



# St Patrick's Parish School



## Upcoming events

### Wednesday 19 Feb

Sth Region Swimming  
Narooma

Kindy free day

### Thursday 20 Feb

Community Council Meeting 5.30pm

Parents & Playgroup 9am-10.30am

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**Website:**  
<https://stpatascooma.nsw.edu.au>

**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/StPatsCooma/>

**Office hours:**  
8.30am-3.30pm during the term

## Dear St Patrick's Community

What a joy it was to gather as a whole school community for the **Opening School Mass last Friday**. There were so many of our 'family' gathered with us, including parishioners. It was also an honour to witness our young people making their commitment to our school as student leaders.

Our **Student Leadership team** is made up of the School Captains, Lochie and Molly, the Student Leaders - Primary and Secondary, SRC Leaders - Primary, and the House Leaders -Primary and Secondary. They are an impressive group. The full list is inside this newsletter.

There was love in the air on Friday as well, to recognise **St Valentine's Day**. St Valentine was an early saint who was a Roman priest and physician and he was martyred about 270AD. He is remembered for his expression of love for Jesus.

Our senior students decided to use this day to **share kindness**. The story of their actions is inside this newsletter.

This week we reconvene the **Parents' Community Council**. On this Thursday evening, 20 February, we are having our first gathering for 2020.

**This is an opportunity for *all* to come and share ideas, make suggestions and enjoy the company of other parents.** We want to discuss some of the improvements to the school and give you an overview of the plans for 2020.

It is only for one hour starting at **5.30pm in the Parish Centre**.

I would love to see you there.

*Frances Robertson*

Principal

## From the AP's desk

By now your child will be settled into their new school routine. **Thank you to all the teachers who have helped to ensure that your child has had a smooth transition into their new school year.** As a parent myself, it is comforting to have such dedicated teachers.

There will be many occasions throughout the year when you will be invited to participate in some activities with your child(ren). If you have any concerns, or are unsure of something, please organise a time to see your child's teacher. The one thing that teachers love doing is to talk about your child and how they are going.

Later this week you will receive a note advertising the **1-6 (11th March) and 7-10 (12th March) Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences.**

These are important conversations at this time of year to help us to learn more about your child from the person who knows them best: you.

This is an **online booking process**. A separate note will come about this process. If you are having difficulty using the online booking system, please call the office and they will help organise a time to see your child's teacher. This will be a great opportunity to speak to the teacher about your child.

**Steve Joyce**

**Assistant Principal**

## Student Leaders for 2020

**School Captains:** Molly Brabham, Lochlan Giuliani

**Student Leadership Team:** Ava Barrett, Millie Blyton, Andrea Bosco, Alex Elgey, Neeve Girling, Lachlan Hemphill, Matilda Mitchell

**Secondary House Leaders:**

Terra: Millie Blyton, Olivia Bottom

Ignis: Andrea Bosco, Cheyenne Nelson

Caelum: Neeve Girling, Lachlan Hemphill

Aqua: Charlee Bromfield, Darcy Luton

**Primary Leaders:** James Burke, Emelia Greville, Willow Joyce, Tom Lloyd

**Primary SRC Leaders:** Neveah Filiga, Ben Porter

**Primary House Leaders:**

Terra: Susie Spiller, Jake Williams

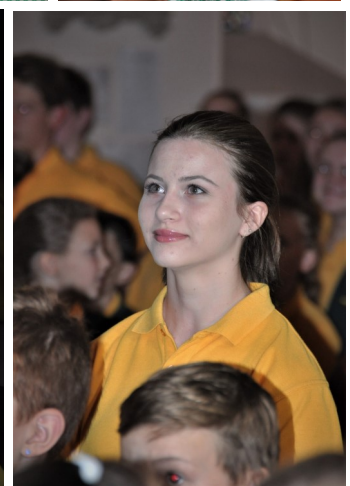
Ignis: Kaitlyn Bosco, Oliver Wood

Caelum: Oscar Lehrmann, Bronte Mitchell

Aqua: Neveah Filiga, Kalim Khoury



# Opening School Mass







2020

## New Horizons

at St Patrick's Parish School



## Induction of St Patrick's Student Leadership Team 2020





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### Student Leaders' Commitment

*Today, holding this symbol of faith before God and before the community, I offer my service in leadership to the students and staff in our school.*

*Jesus, the Light of the world, is represented by this candle I hold. I trust that his light will be my guide as I lead the school this year.*







## We Are People of Hope

In our year of *New Horizons*, we are reminded that we are people of hope. Pope Francis often speaks of Christian hope, drawing on the scriptures to explain this type of hope, something that is particularly significant as the season of Lent draws near.

**Lent is an important season of the Church's Liturgical calendar.** Beginning with Ash Wednesday, it is a season of self-reflection and prayer.

**Lent is also a time of giving, of preparation, and a time of hope, hope that is renewed when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.**

This year, Ash Wednesday will be observed on **Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February**. On this day many Christians will attend an Ash Wednesday Mass or service where they will receive ashes on their forehead in the form of a cross. This is a visible symbol of repentance and penance, and our desire to lead the life God intends for us.

**Father Mick will celebrate Parish Mass on Ash Wednesday at 12pm and 6pm at St Patrick's Church; all are most welcome to attend.**



St Patrick's students will observe Ash Wednesday by attending a Liturgy in their House groups. This will create a close and meaningful atmosphere for our students as they prepare for the season of Lent.

Yours in Faith,

**Kath Kovács**

**Religious Education Coordinator**



**Thank you to our musical team** for providing wonderful music for our Opening School Mass. A warm welcome is extended to the newest members, Julia, Jeremiah and Summer.

This group meets each week with Mrs Mackay.





## Year 7 Technology

This term the Year 7 Technology class is investigating the various ways that fabric can be enhanced. Samples are completed and as the term progresses these samples will be used as the starting point for the construction of a textile item for everyday use. Students have already dyed fabric by the techniques of marbling and hydro dipping.

**Pam Fletcher**



### Bread tags and bread bags

We need LOTS of bread tags & bags for an art project we are planning. Please send in (along with your bottle tops, old stationery and oral care waste) to one of our recycling collection points on the Infants or Primary Campus.

## The Snowy Monaro Youth Council

The Youth Council is a *section 911 Local Government Committee*, that acts in an advisory capacity to our local Council on matters relevant to young people. It's a platform for young people to have their voices heard, develop leadership skills and network with likeminded peers.

The Youth Council meetings take place monthly in Cooma from 10am – 1pm and are chaired by Snowy Monaro Regional Councillor, James Ewart.

The students appointed are:

Josh Abrokwah

Andrea Bosco

Molly Brabham

Alex Elgey

Harry Knowles

Cheyenne Nelson





The essence of love  
is kindness.

Robert Louis Stevenson



## Valentine's Day Sweet Fundraiser



Year 10 came up with the idea of running a Valentine's Day fundraiser to raise money for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal.

We decided to go with baked goods instead of flowers this year because we wanted a more productive and helpful outcome rather than people buying flowers that will die within a few days. **Students had the opportunity to send a sweet package to another student with a handwritten message.**

Year 10 made and packaged goods such as cookies and slice for \$2.50 for a two pack. Valentine's Day was the day we handed out the packages and it was all worth it when we got to see the smiles on students' faces when they read their messages.

We are happy to say we raised \$205 which will be going to Vinnies so that the money will stay within the community and help locals. Thank you to all the students and parents who supported this fundraiser.

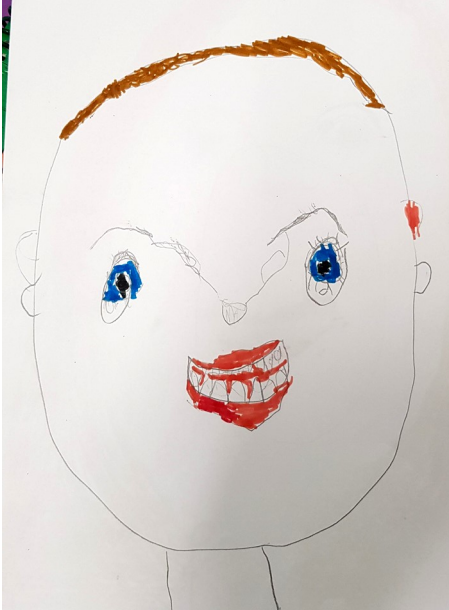
**Atlanta White**  
**Year 10**



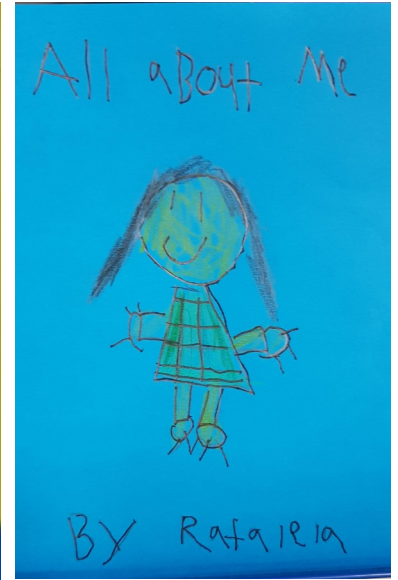
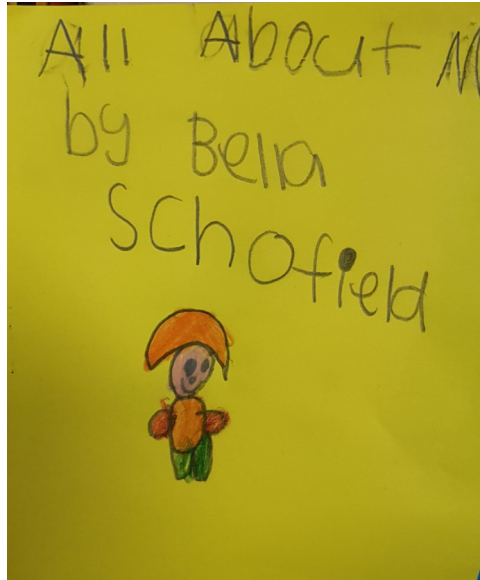




**Tennis Champ** Congratulations to Rex Willett in Year 5 who has been selected in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocesan Tennis squad and will play in Wollongong at the MacKillop Tennis selection trials.



## Introducing Year 1





## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten have been extra busy in the first few weeks of school! We have been to library, played sport, read lots of books, met new friends, looked at numbers, art, craft, learning about our school, catching up with our buddies and having lots of fun! This is just a little bit of what we have been up to.







## Let's Locate

The Let's Locate program is an exciting opportunity for students to engage in hands-on, practical learning activities in the use of the latest innovative positioning technology. The program will introduce and apply concepts in surveying and spatial information.

Australian Surveyors are among the best in the world, with constant work opportunities around the globe from Antarctica to Dubai, and of course right here at home. Working with the latest in innovative technology you could be measuring polar ice caps, building skyscrapers or developing new land for housing. No matter what your preference, surveying holds lots of options, options that keep things interesting, especially with a mix of working indoors and outdoors.

Did you know a career in surveying can lead to employment in the following areas?

- Cadastral surveyor (land surveyor)
- Engineering surveyor
- Mining surveyor
- Hydrographic surveyor
- Environmental projects
- Geodesy (measuring and mapping the earth's surface)
- Topographic surveyor
- Remote sensing – Google Earth
- GIS – Geographic information systems
- Working with archaeologists
- Assisting forensic investigators

For more information about these careers visit: <https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/>



# Let's Locate

## Program Information

Let's Locate will be delivered by the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI), and the ACT Office of the Surveyor General and Land Information. Interested students will need to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) on the attached form to SSSI, [julie.fairman@sssi.org.au](mailto:julie.fairman@sssi.org.au). SSSI will select the most suitable candidates. Selected students will be notified by email by Friday 12 June 2020.

## Program Details

Program aims to deliver:

- Successful learning to gain new skills and knowledge.
- Relevance to maths, science and geography studied in school.
- Personal Growth and well-being. Increased self-confidence.
- Industry acknowledgement of student success.
- The development of core skills for work.

Training Provider: Canberra Institute of Technology – Bruce Campus  
Presenter: Joanne Hawkes, Registered Surveyor

Program location: Room DL14, Block D, CIT Bruce Campus – 35 Vowels Crescent BRUCE  
All students are required to have their own transport to and from the Bruce Campus.

Program dates: 5 Day program  
Start Day – Monday 29 June 2020  
Last Day – Friday 3 July 2020  
Times: 9:30am – 4:00pm  
Group Size: 20 Students maximum  
Cost: \$100 per student (See page 4 for payment form)  
EOI due: Friday 5 June 2020  
Clothing: Students are required to wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, long sleeves and a hat. A warm jacket is recommended.

Lunch: Lunch will be provided. Please advise any specific dietary requirements. Students are to bring morning tea and a water bottle each day.

Presentation: A presentation will be held on the last day from 3:30pm – 4pm. Parents, teachers and family are invited to (CIT) Bruce Campus to celebrate student success.

Further Information: For further information students should contact their careers advisor or the program co-ordinator, Julie Fairman at [julie.fairman@sssi.org.au](mailto:julie.fairman@sssi.org.au).

These charming Year 9 students went to visit the local pre-schools to undertake our weekly reading program.

Each week, Year 9 elect to give their own time to play and read with little children.



We look forward to reading the results from the Southern Region Swimming Carnival in the next newsletter.





## Junior Golf

Do you have a budding golfer?

Come to the Cooma Golf Club!!

**Sundays at 9 am**

Kids will play up to 9 holes. They will be given guidance and advice on their technique and general golf etiquette.

Once we have the numbers we will organise experienced/professional golfers to come and run special coaching days.

Cost: \$10 per week

Clubs can be arranged to get started

Any enquires please contact: **Paul Lloyd** 0404 228 630 or **Lyndon Taylor** 0455 884 150



**SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

## Aged Care Traineeship

Snowy Monaro Regional Council is looking to employ four (4) Aged Care Trainees to provide high quality care and services to residents at Yallambee Lodge and Snowy River Hostel.

### How much will it cost?

Nothing! The traineeship is facilitated by Snowy Monaro Regional Council. No prior training/experience is required.

### Who provides training?

As the region's premier vocational education and training provider, Cooma TAFE provides progressive and accessible education solutions.

### How long will it take to finish my traineeship?

If you remain on track, 12 months to gain your Cert III Individual Support (Ageing) at Cooma TAFE!

### What if I am at school?

Unfortunately this Traineeship is a full-time paid employment. This is not offered in conjunction with schooling.

### What is expected of me?

- Earn a salary while you learn
- Attend and complete educational requirements
- Complete workplace activities
- Be an effective community partner

*Yallambee Lodge Cooma was built in 1995. It is a 40 bed, aged care facility, delivering a diverse range of services including palliative and higher needs.*

*Snowy River Hostel was established in 1993 in response to community demand for residential aged care within the region. Located in Berridale, the Hostel provides accommodation to 14 residents - 3 permanent and 1 respite.*

Apply at <https://snowymonaro.jobs.subscribe-hr.com/> before Sunday 23 February 2020



## KIDS CLUBS @ COOMA LIBRARY

**3.30-4.30pm Wednesdays**

**LEGO Club**

**Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
Commencing 5th February**

**Board Games & Puzzles Club**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday  
Commencing 12th February**

**New!**

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**Book Club**  
**Every 4th Wednesday  
Commencing 26th February**

**No need to book, just drop in!**

