Dear Parent/s

Welcome back to term 4 of the school year. It is hard to believe that we are in October, where does the time go? Once again this term promises to be very busy and below I have provided some important dates for you to be aware of.

MARY MACKILLOP CELEBRATIONS

The canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop takes place this Sunday at St Joseph’s Renmark Catholic School (36 Twelfth Street). This is an exciting day in the history of our church and nation and it would be fantastic if we could have as many people from St Albert’s there as possible.

Mass commences at 3:30 pm followed by a BYO picnic tea (no alcohol permitted on school grounds). The canonisation will be televised on the big screen from 6pm-8pm.

SPORTS DAY

Next Friday 22nd October we will be competing in the Riverland Catholic Schools’ Sports day at Barmera. We have booked a bus and we will be using our own bus as well. We will be departing St Albert’s at 8:50 am and returning back by 3:00pm.

Please fill out the transport form on the back page and hand in to your classroom teacher. You may complete one form for all of your family.

All school buses will operate as normal.

SCHOOL OPENING

We are still waiting for a date for our School’s opening of the Government funded COLA and Resource Centre. As soon as a date is confirmed by the Australian Government I will let you know. We are hoping for the 12th November.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our two newest Reception students, Ellen Alm and Rogan Kennedy. We hope you enjoy your first term at St Albert’s.
PUPIL FREE DAY – 29TH OCTOBER

On Friday 29th October we will be having a pupil free day for assessment and reporting. The staff will be fine tuning the reports and adjusting the indicators and outcomes in readiness for the term 4 reports.

RAELENE

Unfortunately Raelene is still not well and will require a few more weeks away from school to fully recuperate. Laine Bell will continue to take the 2/3 class and I will teach on a Tuesday. Please keep Raelene in your prayers and hopefully we will see her back fit and healthy very soon.

TERM PLANNER

The term planner will be sent home on Friday with all of the events happening throughout this busy term.

I would like to finish with three quotes from Mary MacKillop

‘We must teach more by example than word’ (1867)

‘Keep your mind in peace whatever happens’ (1890)

‘Everything God blesses will prosper’ (1867)

All the best
Jason Mittiga
Principal

P & F News…..

The next Parents and Friends Meeting is on Monday 18th October at 7:00pm in the staff room. All welcome!

Some of the items on the agenda will be a theme for our 2011 AUCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE and this year’s LOXTON LIGHTS UP on Saturday 27th November 2010.

As always, please contact me via email, phone or in person anytime before the meeting if you have something you’d like to discuss and can’t make it on the night.

See you there!
Lily Hansen

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
MONDAY 7:00PM
18TH OCTOBER 2010
In the staff room
See You There!
Birthdays…..

OCTOBER
15th – Lillian To - 13
16th – Jasmine Drake - 12
23rd – Shayden De Been - 11
28th – Ryley Hammerstein – 10
29th – Thomas Tyler – 13
31st – Liam Wormald - 11

Sport……

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ SPORTS DAY

Next Friday is the Combined Catholic Schools’ Sports Day. This event is being staged at the Barmera Football Club. Students will be participating in a range of athletics events as well as the health hustle.

At the back of the newsletter you will find a copy of the challenge groups and the teachers/parents who will accompany them during their events. If I have missed your child’s name can you please notify me as soon as possible so that I can rectify the problem. I want to thank those parents who put their hand up to help with being a challenge group leader.

Can you please ensure that your child/children have plenty of water with them, their hat and recess and lunch (if you did not order it).

Please come and see me if you have any further questions or queries about the structure of the day.

BASKETBALL

On the last Saturday of the holidays the Year 7 team that competed at the recent State SAPSASA Championships in Adelaide, taking part in a knockout competition at ‘The Dome’.

They played against St. Anthony’s from Millicent and despite being up all game, eventually lost by 5 points in overtime.

A big thanks to Mark Lueth for giving up his day and coaching the team in the absence of Les, who was at the Masters Games.

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers

If anyone shops at Coles, please collect your Sports for Schools Vouchers and send into the office. These vouchers will enable us to purchase sports equipment for our school.

The promotion finishes end October.

Thankyou.
Brad Williams
Physical education Coordinator.

Canteen…..

NEW ITEM:
Bulla ice-creams – Splits - $1.20 each.
Raspberry, Lemon-lime or Mango.
Coming soon – Tropical, Wildberry and Orange.

Roster
FRIDAYS - 9.30am to 1:30pm

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If you are unable to make your rostered day, please arrange a swap with another family. (Contact details will be in your Buzz Book) If you are unable to arrange a substitute, please advise me via the school office and when possible, well ahead of your rostered day.

Healthful Habits:
Balance your diet
Exercise regularly
Drink lots of water.
Get plenty of rest
Wash your hands and face regularly.
Relax and Smile!

Kind Regards,
Julie Graetz
Uniform Shop……

**Uniform Shop**
Open Thursday – 2-3 pm.

*Jenny Hicks*
*Uniform Shop Manager.*
T: 85845898

Library……

If anyone has any spare time on the following days, I invite you to join me in the new library to label books.

Thursday 14th,
Monday 18th; and/or
Thursday 21st October.

I am currently re-cataloguing/relabelling every book in our library to make it easier for children and staff to find the resources they are looking for. An easy but time consuming job so I welcome any minute you can spare. Coffee and nibbles supplied!

Thanks for your support
Dionne Kassulke
Library Coordinator.

Veggie Patch Challenge……

Thank you to all those families who collected barcodes for the McCain Veggie Patch Challenge. I have sent over 30 barcodes to McCain’s and I will soon purchase some items to help our school start our own veggie patch, which will be great. Thanks for your support.

Joanne Hondow
Coordinator.

Music Achievements…………

PIANO
Congratulations to the following students who recently partook in the AMEB PIANO EXAMS held at the end of Term 3 and did so well.

**Preliminary**
APRIL BURDON - A+
HENRY ROGERS - A+

**1st Grade**
LILIAN TO - A

*Congratulations!*
Maxine Zimmermann
Piano Tutor.

Loxton Show Display……

I would like to thank Helen Drake and Julia Dansie for setting up our school display and Neil and Sally Thiele who took the display down. Without their help we wouldn’t have had a school display so thank you very much. I would also like to congratulate all the students and parents who put items in this years’ show. I think it is great to get involved in community events and would encourage others to participate next year.

Joanne Hondow
Coordinator.

4/5 Class News……

Today we will begin participating in the ‘Global Children’s Challenge’.

Each child in Grade 4/5 has been given a pedometer and a step book. They will wear their pedometers until the 17th of November and record their steps in the step book daily.

The Global Children’s Challenge aims to help children all over the world ‘take the first steps towards a healthier future’.

Good luck Grade 4/5!

Laine Bell
Class teacher
SHOW WINNERS
The Terrace Gallery in the Loxton Visitor Information Centre situated on Bookpurnong Terrace opposite the Loxton roundabout have the Loxton Show winners artworks showcased on their walls for the month of October. Please take the time to pop on in to admire the creative talent the Riverland artists have to offer. Opening hours are weekdays 9 am to 5 pm Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm and Sundays 10 am to 4 pm.

WAIKERIE SANTA’S CAVE
Open from the last Friday in November through to New Year’s Eve. For more information, please contact the Waikerie Visitors Information Centre on 08 85412232.

FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST
To support cancer Palliative Care at the Loxton Hospital. Saturday 23rd October St Albert’s Hall, Owen Street, Loxton. 8:00 am – 10:30 am. $10.00 entry per person. Bookings essential by October 15th. Contact – Barb on 85847731 organised by the Loxton Branch of Catholic Women’s League.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT JUNIOR CATS BASKETBALL
Registration period extended…..
Team allocation night:
Wednesday 20th October 2010 at 6.30 pm at the stadium. All players must attend to find out teams, program details and be issued with uniforms.
Games commence:
Wednesday 27th October.
Registration Forms:
To be dropped into, the Loxton Visitor Information Centre. Available from school office or Loxton Visitor Information Centre. It would be appreciated if all registrations are received by Monday 18th, by 3 pm.
Enquiries:
Tracy - 0409 692 435

LOXTON SWIMMING CLUB
Details – 0439031916 Jane Garrard
Proposed Registration Days – 23rd & 24th October 10 am – 12 noon.

BASEBALL
Contact persons –
Roger 0404007625 (Seniors)
Mark 0418852572 (Juniors)

CRICKET
Milo Cricket introduces boys and girls aged 5 - 10 years old to games of cricket through fun, action-packed programs and activities. You can join in all the fun at your local cricket club, school or community centre nearest you! So get in2Action by signing up at www.in2cricket.com.au today or turn up on registration day SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2010 AT THE LOXTON SPORTING OVAL AT 8:45 AM. For further information please contact Steve Nitschke on 8595 6064 or Mobile 0427 956 064.

LOXTON JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB
Details – 0419841778 Karen Flight
Junior Tennis Coordinator.

MAKE YOUR GARDEN GROW!!!
HORSE MANURE at 232 Fairweather Ave Can deliver bags or trailer load Carina Nicholson.
Community Notices

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

On behalf of the St. Peter’s Christmas Tree, we invite you to be part of our Singing Christmas Tree for 2010 Christmas Lights Up.

Dates and time – 7:30 for 8pm start on:
  Saturday December 4th
  Sunday December 5th
  Saturday December 11th
  Sunday December 12th
  Saturday December 18th

and

Carols By Candlelight Item on
  Sunday December 19th – 8pm.

You are required to wear collared white shirt/blouse and dark trousers/skirt, preferably black, and have a passion to sing Christmas Carols.

Please reply by end of November to:
  Loxton Lutheran ministry Centre – 85845522,
  Deb Biele 85844878
  Heather Zimmermann – 85841463.

Return Notices…….

RETURN NOTICE – SPORTS DAY
SPORTSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

My child/ren………………………………………………
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will / will not be travelling TO BARMERA on the bus.

My child/ren………………………………………………
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will/ will not be travelling BACK TO LOXTON on the bus.

Signed………………………………………………