Hello Everyone,

Well, we are into week six already, the students are settled and getting into some excellent study habits. Please take a look at what is happening around our school this week.

Due to poor weather conditions the Beginning of the Year Family Barbecue has been postponed to Thursday 7 March. We hope this has not inconvenienced anyone and look forward to seeing you next week.

Thank you to Mrs Pauline Stewart and the MacKillop class for entertaining us at assembly this Friday afternoon. The assemblies are beginning to take shape and it is wonderful to see our students taking the lead role in organising and facilitating our assemblies.

We have begun fundraising for the Year 5/6 Canberra Tour through a wood raffle. Tickets came home today, if you can afford to spare a few dollars your contribution would be greatly appreciated. We will soon be looking for volunteers to help run the barbecue at Bunning’s in Bairnsdale. Dates have been set for Sunday 28 April and Saturday 15 June. Please contact me if you can assist, we hope to put people on two hour shifts.

Reading is an essential part of our homework program at St Joseph’s. Studies have shown that regular reading and reading to your child, significantly enhances development in literacy. Please help to oversee this program by listening to your child read, where possible, and on occasion reading to them. Silent reading is required each night.

Congratulations to Nicole Gallagher who competed at the Division Swimming Championships held at the Bairnsdale Pool this Friday 1 March. Well done to Nicole, we are very proud of your efforts!

Looking forward, there are a couple of events to put into your diary. On Wednesday 20 March at 9.30am we will have our St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass. Then on Thursday 28 March we have our Parent Open Morning which consists of an Easter Liturgy, Golden Honour Assembly and School Open Morning. The day begins at 9am and concludes at 11am, we hope to see you there.

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees for the year after Fee Statements came out. If you are considering payment please drop in to the office as there are a number of options available
Enjoy the rain everyone, hopefully it signals the last of the fire season.
Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer

MacKillop Class

MacKillop Class has been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

The Students in MacKillop have been busy making caterpillars by painting their hands. Here is Hope Jones with Mrs Stewart busy at work!
Congratulations to our House Captains for 2013

Tambo: Tyrone Marno - Tahlia Cassels
Snowy: Jess Sanna - Shani Munn
Brodribb: Jordan Ross - Jayde Light

Assembly Awards

MacKillop:
Issy Anderson for always trying her best in everything she does.
Peter Ingram for working well in reading groups.

Colman:
Jamielee Henderson for doing a great job being class captain.
Cy Cameron for working hard on his project.

Xavier:
Tully Humphreys for being an excellent student in all areas.
Tahlia Cassels for great presentation of her homework.

PE Award:
Bridget Jones for her persistence and great attitude towards basketball. Impressive balance and skills too.

Japanese Award:
Suzanne Martinez for great loud reading of the English translation of ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’.
Jammo Humphreys for great pronunciation of ‘I understand’ in Japanese.

Swimming Awards
Harry Young & Henry Hodge for stepping up two age groups to help a relay team.
Suzanne Martinez for volunteering to complete in a freestyle relay.

Welcome to another week of Xavier’s Weekly Snippets. To see what’s been going on read below!

Ice block Tuesday
If you would like an ice block please bring 50c to school and see Mrs Stewart at lunch time. All the money raised will go to help Caritas.

Assembly
This afternoon we had assembly. It has been wonderful with the amount of parents attending assembly! At assembly students get an award and a pencil if they are good or impress a teacher or other staff. If it’s a student’s birthday they will get a sticker and a chocolate frog!

Division swimming
Today we have the Division swimming in Bairnsdale. Congratulations to Nicole Gallagher who is swimming in the Division swimming.

Colman have class captains every week and this week’s class captains are:
Jamielee Henderson and Caleb Ingram.

What we are learning this week
This week in Xavier, we have been learning to write persuasive texts.
The topic was “Day light savings is a good idea.”
In maths we have been learning Roman numerals and how to round up and down to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000’s.
Rounding is good because it helps us out with our estimating skills!
In art, for these last couple of weeks we have been sketching and drawing.

So far we have sketched a self-portrait and we have all drawn a telegraph part from the olden days, looking at it from different angles. In sport, with Mr Hamer we focus on one thing for three weeks. This week we have been learning some basketball skills and we have played a game of basketball.

By Jess and Suzanne
**Xavier’s Weekly Recipe**

### Berry Ricotta Muffins

**Makes 12**

**Ingredients**
- 75g butter, softened
- 175 reduced fat ricotta
- 1/3 cup castor sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ cups self raising flour
- 1/3 cup milk
- 150 g fresh or frozen blueberries or raspberries

**METHOD**

1. Preheat oven to 180 C. Line a 12 x 1/3 cup capacity muffin pan with paper muffin cases.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat butter, ricotta, sugar and vanilla until light and creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Spoon into muffin cases. Bake for 20 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean. Stand in pan for 5 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

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**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

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**Gospel Snippet**


This week we hear of the fig tree that has not produced any fruit. In the story the fig tree is given a second chance. How fruitful have our lives been? Do we need a second chance for them to bear fruit? How can we make our lives even more fruitful?

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**Happy Birthday to you.........**

Hailey Gardner 4th March 2013
Nicholas Hill 4th March 2013

*We hope you have a great birthday!*

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**Our Weekly Prayer**

May you be blessed, O God,
By the dew of the morning and the damp fragrance of the evening,
By the song of the nightingale and the perfume of the rose,
By the smile of children and the daring of youth,
By the wisdom of elders and the love of husband and wife,
By the peace of the forgiven sinner,
and by the goodness of people in the street.
The Mallacoota Pre-School invites your school to its inaugural

Mallacoota Fun Run
SUNDAY 10th March 2013

The fun run caters for all walking/running abilities with a 2.5 km walk/run, 5 km walk/run, 10 km run, and 20 km run. There will be heaps of festivities happening: Our “All at Sea” theme **Sandcastle Building Competition** will start once the 2.5km walk/run and 5km walk/run events are finished. Get your thinking caps on to come up with a creative design fitting the “All at Sea” theme! Bring along buckets and spades!

Our fun run website is already receiving lots of interest. Please take a look at [www.mallacootafunrun.com.au](http://www.mallacootafunrun.com.au). We’re also on facebook!

Please call Ros 0418 427 768 or email contact@mallacootafunrun.com.au if you have any queries or want to know more.

### Colman - Projects

In project’s I have been working on the Australian way of life.

I have been working on money, cars, clothes and food. I have discovered that in the olden days life was hard to complete every day activities.

By Jamielee Henderson

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**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS TIMES:**

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**1974 GRADUATES OF MERCY TEACHERS’ COLLEGE ASCOT VALE**

You are invited to attend a 40 Year Anniversary Reunion of the commencement of our Certificate of Teaching 1973 - 1974 on Saturday 22nd June, 2013

From 4 – 6 pm

At the

The Laurel Hotel

289 Mt Alexander Rd,

ASCOT VALE

Drinks at bar prices

Dinner is available after 6pm

(If you are considering staying for dinner please email /phone Margaret or Catherine)

Pass this information on to others from our year.

RSVP: June 14th, 2013

Margaret James (Lucardie): 0407 834 598

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Catherine Fraser (Dullard): 0427 572 549

cfraser@smrushworth.catholic.edu.au

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**SCHOLASTIC**

Please submit your Scholastic Book Club orders with the correct money, or cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia, to the office by Friday 15th March 2013.

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**REMEMBER**

Could parents please check your child’s uniform and ensure all item are clearly marked.

Thank-you