Hello Everyone,

As the year draws to a close we have plenty of exciting events happening at school. Over the next few weeks we hope to see all the families and friends of our community at school to help celebrate the end of the year.

Over the course of this week our grade six students have been to Nagle College and the Orbost Secondary College to take part in the orientation and transition process. I would like to thank both colleges for the excellent programs they run. Our students are confident about the next stage of their schooling, thanks to the care and thought taken by both schools.

On Monday, MacKillop went to the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Luncheon to perform a few songs. Mr Peter May prepared the students well and they entertained with their singing and dancing. The Senior Citizen’s Club made a very generous donation of $100 to our school, not to mention handing out icy poles for the children.

We had our own transition process this week and all new students looked happy and eager to begin in 2014. I would like to thank Mrs Julie Leatham and Mrs Teresa Armstrong who produced individual transition booklets for all new preps to look at over the holidays. These booklets provide pictures to help students to ease into the new year by reminding them of the orientation process they participated in.

Parents, as you will be aware we have begun the collaborative conference process for the end of the year.

This process is extremely important to inform you of your child’s progress and to plan for future learning. It is also imperative that your child attend the meeting, so they can reflect on their learning and take ownership of the new goals for the next year.

On Tuesday 9 December, we will welcome students from Nowa Nowa Primary School who will come for a music workshop. Mr Peter May will work with Mr Jim Allen (NNPS) to facilitate the sessions. It should be fun working with another school and we look forward to the barbecue lunch.

MacKillop will help coordinate our Immaculate Conception Mass on Wednesday 10 December. We hope that all our school helpers can join us for Mass at 9.30am. If not, please come along to the Parent Helper’s Morning Tea, which will follow Mass at around 10.15am.

Two other very important dates to remember are, Monday 15 December, which marks our end of year concert and Wednesday 17 December, when we will hold the Graduation Mass. Please put these dates aside and join us in farewelling our grade sixes.

I hope you are enjoying the lead up to Christmas,

Matthew Hamer

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**Dates to Remember**

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<td>Colman class, Rainforest Walk 9.15am – Xavier class to Lakes Entrance; Surf Life Saving Fun Day (whole day) 9.30am - Last Playgroup &amp; Jitterbugs for 2014 11.00am MacKillop class – Indoor Swimming Program Lakes Entrance (note change of time and day)</td>
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<td>Thurs 11th</td>
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<td>Last day for all students 9.30am Grade 6 Graduation Mass; Grade 6 students finish afterwards 3.15pm finish for all remaining students</td>
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Assembly Awards

MacKillop:
Irene Kishaan: For excellent work with her spelling words.
Sean Kunsek: For trying really hard in reading.

Colman:
Isabella Anderson: For always giving 110% in every task she completes.
Katelyn Jones: For working hard and using her persistence in Mathematics.

Xavier:
Celine Answer: For designing an excellent maths map. Well done!
Nicole Gallagher: For working excellently when reading in Literacy.

Sport:
Tamsyn Barry: For showing concentration when dribbling the soccer ball.
Nicolas Martinez: For embracing each game and getting the most out of sport.
Chelsea Janson: For digging deep and producing a huge effort in endurance.

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 6th  St Colman’s, Orbost  6.00pm
Sun 7th  St Brendan’s, Lakes E  9.00am

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, you call out to us in the wilderness of our lives that we straighten our minds and hearts to live by your love. Give us your Spirit to guide us into the ways of Jesus that we may know in our lives his joy and his consolation. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. Amen

Xavier Snippets

How busy and productive has each classroom been this week?

Xavier have been striving hard to tackle algebra and BODMAS, with terrific results! The Grade 6 students have been away on Transition to either OSC or Nagle College, with the OSC students also spending time at Cape Conran camp.

Colman have shown terrific persistence while working through Japanese with Miss Kennedy and MacKillop have been zooming along learning new songs for their upcoming Mass and Carols.

The whole school travelled to Lochiel House this morning, where we sang up a storm and had a wonderful time chatting with the residents. This was a fantastic morning, which created a jolly, festive and happy atmosphere.

Who am I?
I have all the knowledge you have. But I am as small as your fist.

Answer: I'm your brain!

Ice Block Thursday

Thursday 11th December will be our last “Ice Block Thursday” for this year – remember to bring along your 50 cents if you would like an ice block during lunch time. All proceeds go towards our fundraising efforts for the Jamaican Mission.

School Fees & Levies

REMINDER: All school fees and levies for the 2014 school year (including camp and swimming programs) are now due for payment. It would be appreciated if any outstanding uniform orders could be paid by this time as well.

If you are unsure of your balance, please come and see us at the Office.

Thank you to those families who have already made their payments for this year.

Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness

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**East Gippsland Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group**

For people who want to know more about autism spectrum differences. Meets at UnitingCare Gippsland 49 McCulloch St (cnr Macleod St) from 10am – 12noon

Next meeting – **Wednesday 19th December**.

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**Combined Churches of Orbost**

**Community Carols**

When: Sunday, 7th December

Where: Orbost Secondary College Hall

Time: 7.00pm start

Rotary candles for sale

Enquiries: 5154 1512

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**Singing carols out and about in the Community this week!**

- At the Orbost Senior Citizen’s Christmas Luncheon

- For residents at Lochiel House