Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Often when students go on an excursion or activity it happens that the actual experience, activity or venue becomes incidental to the indirect learning that takes place. This is a reason why our snowsports programs are an integral part of school life. While it is true that students may learn the basics of skiing or snowboarding, there are so many peripheral benefits that stem from participation; students learn to develop confidence interacting with others in possibly unfamiliar environments or they may develop greater independence when it comes to looking after their own gear and being responsible for it. The more obvious benefits may include improvements in coordination or physical stamina, so I would encourage parents to keep these points in mind when considering their child’s participation in the various programs on offer this year.

When it comes to excursions and their peripheral benefits it is hard to go past last week’s Year 10 Sydney Excursion as a unique experience that will have enduring benefits. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of such a positive, enthusiastic group throughout the 4 days. The range of activities was amazing. Excitement gave way to exhaustion but this did not deter the students from getting the most out of everything they did. The highlights for me were many:

- The rolling swells as we passed by Sydney Heads on our ferry ride to Manly.
- The stunning lighting displays on the Opera House, city buildings and Darling Harbour as part of the Vivid Sydney Festival.
- The appreciation that the students displayed when they were given free time in places as varied as Pitt Street Mall, Darling Harbour, Macquarie Centre and Circular Quay.
- The excitement of our unscheduled ‘discovery’ of the Sunrise studios in Martin Place and the subsequent interaction with hosts Samantha Armytage and David Koch.
- Having dress circle seats for the stage show “The Addams Family” with its haunting themes, catchy music and energetic dancing.
- The whole atmosphere at ANZ Stadium with more than 80,000 spectators for the State of Origin NRL match.
- Being part of the last journeys on the monorail before it is dismantled later this month.
- The Jewish Museum where the impact of the Holocaust was laid bare.
- The participation of our students in the Seal Show at Taronga Park Zoo.

I estimated that this was about my 15th Sydney Excursion (from a planning or participation perspective) and it was a standout. Thank you to Mrs Mackay, Mr Summerville, our coach driver Michael and of course Year 10.

News Update
Congratulations to our Primary Sullivan Shield footballers on their efforts yesterday. Thank you to Mr Introna and the parent supporters!

Prayers
Please keep the Mackay family in your prayers and thoughts on the sad passing of Paul Mackay’s mother this week.

Phil Stubbs
Principal
3G Parish Mass

3G will be attending the Parish Mass on Thursday 13 June. All family members are welcome! The mass will begin at 10:00 am.

Sullivan Shield

Yesterday St Pat's participated in the first Round of the Sullivan Shield at Kambah Playing fields run by the Canberra Raiders. The boys are to be commended for their sportsmanship and the great attitude they displayed both on and off the field. They were a pleasure to take away and a credit to themselves and our school.

Thanks to Mark Williams for coaching, Craig Dixon for driving the bus and Mark McGufficke for his support on the day. We won the first game 20 nil against Condor, Man of the match was Jake Barron. The second game was an 8 all draw against Monash. Man of the Match was Bailey Rogers and in the third game a 4 all draw against Queanbeyan Public School with Man of the match being shared by Will Pendergast and Sean Dixon. Thanks for a great day boys.

Mr Introna
The P&F meeting scheduled for Thursday 20 June has been postponed. The next P&F meeting will be Thursday 25 July. The P&F executive committee welcome any suggestions and feedback. Please contact Karen McGufficke or Louise Platts.

P&F Executive

The 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.

“What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do”

STA Awards Theme – “Doing your best”

* KG Meg Schofield – for always giving 100% to all tasks. Well done Meg!
* 1O Abby Douch – for her consistent effort to try her best in class!
* 1P William Kearns – for always doing his best, even when faced with challenges!
* 2P Jessica Norris – for consistently doing her best in all tasks!
* 2O Emily Smith – for doing her best with all of her class work!
* 3P Isadora Barsoum – for striving to do her best in all classroom activities. Well done!
* 3O Julia Davies – for being a friendly and respectful class member!
* 3G Adelaide Chong – for doing her best by consistently taking pride in all tasks she undertakes and the ability she has to make others feel accepted and appreciated!
* Music French Molly Brabham – for always doing her best to learn melodies in Music and words in French!
* Library Harriet Greville – for always striving to do her best in everything she does!

Well done Children.

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!

BAZAAR FAIR 2013
St Patrick’s Parish School Cooma
P&F Association presents

STARC Quote of the week

Hayley Wannell and Miranda McGufficke have entered the displayed fashion designs into the Wool4Skool design competition. The design brief required the students to design an outfit for a member of a royal family, using 100% wool or a wool blend. The occasion could be for a formal engagement, a sporting event or casual travelling. The outfit was to be both innovative and appropriate to the occasion and style of the chosen royal Family member. We wish the students lots of luck with their entries.

Hayley Wannell
Miranda McGufficke

It is hoped to start a K-2 Seasons Program early next term, if there is sufficient interest. The program helps young people deal with a loss through a divorce or death of a relative or friend. If you have not already enrolled or expressed an interest in your child participating in this program please contact Kevin Dunne at the school on 64521721.

Seasons 2013 Update
Thursday 13 June
3G Parish Mass

Friday 14 June
CCC Cross Country

Tuesday 18 June
Da Vinci decathlon
Reconciliation

Wednesday 19 June
Kiama High School band 9am

Thursday 20 June
7-10 Small Schools Rugby League knockout
Yr 5-6 Rugby League Brett White Gala day
10 assembly

Friday 21 June
Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 25 June
Secondary drama performance for K-2 students
Kinder 2014 information meeting 6pm

Wednesday 26 June
Kinder open classroom 9.30-11am
Yr10 Taste of TAFE day

Thursday 27 June
Yr7 Parish Mass

Friday 28 June
Last day of Term 2

Saturday 29 June
School Holidays

Sunday 30 June
Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass

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 13 June
Karen McGufficke

Friday 14 June
Catherine Pearce

Wednesday June 19
Linda Quodling

If you are able to help in the canteen for an hour or 2, please contact me through the school. Your support is most appreciated!

FRIDAY MEAL DEAL: HOT DOG/FREDDO/DRINK OF CHOICE, FOR $5.00. PLEASE ADD 20c for tomato sauce/30c for BBQ and/or 10c for a bag.

Thank you.
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.

* Stand Up for Rural Communities comedy evening (M15+) on the evening of Saturday 13 July. We have a “clean material” policy and are running workshops to enable local people to have a go alongside more experienced comedians. The Great Zamboni will emcee this event, with the headline act being The Stevenson Experience. Tickets on sale at the Cooma Visitor’s Centre from 15 June.

* You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown: The University of Sydney Backstage Theatre Society by special invitation is bringing the much loved musical “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” to Cooma Little Theatre on the weekend of June 22 and 23. You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown is an uplifting fun-filled night of theatre that brings the beloved “Peanuts” comics to life on stage – and in song! Only three shows are being performed of this delightful family production – two special matinees on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at 1.30 pm and an evening performance on Saturday at 7.30 pm. Come along and bring your children to enjoy the thrill of live theatre. Tickets are available at the Cooma Visitor’s Centre.

* Relay For Life Cooma 26 & 27 October at the Showgrounds. Relay For Life is an overnight team walk that raises money to defeat cancer. It celebrates the fact that more people are surviving cancer today – thanks to the efforts of the Cancer Council and other similar bodies. This year the aim is to raise $50,000.00 towards cancer research and development of services in the Cooma-Monaro area. More information available at the Cooma Rotary Markets at Centennial Park on Sunday 16 June or call Beck on 0403 495 855. Registrations are now open online, so don’t forget to start getting your teams and supporters ready!