Hello Everyone,

We are certainly in full swing now. Swimming lessons have concluded and we are settling into routine.

Last week’s MSN2 Swimming Carnival went very well. The weather was perfect and the students had a wonderful time. There were many fantastic performances and nine students went on to represent the school in the District Swimming Carnival. The teachers came back full of pride from the District Carnival as our swimmers were well-behaved and very competitive. Congratulations to Nicole Gallagher who has made it through to the Division Swimming Carnival to be held at Bairnsdale on Friday 1 March. I would like to thank, Mrs Julie Leatham, Miss Chen Pearson and all the teachers and parents who have supported the swimming program this year.

Our Collaborative Conferences are coming to a close. The meetings have been very valuable for staff and I am sure families have found the time worthwhile. Thank you for your attendance, we will hold another meeting later in Semester Two. Our first Parent Workshop was held this week and was very well-attended. Knowing that not everyone can make a Monday appointment we are holding another workshop on Friday 1 March at 9am in the Hall.

When visiting the school please remember to sign in, if you are coming to help out with a class/school activity. We have Visitor and Parent badges which also need to be worn if you are staying to assist. This helps us to identify helpers and locate everyone in case of an emergency.

Our Boardies Day was a huge success with students, staff and parents wearing board shorts and donating to the Lakes Entrance Surf Life Saving Club. Thank you to Mr John Welsh and Mrs Pip Stewart who helped out during the sausage sizzle. The day was a lot of fun!

We are all looking forward to the Beginning of the Year Family Barbecue to be held on the school grounds from 6pm – 8pm on Thursday 28 February. A letter went home this week requesting your order and whether you are bringing a salad or sweets to share. It will be a nice and informal way to catch up and meet new people. Hopefully the weather is kind to us.

Last week, we had a terrific number of parents at assembly, we very much appreciate that sort of support and the children love having you there! It is wonderful to recognise the students’ achievements in front of an audience. Friday 1 March we will be entertained by the students from MacKillop. It should be a lot of fun, please come along.

Next week we will begin our first wood raffle for the year to raise money for the Year 5/6 Canberra Tour. Thanks must go to the Light family for donating the trailer of wood.

I would like to conclude by congratulating the following students on becoming our 2013 school leaders.

School Captain: Jessica Young
Deputy School Captains: Tully Humphreys, Tahlia Cassels
House Captains:
Tambo – Tyrone Marno, Tahlia Cassels
Snowy – Jess Sanna, Shani Munn
Brodribb – Jordan Ross, Jayde Light

We are confident they will do an excellent job in looking after all our students’ interests this year. Please enjoy a well-deserved rest and we look forward to seeing you at next Thursday’s barbecue.

Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer

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**Dates to Remember**

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Congratulations to our Leadership team for 2013

Jessica Young - School Captain
Tully Humphreys – Deputy School Captain (Environment)
Tahlia Cassels – Deputy School Captain (Faith)

Assembly Awards

MacKillop:
Hayley Stewart for writing a fantastic narrative.
Oliver Young for working diligently all week.

Colman:
Harry Young for continuing to have a go at all our tasks and doing them to a high standard. Great effort!

Caleb Ingram for doing a superb job with his reading. Keep it up!

Jordan Ross for trying hard in class – especially in Maths where he uses his great mathematical brain.

Tyrone Pelz for being an energetic member of Xavier, and for always trying his best when reading.

PE Award:
Chelsea Janson for her accuracy in shooting baskets and for her great attitude towards sport.

Japanese Award:
Markeisha Ingram for writing her name in Katakana clearly and neatly.

Xavier’s Weekly Snippets

Hi and welcome to another one of Xavier’s weekly snippets.

A lot has been happening at school, so please read on to see more.

District swimming Carnival
These were held on Wednesday 20th February.
The students who went through to district were:
Nicole Gallagher, Suzanne Martinez, Kelilah Fitzgerald, Tully Humphreys, Max Welsh, Tahlia Cassels and Henry Hodge. They did very well.
Congratulations and well done to all of you!
Swimming has now finished!

Boardies day!
Today was Boardies day everyone wore their boardies and had a great time, and we also had sausages and cold drinks for lunch. It was great!

Here are just some quick reminders:
Colman – music with Mr May at 12:40pm on Thursdays and Library at 10am on Tuesdays. They have class captains every week – this week’s class captains are Max Welsh and Tristan Stewart.
Every Friday, Xavier class will be holding an assembly where student will get awards if they are good or impress the teacher or other staff. If there are any birthdays they will get a chocolate frog and a birthday sticker.

Ice block Tuesday:
If you would like an ice block, all the students are asked to bring 50c and see Mrs Stewart at lunch time. All the money raised will go to help Caritas. Remember that MacKillop will go out the middle doors, Colman will go out side door and Xavier will use the main entrance.

By Nicole Gallagher and Jordan Ross
Zucchini Fritters

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
1 cup milk
2 eggs
2 large corn cobs, kernels removed
1 zucchini, trimmed and grated
Olive oil, for shallow-frying
1 cup tzatziki dip – to serve

Method

1. Sift flour into a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Using a fork, whisk milk and eggs together in a jug until combined. Pour over flour. Stir until smooth. Add corn and zucchini. Stir until well combined.

2. Add enough oil to a large, non-stick frying pan to cover base. Heat over medium heat until hot. Using 1/4 cup of mixture per fritter, spoon mixture, 3 fritters at a time, into pan. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes each side or until golden and firm to touch in the centre. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Gospel Snippet


This week we hear of Jesus’ glory and divinity being revealed to the apostles. They hear God telling them to listen to Jesus. How can we listen to Jesus in our everyday lives?

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.
- Uniform Shop: Maintained by Mrs Jan Gallagher – Orders can be placed at the office.
- Library day: Tuesday
- Japanese: With Mrs Russell – Xavier Tuesday /Colman Wednesday
- School Banking Day: Wednesday
- Sport: With Mr Hamer on Wednesday (Students to bring their runners to change into)
- Music: with Mr May on Thursday
- St. Joseph’s Playgroup: Thursday 9am to 11am
- Out of hours childcare/vacation care:

For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

Happy Birthday

Katelyn Jones 22nd February - (today)

We hope you have a great day Katelyn!

Pauls Collect-A-Cap

Collected caps can be placed in the large marked bin in the main hallway at school.
District Swimming Carnival - Orbost
Congratulations and well done to all the swimmers who participated in the District Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. They all swam to the best of their ability. Well done to Nicole Gallagher who will represent our school and District at the Division Swimming in Bairnsdale next Friday March 1st. Nicole will be swimming in the 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke.

Nicole Gallagher with one of her ribbons!

Suzanne Martinez finishing her swimming race!

A big thank-you to Jamielee Henderson for helping out on the finishing line for the District Swimming Sports and to Tahlia Cassels for taking the awesome pictures for our newsletter.

MacKillop’s Class – A Narrative
It was a sunny day and my friend and I were going to go fishing and when we got there the sea was frozen, but then the sun melted the sea and then I saw two fins cutting through the water. Then I knew what is was, it was a shark’s fin, I was frightened and then I started to run and I ran away, I was safe, so was Lilly W.

By Hayley Stewart

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS TIMES:
Saturday: 23/2 St. Brendan’s LE 6.00pm
Sunday: 24/2 St. Brendan’s LE 9.00am
St. Colman’s Orbost 11.00am
St Peter’s Mallacoota 5.00pm

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Who is eligible for the EMA?
The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible. What changes are being made to the EMA?

From 2013, the EMA is being restructured to increase the focus on direct support to parents. School-based EMA payments will be discontinued from 2013 and partially redirected to provide enhanced support direct to parents. Changes include:

Parental EMA payments increased from:
* $117.50 to $200 for parents of EMA-eligible Prep students.
* $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other EMA-eligible primary school students.

Closing date for application is 28th February 2013. Application forms are available from the Office if you have not completed one already.

Our Weekly Prayer
Teach me to listen
Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest me, my family, my friends, my co-workers. Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is, ‘Accept the person I am. Listen to me.’
Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me – the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, and the cry of the anguished.
Teach me to listen, O God my Mother, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside – in the deepest part of me.
Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, for your voice – in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence.
Teach me, Lord, to listen.
Amen