Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost it also heralds in the Year of Grace and we are invited by the Bishops of Australia to join in reciting the National Prayer for the Year of Grace as we seek a time for listening to the Spirit, a space to recognize God’s grace in our lives and to encounter Jesus afresh:

Gracious God, You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people. We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ. You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives. Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationship healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice. With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Grandparents and Friends Day

It was a great privilege last Friday to share time with the many, many grandparents, parents, relatives and friends who visited the Primary Campus as part of this exciting annual occasion. The classrooms were alive with learning, particularly on the part of some of the older generation who were amazed at how we integrate state of the art technology with the more traditional methods of teaching and learning.

Senior Citizens Lunch at Sir William Hudson Nursing Home

A selfless group of Year 9 students volunteered to help with serving lunch last Friday at the nursing home. Their enthusiasm and support of the residents was greatly appreciated by the nursing staff and it gave an insight for our students into how important it is to share time with our senior citizens. Thank you to Samantha Bird, Jayden Walker, Emma Burt, Lia Venola, Louise Fletcher, Joshua Dodd and Ryan Eager.

Busy times for Year 10

Our Year 10 students have just completed a rigorous period of Semester One exams over the last week and they are keenly anticipating their 4 day excursion to Sydney from next Tuesday. They will be involved in more than 20 activities during that time, from early morning to late at night. These include a ferry trip to Manly, the Sydney Aquarium, a tour of the ABC studios, dinner at the top of Sydney Tower, the stage musical ‘An Officer and a Gentleman’, Taronga Zoo, Paddy’s Market, ice skating, Luna Park, the Powerhouse Museum, an Olympic Stadium tour …… and that’s not all!! We wish them all the best for a safe and enjoyable excursion. Good luck to the accompanying teachers Lou Mackay, Pam Fletcher and especially thanks to Steve Summerville for his thorough organisation and coordination of the whole experience.

Don’t forget the 3 Orange Assembly next Wednesday at noon in the Club.

Let’s hope for a crisp and sunny day at the Secondary Athletics carnival this Friday.

Phil Stubbs
Principal

The sharing of lunch on the K-2 Campus was very symbolic and was really appreciated by many of our visitors, despite the bracing winds coming off the snow. Thank you to all the staff who coped so smoothly with classroom numbers that were more reminiscent of the 1950s than the present day. All the Primary students deserve special mention for the way that they welcomed, engaged and involved their relatives. Well done!

“Now, pay attention Pop. This is how we use an IWB.”

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If any student or parent would like to seek clarification on how the two Maths course differ, please contact me at school.

Mark van Ommen
Assistant Principal

Maths grades in years 9 and 10

Last Thursday approximately 30 secondary students and 4 primary students travelled to Canberra for the Archdiocesan Cross country. All students represented the school well and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Many of them ran their personal best time on the day. Congratulations to Josh Steinke, Josh Hogan and James Minards who qualified for the next level to be held in Sydney in a few weeks time.

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St Vincent de Paul Donation

Following the school visit by the St Vincent de Paul Youth Representative students K-10 raised $523 and this was presented to Mr Damien Kenneally President of our local St Vincent de Paul Society. The donation will be used to assist the education of students in India. Students in stage 3 have recently formed a Mini Vinnies Group and are looking at ways they can support others in our community.

Damien Kenneally is pictured with Claudia Sullivan, Gabrielle de Rooy, Keegan White, Emily Ewart, Harry Fletcher

Primary Chess Set

We hope all Year 3 to Year 6 students enjoy the chess pieces purchased for our school. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in our Easter Egg Raffle. Money raised helped us buy the chess pieces.

From the Primary SRC Molly Caldwell, Thomas Hain, Maisie Ward and Bas de Ruijter.

Rostrum Public Speaking Competition 2012

Students in Stage 3 have been learning the skills of public speaking. On Wednesday 23 May, the top three speakers in each grade were chosen to compete in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations go to Gabrielle Steiner who won with her speech ‘The Dragon’. She will now compete in the quarter finals on the 16 June at the Cooma Ex-Services Club. Congratulations must also go Chisomo Banzi who came in second place, Kiara Henderson and Bas de Ruijter who tied for third place and to the other finalists Maisie Ward, Jasmin Statham-Smith, Damian Fletcher and Maddy Wood-Isles. Well done to all students!
Canberra Raiders Visit
Thank you to Sam Williams and Josh Papali from the Canberra Raiders who came to spoke to the Stage 2 and 3 students about how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Infants
• 1 Orange: Talon Kelly for bringing in a mother’s day gift
• 1 Purple: Jordana Breden for her reverence during prayer
• K Green: Joe Nichols for being organised

Primary
• French: Poppy Sizmur for her excellent work writing sentences
• Music: Jorja White for excellent writing notes on the stave
• 3 Green: Will Pendergast for thinking for himself
Well done everyone!

Chook Lotto

SRC super awards
Theme – “Friendliness”
Friendliness is taking an interest in other people. Friendships don’t just happen – they are made by people who are willing to be themselves with each other.

• KG Joe Nichols—for his friendly smile and his gentle manner towards others!
• K1P Grace Clarke—for her kind and friendly attitude towards everyone she meets!
• 1O Jack Kleven—for the friendliness he shows to others on the playground and in the classroom!
• 2O Poppy Sizmur—for being friendly to all people in our school!
• 2P Riley Marks—for the friendliness she displays towards others in class and on the playground!
• 3O Zara Childs—for being a friendly, thoughtful member of class who thinks about others!
• 3P Claudia Kerr—for always being happy and being friendly to members of her class!
• 3G Matthew Hopkin—for his consistent friendly attitude by showing a genuine interest in others and having the strength of character to be himself in all situations!
• Music/French Brooke Tangye—for always being friendly to those around her in Music and French!
• Library Caitlin Hain—for her friendly and helpful attitude during Library time!
Congratulations!

Parent Helpers Needed!
We have some new Infants readers that are in need of covering with contact. If you are able to help out with this please contact Giovanna Davies at school on 64521721 or email giovanna.davies@cg.catholic.edu.au.

“Don’t walk in front of me I may not follow, don’t walk behind me, I may not lead, walk beside me and just be my friend”

Woolworths Earn and Learn Points
When parents and friends shop at Woolworths they can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There will be 1 sticker for every $10 spent. When sticker cards are complete just send them into school and place them in the Woolworths collection box located in the front office. By collecting these stickers you help our school purchase resources such as Art & Craft materials, sports gear, Maths and English resources.

Nourish
Nourish is now in the print stage in Sydney and will be published in the next 4-6 weeks. Last week saw the finalisation of this exclusive publication and an expected delivery date will be known shortly.

Information pertaining to the Book Launch and Guest Speaker presentations to Secondary Food Technology students, Stage 3 students and the practical demonstrations to K-2 students will be revealed after delivery of Nourish.

Take advantage of the ‘Early Bird Special’ at the exclusive price of $20.00 per book up until Friday, 29 June 2012. ‘Nourish’ will then retail for $30.00. Don’t Miss Out! Pre-order NOW. Download the Pre-order form: http://stpatsooma.nsw.edu.au/parents/fformsandnotes.html or contact our Sales Promoters: Melissa Giuliani 0429 993440, Erika Statham 0400 787398 or Alison Hemphill 0466 850723. Completed pre-order forms and payment can be left at the School Office. Please ensure when you are making direct debits that you add your bank account holder surname and number of books you are ordering.

We thank Allianz Insurance, our major sponsor along with all our local food producers and retailers who are advertising and supporting our school.

P&F News
• Next P&F meeting - Tuesday 5 June 6.30 pm in the Primary Library!! Everyone is very welcome and we’d love to have you come and be involved.
• Clothing Pool – Don’t forget to make use of the clothing pool! There are loads of items for sale at very reasonable prices and clothes are in great condition. Phone Ruby 64522092 or Michelle 64523605 to arrange a suitable time or email hwalker-broose@bigpond.com.
• Class Liaison Parents – MORE HELP NEEDED!! Class Liaison parents not only help the children but also communicate what’s important for all year groups to the P&F. Can you help??
• IDEAS IDEAS IDEAS—we need Gold Coin Ideas – Do you have an idea for simple and easy events we can do at school where children pay a gold coin? Thanks to everyone who has made any suggestions—especially the students—we look forward to using your ideas!
Don’t forget to drop us an email with any issues you may have or to let us know you can help. My email is hwalkerbroose@bigpond.com.
Cheers the P&F Team…
Thursday 31 May
2P Parish Mass 10.00 am

Friday 1 June
7-10 Athletics Carnival

Monday 4 June
3-10 Science Competition
Confirmation meetings this week
7 & 8 Debating Elimination round

Tuesday 5 June
Year 10 Sydney Excursion
Exams Years 7, 8 and 9
P&F Meeting 6.30 pm Primary Library

Wednesday 6 June
Year 10 Sydney Excursion
Exams Years 7, 8 and 9
3O Assembly Ex-Services Club 12.00 pm

Thursday 7 June
Year 10 Sydney Excursion
Exams Years 7 and 9
Year 7 & 8 da Vinci Decathlon
2O Parish Mass 10.00 am

Friday 8 June
Stage 3 Sullivan Shield Round 1
Stage 2 Southern Region Public Speaking (Moruya)

Monday 11 June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 12 June
Mock Trial Vs Bega High at Bega Courthouse
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30 pm in the Church

Wednesday 13 June
Confirmation practice in the Church 9.30 am

Thursday 14 June
3O Parish Mass 10.00 am

Friday 15 June
Poetry and Drama Workshop
2O Assembly at the Cooma Ex-Services Club 12.00 pm
Confirmation 6.30 pm

Saturday 16 June
Rostrum Public Speaking 1/4 finals

Monday 18 June
Year 7 & 8 Debating Finals

Wednesday 20 June
Kinder 2013 Information Evening

Thursday 21 June
3G Parish Mass 10.00 am
Open Classrooms K-2 10.00 am to 11.00 am
7-10 Rugby League

Friday 22 June
Poetry and Drama Workshop
1O Assembly at the Cooma Ex-Services Club 12.00 pm

Sunday 24 June
Confirmation Celebration Mass

Wednesday 27 June
Year 10 Taste of TAFE Day

Thursday 28 June
Stage 3 Sullivan Shield Round 2
School Board Meeting 6.30 pm

Friday 29 June
K-6 Cottee’s Soccer
Last day Term 2

Monday 16 July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 17 July
Students return for Term 3

Volunteers
Thursday—volunteer needed
Friday—Melissa Caffarelli and Grant Pascoe

- Secondary Athletics Carnival on Friday 1 June. If you are able to help serve in the mini canteen at Snowy Oval, please call me on my mobile 0406763375.
- MEAL DEAL for FRIDAY is 2 Chicken Nuggets/2 Party pies/sauce and drink of milk or juice. The cost is $5.00. This is the ONLY choice available to Primary and Infants.

Thank you to all my wonderful volunteers who continue to make my job so enjoyable.

Carolyn Hely
Canteen Manager

Cooma North Preschool
60th Birthday Celebrations:
On the 27 October this year Cooma North Preschool will be celebrating its 60th Birthday.
We are planning to celebrate our 60th Birthday with both a day and night event on Saturday 27 October.
Current Cooma North Preschool Director Narelle Avis said “we are looking for past students, staff, families and committee members that would like to be a part of the celebrations. We are also looking for volunteers that can help organise the events.” Pavers can be purchased from the Preschool at a price of $35 each, orders must be completed no later than Friday 29 June 2012. If you would like to be part of the celebrations, volunteer to help organise the event and/or purchase a commemorative paver please contact the Preschool during school hours on 6452 1198.

ST MORITZ SKI RACING CLUB: 14 day ski program for local kids 7 to 18 years of age. Transport from Cooma included. Information/Registration Day 26 May at Norris Park from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Phone Jacqui Schofield 0400 524 254 or email judelittle@bigpond.com for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES: 20-22 July at Douglas Park, NSW. Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: www.wwme.org.au.

Around Town

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