Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Our Winning Choir
We can hardly imagine the scene on the road from Canberra last Wednesday afternoon: a busload of Primary students from St Patrick’s singing at the top of their voices for the whole trip home from the capital. This was the situation after our Primary Choir won the inaugural Archdiocesan Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival which was sponsored by the Catholic Development Fund.

Seven choirs from around the Archdiocese competed at Merici College in front of an audience of over 300 parents and students. Three professional judges volunteered their services for the festival, all with many years of involvement with choirs. They applauded the work done by choir directors and students alike in preparing for the event. Some choirs were created just for the event. Our choir sang two songs, Seek Ye First and Riverson, under the direction of Tina Rooney and the group was accompanied by Jane Wilkinson on piano. Congratulations to every member of the Primary Choir on this great achievement and our thanks to Tina, Jane and Paul Mackay who assisted with coordination of the choir.

Book Week
The Cooma Ex-Services Club’s main auditorium was filled to capacity last Friday for our ever popular Book Parade. The effort that the children went to with their costumes was just amazing and there were some stunning representations of their favourite book characters. The Primary teachers got into the spirit of the day as well and set the standard for the parade. A guest appearance was made by the Book Wizard who was very ably assisted by the Year 10 Student Executive and House Captains; the students escorted the class groups as they were cheered and clapped on by the large group of parents, relatives and friends.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Parade and a particular thank you to the Cooma Ex-Services Club who allowed us to use their functions room at very short notice due to the challenging weather conditions outside.

Book Parade in full swing.

Literacy and Numeracy Week
As part of our emphasis on this nationwide campaign there were activities at school today to celebrate this focus. 1 Orange presented some very exciting “Predict a Count” challenges this morning, a measurement guessing competition has been happening in the Primary Library and the ‘Read for Australia’ book reading took place this afternoon.

News Update
Congratulations to those students who put in such great performances at the Archdiocesan Athletics last Thursday as well as our NSW Interschools’ Snowsports competitors. There were some outstanding individual and team performances and our thanks again to the dedicated band of parent supporters who helped out on the day.

Congratulations to our Reconciliation candidates who had their celebratory Mass last Sunday.

Our annual Fathers’ Day stall takes place this Friday for those last minute presents for dad next Sunday. Don’t forget the NOURISH book launch this Friday evening as we welcome author Melanie Avery who will be working with our students on some cooking and food information sessions during the day.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
2 Orange

2O have been learning about the Ancient and the Modern Olympic Games. One of our tasks was to paint the Olympic Rings.

In Science we are learning how things move. One of our experiments was to design ways to make a marble move.

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Second Hand Clothing Shop

Wednesday 5 September 2.45 to 3.15 pm at the P&F Clothing shop located at the Infants Campus (the white shed near lane). For further information, please phone Ruby Curtis on 64522902 (a/h).

Athletics Success

Last week St Patrick’s sent a large team of athletes to compete in the Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival at the AIS in Canberra. The students performed exceptionally well given the level of competition and the fact that it rained all day. Congratulations to those students who have qualified for the Combined Catholic Colleges Athletics to be held at Homebush in September: Jozeph Nassar (long jump), Zac Saddler (discus and shot put), Zali Steiner (discus) and Dylan van Gemert (discus) in Secondary and Primary students Jasmin Pascoe (Discus), Gabrielle Steiner (Discus) and Will Pendergast (Long Jump). The school would like to thank all of the parents and carers who transport students and supported them on the day.

Mr Lawley and Mrs Moxon

Interschools

Last week a number of students from St Patrick’s competed in the NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships at Thredbo and Perisher. Some strong performances were achieved by Sophie Nicholl, Laura Cooke and Ellie Bowe in both cross country freestyle and relay (finishing 2nd in both) and in moguls (5th overall) and by Bentley Walker-Broose in the cross country freestyle (6th overall). Congratulations to these students on qualifying for the National Championships at Perisher next month and well done to the other members of the St Patrick’s team: Hudson Laird, Kadee Laird, Charlotte Walker-Broose, Andrew Devereux, Michala White and Charlotte Mitchie.

The school would also like to thank the parents for their continued support of Interschool Snowsports.

Mr Lawley

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.

YEAR OF GRACE

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Book Week

Last Friday K-6 had a book week parade at the Cooma Ex-Service Club. Everyone showed off their costumes - even some Year 10 students! The teachers dressed up in a way to make people laugh. There were a lot of students who went to the Library after the parade. Parents, grandparents and friends also went to the Library to see the books and class artworks. I helped make a colourful prayer about God's creation. On behalf of all the teachers and students, I would like to say ‘Thank you’, to Mrs Moxon for organising Book Week.

Written by Sarah Hartley

MELANIE AVERY’S VISIT LAUNCH OF NOURISH

Melanie will visit our school and speak to our Primary and Secondary students this Friday. Interested in coming along, mingling and hearing what Melanie has to say on various aspects of food? Come to our launch this Friday evening at Moontree, 31 Vale Street, Cooma at 6.30 pm. Entry is gold coin donation. Canapés and finger food will be served from recipes from Nourish. STYPA will the entertainment for the evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

From Monday 10 September, Nourish will be available from the following local food and retail businesses: The Lott, Liv4 Homeware & Kitchen, Cooma Furnishings, Moontree, Rhythm Snowsports, Jaggez Hair Studio, Roses Lebanese Restaurant, Bliss Massage & Yoga, Monaro Books & Music and Monaro Meats.

Nourish has been embraced by our local community and sales of the book are doing very well.

Erika, Catherine, Melissa, Alison, Michelle, Margaret and Elaine
How important are your kids and are they safe?

Cyber-safety is a key concern for all parents of children, from the very young child right through to the older adolescent. The site below was launched by the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Diocese to give Parents and users a “one-stop access point”. It shows users how to be proactive, cyber aware and responsible, as well as provide a means to ensure children and young people are educated to use the internet safely. Some areas dealt with are:

- Unwelcome Websites
- Stranger Danger
- Cyber-bullying
- Financial Exploitation
- Unlawful Use

cybersafetyforparents.mn.catholic.edu.au

Woollies Final Total is 70,470! This is 45,000 more points than last year! Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the stickers over the last few months. I would also like to thank the students who helped count all of the stickers!

Steve Joyce
K-6 Coordinator

SUPER Theme Week 7 – “Being Yourself”

Being yourself is standing up for what you believe is right. Being yourself is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. When people act themselves people can believe them and rely on them. You practise being yourself by not following the crowd, or when you make a mistake and you clean it up. You are being yourself if you can do the right thing even when no one is watching!

- KG Annaliese Buckley – for her honesty and ability to be herself in all situations!
- 1P Elle McGufficke – for her assertive and confident attitude which allows her to be herself in all situations!
- 1O Thomas Fletcher – for being himself and showing pride in his own ideas!
- 2O Hugo Steiner – for the confident and positive way he interacts with his peers!
- 2P Chelsea Reeve – for always having the ability to be herself in all situations!
- 3O Keisha Nunn – for showing improvement in the consideration of others!
- 3P Chisomo Banzi – for always being himself in front of his peers!
- 3G Jake Barron – for always being himself by being able to laugh at himself and for appreciating others!
- Music/French Alex Smith – for always being himself in his interaction with those around him!
- Library Michala White – for the positive, individual manner she displays when dealing with others!
- School Vice Captains Olivia Heise – for always being herself around her peers and being true to herself through her decision making!

Entries for this year’s Feast of Poetry competition close on 17 September. Entry forms are available from Mrs Stubbs or your teacher and can be returned to Mrs Stubbs rather than posting them. There is also a song writing section sponsored by Cooma School of Music and several categories that can be entered on festival day on 4 November including a bush poetry section just for children. Great cash prizes are on offer for all age groups.

“In matters of style, swim with current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock” Thomas Jefferson

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. The Primary students are involved in a few activities. Here are some:

Literacy activities - 'Read for Australia’ K-2 took part in this national simultaneous read today. Phil Stubbs shared the story Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley, by Aaron Blabey, with the students.

- “Word of the Week” – Each week a new word will be introduced at assembly for students to learn.
- “Buddy reading” – Some students will visit another class and have a shared reading session.

Numeracy activities - "Predict a count" - Year 1 to Year 8 are taking part in this activity. The students use calculators to do serial counting and check prediction skills. "Predict a count" is a threaded activity that has the same structure from Yr 1 -8 but the challenge and degree of difficulty is altered to suit the stage/year group.

- Primary guessing competition - the students can guess the length of five picture books to the nearest centimetre to win some mathematical prizes!

Parents, here is a website which may give you some ideas on how to extend your child in literacy and numeracy – www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au/parentb.htm.

Mary-Ann Fraser
Giovanna Davies

P&F News

- Claim the date: Saturday 3 November is the date set for our much anticipated bush dance. The P&F are planning to hold an auction and a raffle. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a P&F representative if you can help.
- Bush Dance: Don’t forget to drop us a line with any issues or to let us know that you can help with the bush dance. Please contact Heather: hwalker-broose@bigpond.com or Eva: tangles71@gmail.com

Hope you all have a good week.

Cheers the P&F team.
Thursday 30 August
Year 7 Class Mass 10am
**Friday 31 August**
Fathers Day Stall
Nourish Book Launch at Moontree Health Foods 6.30pm
**Sunday 2 September**
Tournament of Minds day Canberra 12pm
**Monday 3 September**
Year 7 Immunisations
**Tuesday 4 September**
Year 10 Youth Evangelisation Visit
**Wednesday 5 September**
Year 9 Youth Evangelisation Visit
**Thursday 6 September**
Year 7 Youth Evangelisation Visit
Year 10 Class Mass 10am
Kinder Assembly 10am (Cooma Ex-Services Club)
**Friday 7 September**
Year 8 Youth Evangelisation Visit
1P Assembly (Cooma Ex-Services Club)
**Saturday 8 September**
40 Year School reunion (Cooma Ex-Services Club)
**Monday 10 September**
Year 7 SPOT Day (orientation)
**Tuesday 11 September**
Stage 3 Southern Region Public Speaking
**Wednesday 12 September**
CEO Assistant Director Mark Hogan visit 10am - 2pm
**Thursday 13 September**
CCC Athletics Homebush
Poetry & Drama Workshops
Year 9 Class Mass 9am
**Friday 14 September**
Writing workshop 9am
Year 9 & 10 Drama workshop 9am
**Sunday 16 September**
Tournament of Minds Territory Final
**Tuesday 18 September**
Nursing Home visit 1.30pm
**Friday 21 September**
Last Day of Term
K-6 Poetry and Drama Workshop
**Tuesday 9 October**
Students return to school Term 4
**Friday 12 October**
K-6 Swimming
**Monday 15 October**
School Registration
**Tuesday 16 October**
Eucharist 1st Meeting 6.30pm - 8pm
School Registration
**Wednesday 17 October**
School Registration