



St Patrick's Parish School

DID YOU KNOW?

Upcoming events

Thursday 27 Feb

Yr 7 Adventure day
Playgroup 9-10.30am

Friday 28 Feb

Cleanup Australia
Day

Stage 3 Vinnies Day

Monday 2 March

The Big Vegie Crunch

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Office hours:

8.30am-4.00pm during
the term

Dear St Patrick's Community

Welcome to Week 5. Here we are, coming close to the middle of Term 1!

Thank you to the parents who attended our first Community Council meeting for 2020. I presented a summary of the major projects for 2020, the budget and an overview for the theme of the year. The 'general business' section was a good opportunity for questions and requests. Three of those requests have been sorted already. We received some good feedback about our website. We did planning for the upcoming Cooma Show catering.

By now, you have hopefully added 14 March to your diary or phone as the day for helping at the Cooma Show. We have emailed to you the sheet for you to indicate the time you wish to join the team to assist. You can also call the office to put down your name. It is such a good way

to support the school and we look forward to seeing you there.

The generosity of the students continues. Talia from Year 3 is motivating a little team of people to undertake a significant fund-raising event for K-6 on 6 March for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Her enthusiasm is so infectious!



I wish you blessings as we commence our Lenten period, with Ash Wednesday this week. It is a time to humbly connect with our Faith through prayer and works of love.


Frances Robertson

Principal

From the AP's desk

St Teresa of
Calcutta said,

**"Not all of us can do
great things. But we
can do small things,
with great love."**

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  LENT
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD



Wow... it is hard to believe that Clean Up Australia day began thirty years ago by Ian Kiernan!

This Friday, our school will participate in the annual Clean Up Australia Day. This is the perfect way to inspire our students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community. It's a day when students

and teachers work together to clean up an area in our school.

Did you know that:

- **17.7 million Australians have donated their time as part of the Clean Up Australia activities**
- **over 35 million hours have been invested to Clean Up Australia Day**
- **365,000 ute loads of rubbish have been removed as part of Clean Up Australia Day?**

It's our turn to make a difference!

Steve Joyce
Assistant Principal

Project Compassion

This week the season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal.





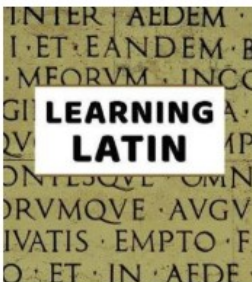



Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.


Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via our website at lent.caritas.org.au

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.






DID YOU KNOW?

PRIMARY LUNCHTIME LIBRARY ACTIVITIES ROSTER				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1st Break (Infants + Primary)	Comic/ graphic novel design/ Curious Creature design/ Research 	Chess/ checkers 	Origami 	Word games 
2nd Break (Primary)	Lunch time Latin/ ICT 	da Vinci Decathlon enrichment tasks/ Computers 	Book Club/ ICT 	Book Club/ ICT 

We have a range of challenging, creative and exciting activities for lunchtime Library breaks. Activities are designed to enrich learning and encourage students to try something new. The Library also offers an alternative space during lunch breaks for students to connect with each other.



Fun in the water with Infants

This week, the Year 1 and 2 students had a variety of water experiences. Thank you to Mrs Moxon, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Fraser for their organisation and the Secondary students and parents who assisted .



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.

Parish Plenary Council - Discernment Session - Cooma Sunday 1 March

The Plenary Council will meet in Adelaide in October for the first of two sessions. Last year we had the "What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Australian Church?" listening sessions. We now enter the discernment phase in order to construct the agenda for the first session.

You are invited to pray about the six areas for discussion/discernment and come to the 1st March session 11.00am -1.30pm (lunch provided) to participate in a group of your choosing to put forward out Parish's offering for the construction of the agenda.

Are you wondering what we are doing?

Here is a hint: It is an art creation for the Lake Light Festival and it involves wings. Watch this space!

2020 St Patrick's K-6 Sham-rock Disco!!



5PM - 7PM, EX SERVICES CLUB, DOWNSTAIRS ROOM

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

ST PATRICK'S STUDENTS ONLY

Money raised will go towards painting murals

FAMILY PRICES \$5.00 ONE CHILD

\$7.00 TWO CHILDREN

\$10.00 THREE OR MORE CHILDREN



Snacks and drinks available - all \$1.00 each

Prizes for best dressed



Busy bees in Year 1

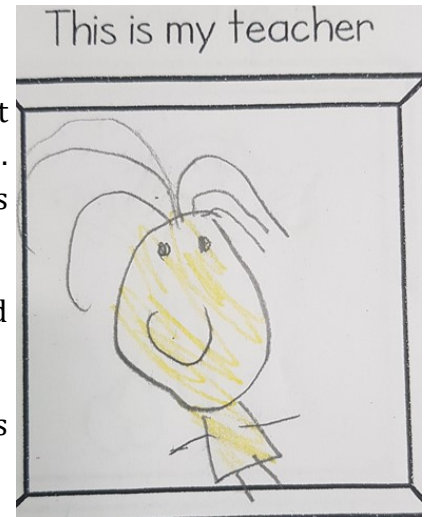
Year 1F has had a great start to the year. We are learning about number in numeracy, how to get along with one another in PDHPE. We are also learning about God's great love for us and how He has made us each so special and unique.

We have been doing lots of reading and writing and have published some of our first books of the year.

We have created self - portraits and some portraits of our teacher as well!

We hope you enjoy our work.

Students and Teacher of 1F




Plot to Plate

The Year 8 Agriculture/ Food Technology students are very busy preparing the plots to grow food for their upcoming Plot to Plate presentation. Watch this space for the next steps!



OUR MISSION through recognition and encouragement of POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND LEARNING

Requirements	Award Procedure	Award
Students need to demonstrate: -A positive approach to learning -Co-operation -Initiative -Leadership -Outstanding improvement -Following sun-safe practices -School or community service -Outstanding achievement	Awarded by any teacher at an appropriate time. Students need to keep these in a safe place. Teacher giving award records it on the Student Merit Award file.	Merit Award
4 Merit Awards in one term	Awarded to student by the Secondary Coordinator during term assemblies.	School Award
Four school awards in one year	Awarded by the Assistant Principal at the final Academic Assembly.	Gold bar pin
St Patrick's <u>All Star</u> Award Students need to demonstrate a significant contribution in <i>any</i> area either within the school or beyond the school	Any member of the school community can nominate a worthy recipient. The Secondary Coordinator prepares the <u>All Star</u> Award and presents it at a school assembly.	St Patrick's All Star 
Students need to demonstrate excellence in five areas: -Academic awards -Community Service (10hrs for Stage 4, 20hrs for Stage 5) -School Service (10hrs for <u>Stage 4</u> , 20hrs for Stage 5) -Regional Representation -Participation in Cultural events	Prior to the final Academic Assembly for each Stage 4 and Stage 5, students need to present relevant certificates and awards to their Homeroom Teacher for coordination and verification. Students can take two years or four years to accumulate the relevant documentation. A portfolio is then presented to the Principal for determination for the <i>St Patrick's Altitude Award</i> . Presented by the Principal at the final Academic Awards ceremony.	St Patrick's Altitude Award

We expect our students to strive for the highest in every aspect of school life.

Last week, as a way to collate and then finally acknowledge student achievement, all Secondary students received a small booklet for recording their community and school service hours. On the back of each booklet is the information outlined above. This was explained to the students in the students' extended Homeroom, and encouraged as something for which to strive. As you read through the guide, you will notice that the progression and achievement of community and school service leads to the highly valued 'St Patrick's Altitude Award'. Homeroom teachers have had a chat about how to go about building up a portfolio. And we encourage you as parents and carers to continue the conversation with your child.

Lou Mackay

Curriculum and Pastoral Coordinator

The nominations are open for the **2020 Snowy Monaro Youth Awards**. This is an important opportunity to recognise the achievements of young people and celebrate the valuable contribution they make to our region.

The award categories this year are:

- Academic Achievement
- Community Hero
- Resilience & Determination
- Excellence in Sport
- Industry Award
- Rural Achiever
- Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Media
- Leadership
- Community Project

A colorful poster for the 2020 Snowy Monaro Youth Awards. The background features large, overlapping abstract shapes in blue, yellow, orange, and purple. At the top right is the 'NYW NSW YOUTH WEEK' logo. The title '2020 SNOWY MONARO YOUTH AWARDS' is prominently displayed in white and yellow text. Below the title, a paragraph encourages nominations for outstanding young people (12-24) and states that nominations are now open. It also mentions that applications close at 5pm on March 6th. A section titled 'TO NOMINATE, OR FOR MORE INFO:' provides contact details: a website (www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au), an email (council@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au), a phone number (0437 135 092), and a note to drop into any Council office. At the bottom, there are logos for the Snowy Monaro Regional Council and YMCA NSW, with the tagline 'Creating healthy, happy communities'.

To be eligible, the nominee must be aged between 12-24 and live work or study in the Snowy Monaro LGA. Finalists in each category will be invited to an awards dinner at the Cooma Ex-Services Club on the 8th of April. Tickets to this event are free for finalists and a plus one however, additional tickets will need to be purchased directly from the Club – stay tuned for more info on that. Applications close **5:00pm Friday 6 March**.

Parish News

Youth and Family Group Fun, Food and Faith

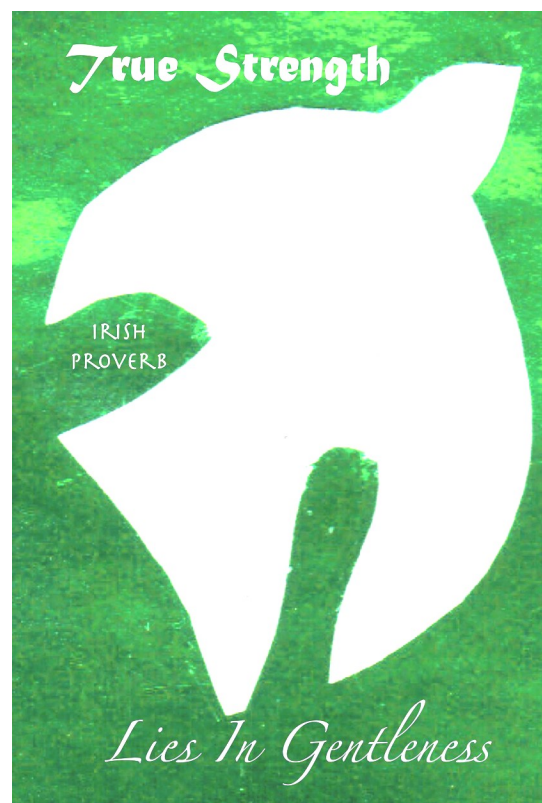
This Friday 6.30am-8pm Parish Centre

Lenten Prayer and Discussion Groups

Commence week beginning 23 February. Please place your name and contact details on sheets at church doors. Lenten Reflection books \$6

Sacramental Classes for Children in Govt Schools

Classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Holy Communion will be held on Mondays 6pm-7pm, in the Parish Centre commencing Monday 9 March.





Southern Region Swimming Carnival

Well done to all students who competed at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival at Narooma on Wednesday 19 March. All 36 students tried their best, cheered their hardest and had a great time.

Four students were successful in qualifying for the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival in Narooma on 2 March. Congratulations Quinn Lawley, Hannah Dawson, Hannah Hill and Lachlan Bryan.

By Bronte Mitchell and Suzie Spiller

2020 Snowy Monaro Youth Council

On the 24th February, Andrea Bosco, Molly Brabham, Alex Elgey, Harrison Knowles, Cheyenne Nelson and I attended the first Youth Council meeting of the year at the Council Office as members of the new **2020 Snowy Monaro Youth Council**.

Along with 13 other youth from Monaro High School, Bombala High School, Snowy Mountains Grammar School and Jindabyne Central School, we were introduced to Mel Sass and John Graham, our Youth Development Officers, and James Ewart, a Councilor of the Snowy Monaro Regional Council and also former school captain of St Patrick's.

We were inducted into the Youth Council and elected our Executive Officers, where **Molly Brabham was successful in the role of Public Relations Officer**.

We were also very fortunate to be visited by the Honorable Bronnie Taylor, Minister for Regional Youth, Mental Health and Women, and Peter Beer, Snowy Monaro Regional Council Mayor.

We discussed many agendas, including the incoming Youth Week, and had some presentations from Emma Clynnch, NSW Health and Erin Donnelly, SMRC.

The whole experience was great. There was a sense of responsibility and having a voice for many of our young peers, but the meeting was very comfortable and enjoyable. It felt good to be among like-minded youth leaders in their own communities.

Joshua Abrokwhah

Year 9



Getting involved with the program

There are three ways a family can become involved with Brighter Futures:

- With a family's permission a Community Agency, Family Support Service or Child Wellbeing Unit can refer them to the Brighter Futures Program
- A family that has been reported to Family and Community Services (FACS) and/or the DoCS Helpline may be invited to join the program
- A family can self refer

Regardless of how a family is referred to the Program, FACS will determine a family's eligibility and participation in the program is **VOLUNTARY**.



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Brighter Futures

Early Intervention Program



Cooma Monaro, Bombala
and the Snowy River Shires



A Message from Lt Colonel Stimson

I have just had a look at your Facebook site and it was wonderful to see how much fun everyone was having (and by everyone I mean both the children and the soldiers!). I am particularly pleased to hear that some additional discussion was able to be stimulated around peace-keeping and community crisis response.

We have been honoured to have been part of your community for the past few months, and I am so pleased we were able to interact with the staff and students of your school; this would have equally been a very positive and rewarding opportunity for my soldiers.

Best wishes,

Henry

HENRY STIMSON

Lieutenant Colonel | Commanding Officer 2
CER TG

