Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome to the NET Team!
The annual visit of the National Evangelisation Team is in full swing at the moment and all students in Years 7 to 10 are being fully engaged in the activities that are being presented to them. The NET team (Arnie, Ana, Trevor, Charlotte and Naomi) is made up of young people from Australia and overseas who have chosen to give a year of their lives to go on mission. NET’s mission statement is to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the church and this often takes the shape of working with Catholic schools to provide dynamic and engaging Encounter Days, such as we are currently enjoying, as part of the school’s religious education program.

The young men and women who comprise the team are highly dedicated and motivated to serve within the Catholic Church. Each team member has successfully completed an intensive six-week NET training course. The mixture of geographic areas, ethnic and family backgrounds represented on the team adds to the team’s effectiveness in relating to a broad cross section of young people.

A NET Encounter Day includes the use of music, relational activities, small group discussion, drama, personal faith sharing, prayer and liturgy. A wide range of themes has been carefully designed to meet the needs of students and this has been evident in the enthusiasm displayed by our students this week.

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The NET Team with year 7

Book Parade – a Celebration of Reading
The annual Book Parade last Friday saw an incredible range of costumes and characters to draw our attention to the joy of reading for people of all ages. Congratulations to the students and their teachers for getting into the spirit of the occasion and thank you to the many spectators who came along on such a chilly day to applaud their efforts. The mysterious Book Wizard put in an appearance in what was claimed to be his final visit to this part of the world ….. let’s wait to see what happens next year!

Underlying the fun and pageantry of the Book Parade is an important message about the place of reading in our lives. Motivation is a key factor in ensuring that children enjoy reading and will spend the time needed to become successful readers. Encouraging children of all ages to make choices about their reading material increases their effort and involvement in reading. Finding great books is a challenge, but there are many websites that provide ideas. Why not explore them and join in the activities they contain? www.reading.org (International Reading Association) www.readingrockets.org www.ucanread.org www.cbc.org.au (Children’s Book Council of Australia)

Many children, even those in kindergarten, show a distinct preference for informational texts. Have you considered websites such as National Geographic Kids and Fact Monster? They include fascinating facts about the natural environment, animals and a host of other topics.

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The Year 10 ‘Bookmarks’ who helped the Book Wizard.

Some of the great outfits.
It was truly amazing to see the thought and effort put into the creative book costumes last Friday. A thankyou must go to Mrs Moxon for organising the parade and all the parents who came and supported the children.

An apology to Mrs Wilkinson who did not get a mention in the choir festival, she did so much to help with the music, so a big thankyou.

Don’t forget that Fathers Day is just around the corner and our stall is on Friday so please could you bring in a present, maybe a coffee cup or some chocolates.

Have a great week!

Written by Broc Allen and Miranda McGufficke
School Vice Captain’s

This week we have had the pleasure of the NET team in the secondary campus of our school. NET stands for National Evangelisation Team. It is a team of 5 young men and women who have put aside their careers and university studies for one or two years in order to share their faith and life experiences. It is ‘Youth to Youth’ ministry and judging by the high level of energy from both students and NET team members, it is both robust and exciting.

We warmly welcome and thank Ana, Amie, Charlotte, Naomi and Trevor. These 5 young people range in age from 18 to 25, and career paths from just out of school to engineering degrees. They train for this role in Brisbane along with other teams, and from Brisbane have made a commitment to live in our Archdiocese for 12 months, travelling to different schools and parishes and sharing their lives. NET has been coming to our school over the years and the positive response of the students attest to the fact they are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in Tournament of Minds at the Australian National University last Saturday. All teams showed great perseverance, teamwork and creativity in reaching their challenge solutions. Team 1 was successful in the Applied Technology division and will now progress to the ACT Territory final on Sunday 8 September where they will have only three hours to solve two challenges and create a performance that presents their ideas.

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**Father’s Day Gift Stall**

Friday 30th August 2013

Students are asked to donate a small gift which will in turn be available for sale for students to buy.

We ask that gifts are wrapped in clear cellophane so that children shopping can see what they are buying. Can all gifts please be given to class teachers by Monday 26th August.

On Friday 30th August every child will have the opportunity to shop at the stall for their Father/carer. All gifts will be available for purchase and priced between $2.00 & $5.00. Funds raised go to St Patrick’s P&F.

Suggestions for gifts include a coffee mug filled with sweets, magazines, books, sporting items, key rings etc.

We also require helpers to conduct the stall on Friday 30th August from 9am.

Enquiries or if you are able to help with the stall contact: Natalee Reid on nreid@schutebell.com or text 0412 910 152 or Kylie Douch on kdouch@bigpond.net.au or text 0412 666 646.

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**NOURISH**

Nourish is still available for purchase at $25.00 per book or 3 for $60.00 from the School Office. Why not give dad a helping hand in the kitchen and purchase a copy for Father’s Day? Nourish is filled with a huge selection of fantastic tried and tested recipes. This beautifully presented hard-covered cook book is a must for your collection! Call into the office today to secure your copy at this special price!!

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**BAZAAR FAIR 2013**

Saturday, 2 November 2013 in Centennial Park, Cooma 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Students who volunteer to HELP on the day will receive House Points and a thank you letter from P&F President, Mrs Karen McGufficke – a great addition to student portfolios. The Fair is always a fun morning! Bring your friends and help out with our School’s major fundraiser in 2013. Send your name to Erika Statham 0400 787 398 or email: SalemCharming@gmail.com. Students will be allocated to an appropriate stall for an allotted time together with an adult volunteer.

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**ST PATRICK’S PARISH SCHOOL P&F ASSOCIATION**

**Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser in the lead up to our Bazaar Fair.

**Funds raised will provide extra Educational Resources for all students**

All students should have received a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. An individual prize program has been included for every student/family selling one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 55 prizes to choose from such as Barbie, Nerf, Hot Wheels, Razor and much, much, more. If you have misplaced your order form, refer to School website under hyperlink: [http://stpatsooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pformsandnotes.html](http://stpatsooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/pformsandnotes.html) and print off a copy of the order form and notice. There will also be forms available from the School Office. Take the order form to your family, friends and work colleagues and even to your child’s sporting activities! Students who sell one or more tubs will be entitled to a prize of their choice and will also receive family discount voucher valued at $38 in savings for Baskin Robbins, Stefan Hair Salon and AMF Bowling.

**WIN AN IPAD** – each student also has the chance to win an iPad. At the end of each term, a winner will be selected. If one of our students wins the prize, our school will also win 2 iPads - so don’t forget to enter. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please look inside the order form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, simply detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize! You can then return the order form along with your monies to the School Office before Friday, 20 September 2013. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered.

Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

**Happy fundraising from the Bazaar Fair Committee!**
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Please refer to School website for more information
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Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS
A special thank you to my amazing helpers Rebecca and Grant on a very busy Friday last week. I am very grateful to you both.

Thursday 29 August
Kathy Venables

Friday 30 August
Natalee Reid

Wednesday 4 September
Linda Quodling

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RYPEN WEEKEND 13-15 SEPT 2013
RYPEN is a Rotary Sponsored activity aimed at Years 9-11 students who show some qualities of courage, persistence, sincerity and application in everyday life which deserve further development. Students will hear outstanding speakers on a range of topics such as motivation, goal setting, conflict resolution, etc who will inspire them and challenge them to develop their talents and skills.

Applications close next Monday 2 September 2013. Please act quickly to get you application form. The Cooma Rotary Club offers financial assistance for students to attend this potentially life changing weekend. Students who are interested are asked to obtain further information and an application form from either Kevin Dunne or Alyson Hulley in the secondary department.

GALA DAY # 1
Saturday 31 August
U6s & U8s - Kick off at 8.45am
U10/11s - Kick off at 8.30am

GALA DAY # 2
Saturday 7 September
U7s & U9s - Kick off at 8.45am
U12/13s - Kick off at 8.30am

Gala Draws are available by emailing:
simon_buckley@bigpond.com

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A reminder that our Jump Rope For Heart Program has begun. Encourage your child to build up their heart health by skipping daily.

Below are the details of how to register online for sponsorship.

Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope , click on the green ‘Kids Join Now’ button, and register your child today!

• A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; all you need to do then is click the ‘Email Sponsors’ link to send your family and friends an email asking them for their support... It’s that easy!

• This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

Our Jump Off date is 20th September 2013. This will be a great way to end our term!