Yr 9 - 10 Drama workshop  

Saturday 9 March  
P & F catering for Cooma Show  

Tuesday 12 March  
Schools Gala Day 9 - 2pm  

Wednesday 13 March  
ICPA Conference P & F Catering  

Thursday 14 March  
ICPA Conference P & F Catering  

Friday 15 March  
K - 10 St Patrick’s day Liturgy and Celebrations  

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

Canteen News  
VOLUNTEERS  
Thursday 28 February  
Tania Thornton  

Friday 1 March  
Meg Clarke  

Wednesday 6 March  
Marjorie Revelent  

Thank you to Marjorie Revelent for helping me on Friday. Fridays are a particularly busy day, especially between 10.00 and 11.00 am and I am very grateful for any help. Also, thank you to a new parent helper, Linda Quodling, for helping with mini canteen on Wednesday.  

FRIDAY MEAL DEAL: Fish Burger with lettuce and mayo and juice or milk OR Pizza/frozen fruit cup and juice or milk – both deals are $5.00! These options are also available to SECONDARY … BUT will need to be PREORDERED on THURSDAY. Thank you.  

MINI CANTEEN: This will now be available to both Primary and Infants EACH WEDNESDAY. Items are priced from 50c!  

If you have any queries or you are able to help, please contact me at the school or on my mobile 0406 763375. Thank you for your continued support.  
Carolyn Hely  
Canteen Manager  

Around Town  
*The Hub Youth Centre - for young people in Cooma: Open for drop in in 3.00 to 5.00 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays—for ages 12-18. For more info on any of the following phone 64525534 or text or call Emma on 0437195082 or facebook us @ Cathy Emma Hub.  

*Youth Week is coming 5 to 14 April 2013: So get thinking! Photography! Photography! Photography! Competition categories will be announced soon – awesome prizes to be won – open to all young people aged between 12 and 24. Look out at school or drop in the Hub Youth Centre for more information and entry forms!  

*YOLO is coming (Youth Organising Life Options): A Youth Expo in Cooma on 9 April for Year 9 and 10 students. Look out for more information on this event!  

*YOUTH HOMELESS MATTERS DAY is coming: 10 April and holding events at local high schools. Watch out around school for more information!  

*School Holidays Program at the Hub: 15 to 26 April - Daily activities for young people aged 12-18. All free and lunch provided - pick up a flyer late March or keep an eye out in your school newsletter for more info!  

*Cooma Monaro Railway’s: Witches & Wizards Train Saturday 2nd March 2013. A fun afternoon/evening for the young and young at heart. 1st Train for the younger children departs at 3pm and returns at 6.30pm. 2nd Train for the older children departs at 4.30pm and returns at 9.30pm. Tickets are $25 each and include the train ride to Chakola, all food & activities and special wizard themed movie screening. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come dressed up in the witches & wizards theme and join head witch Liz Dee for lots of games & activities. Bookings are essential and tickets can be purchased from the Cooma Visitors Centre Ph: 02 64551742.