Hello Families and Friends,

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks with our new preps starting the orientation process. It has been marvellous to see them start the day with confidence. They have begun to make friends and to fit into the routine of school life. Our existing students have been great buddies and role models. We are already looking forward to a very balanced and productive year in 2015. Our own grade sixes have begun the transition period to Nagle College and the Orbost Secondary College. The students have been well-prepared by Miss Pearson and they too have shown a great deal of confidence. They are a respectful and well-mannered group of students and we are proud of their progress.

I would like to thank all the families and staff members who helped out at our working bee on Saturday 8 November. On a very hot morning we were able to plough through many jobs. The school looks fantastic thanks to you! Thanks must go to Pelz Mill for their generous donation of a truck and driver to collect mulch from Nowa Nowa.

Remembrance Day was a reverent occasion with the students conducting the service. All students were thoughtful and reflective and seemed to gain a sense of the occasion. The recounts written by the students in MacKillop featured in last week’s flyer were an example of their understanding.

Colman presented a prayer assembly which focused on being thankful for what we have in light of others who have little. Coming up to Christmas this is an important concept to understand. Colman class showed maturity in their appreciation of others.

On Wednesday 19 November, Xavier led another beautiful Mass in the St Colman Church. Again the students read confidently and they sang with vigour. We look forward to our remaining two Masses, the Immaculate Conception and the Graduation Mass.

The Cape Conran camp took place on the 19th and 20th of November and the Colman students had a ball. They were extremely excited leading up to the camp and the occasion did not disappoint. Colman were very well-mannered and well-behaved during the camp and everyone returned safe and in good health. Although, the teachers might need some rest and recovery time. Thank you to Wayne Stewart who accompanied us to camp to lend his support.

Next week we continue our prep orientation process on Tuesday 25 November. We also look forward to Xavier’s prayer assembly on Friday and hope to see you there.

Take care,

Matthew Hamer

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**Dates to Remember**

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Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness
**Weekly Reminders:**

**Lunch orders:** are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Brain Food:** please send along a piece of fruit or raw vegetables cut up for your child to eat at their 10am break.

**Sport:** with Mr Hamer on Wednesday

**Music:** with Mr May on Tuesday and Thursday

**Library:** For MacKillop on Wednesday afternoons – please bring your library bags.

**Ice block Thursday** – 50 cents for homemade lemonade ice blocks each Thursday (fundraising for the Jamaican Mission).

**St. Joseph’s Playgroup:** Each Friday at Lakes Entrance.

**Uniform Shop:** Maintained by Ms Marie Donchi – Orders can be placed at the office.

**Out of hours childcare/vacation care:**

For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

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**This Week’s Mass Times**

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**Weekly Prayer**

Gracious God, your love upholds all creation and embraces all people. In the graciousness of your Son’s life, you embraced the weakest in our midst. Fill us with your Spirit that we may welcome and serve all as he did. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. Amen

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**Assembly Awards**

**MacKillop:**

**Ramona Bady-Campbell:** For listening carefully and completing all tasks.

**Angus Sparkman:** For his careful work with patterns of threes.

**Colman:**

**Lilly Westaway:** For great persistence and teamwork with initiatives on camp.

**Oliver Young:** For great encouragement towards other students in the initiatives.

**Xavier:**

**Chelsea Janson:** Working excellently to solve her BODMAS questions.

**Bridget Jones:** For working hard to articulate her understanding of the newspaper articles.

**Sport:**

**Ramona Bady-Campbell:** For showing determination and skill in P.E.

**Lilly Westaway:** For her determination and athleticism when playing Euro-hockey.

**Bridget Jones:** For displaying good stamina when playing sof-crosse.

**School Leaders:**

**Amilia Henderson:** For trying to show patience with her work and her learning.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**End of Year School Concert**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm start

**More details to come!**


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**Interesting Fact:**

How far can a bar-tailed godwit bird fly?

Up to 11,500 kilometres. They fly without stopping by resting half their brain at a time.

**Inspirational Quote:**

You are the most important ingredient to your success. - Scottie Somers

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**Xavier Snippets**

Can you hear the chitter chatter of work being conducted in each room as you walk through the school?

**Xavier** have been diligently working on BODMAS and reading of maths co-ordinates. Students have been practising for their up and coming assembly and were also busily preparing for their Mass on Wednesday, which ran very smoothly.

**Colman** have been busy learning their spelling words thoroughly. They were trying to keep their excitement under wraps this week ahead of their Cape Conran camp, which was a lot of fun!

**MacKillop** have been productively working through their Miow words and achieving some pleasing results. The students completed work on Remembrance Day has been displayed in the hallway, and looks fantastic! Please come in and have a look yourself.

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2015 Preps – Transition Program

This year we will be offering a three week transition program to make the progression between kindergarten and school as smooth as possible. Remaining days are as outlined below.

- Tuesday - 25th November (9am – 1.30pm)
- Tuesday - 2nd December (9am – 3.00pm)

St Joseph’s Playgroup

When: Every Thursday, during school terms
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
- 9.30 – 10 Cuppa, catch up and play
- 10-11 Music & Movement with Mr Peter May
- 11-11.30 Story time, puppets and play with Ms Jacque Archer

Where: Mary MacKillop Hall (behind the school)
Cost: Gold coin donation

NOTE: Mr May will be away next week, so no Jitterbugs. Playgroup will still run, just without the music component.

Ice Block Thursday

Don’t forget to bring along your 50 cents each Thursday if you would like an ice block during lunch time. All proceeds go towards our fundraising efforts for the Jamaican Mission.

Book orders, with correct money, due back to school by Monday 24th November – thank you!

2015 Preps

Our 2015 Preps were warmly welcomed on Tuesday and they had a very enjoyable morning meeting new friends and learning all about school life.