From the Principal………..

Dear Parents

Well what a wonderful day we had in Renmark on Sunday as all the Riverland Parishes and Schools celebrated the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop. It was great to see so many St Albert’s people present. A lot of preparation went into organising this wonderful event and I would like to thank Fr Steve and Anna DeGuglielmo for all of the hard work they put in to make this day such a special celebration for the Riverland community.

A big thankyou to Margaret Wormald, Helen Drake and Anne Payne for making the banners for the school and church. They looked absolutely fantastic.

Yesterday I was fortunate enough to attend a Mass in the Cathedral in Adelaide with all of the Catholic Schools in South Australia. Eight of our children were a part of these celebrations and I am sure it is a day they will never forget.

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that your grant our request…..
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh
By the Holy Spirit
So that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with
courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen

TERM PLANNER

Everybody should have received their term planner for term 4 on Friday. Please make sure you lock in all the dates that apply to you.
BER OPENING/ GRANDPARENTS DAY

We have finally been notified of our date for the opening of our new BER buildings. On Friday November 12th at 9:30 St Albert’s will showcase and open our new buildings officially. Following the Opening, we will have a Grandparents’ morning where the children will show their Grandparents around the new facilities. Grandparents will need to be at St Albert’s at 9:30 for the School Opening. More details will be handed out in the coming weeks.

SPORTSDAY

Friday is our Riverland Catholic Schools’ Sports Day in Barmera. Everything is ready to go and the children are fired up for a day of fitness and fun. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

Have a great week
Jason Mittiga
Principal

From the Parish…..

History was made on Sunday last!
Our nation has its first saint –
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Her life and legacy inspire us all to have compassionate hearts that see needs in our communities and move us to care for the poor, the vulnerable, the aged and those who society can easily neglect with the heart of Christ.

As well as being an inspiring role model Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop continues to intercede in heaven for all those who call on her in prayer.

Entrust her with your dreams, your hopes, your struggles and your sufferings and know she will take your prayers to our heavenly Father.

Our Parish and School Communities celebrated the great occasion at St. Joseph’s School, Renmark on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Might I thank all who participated in the gathering. There were almost four hundred in attendance. The participation of our Combined Schools’ Choir and our young parishioners in the Mass and carrying the image of Mary as her sainthood was proclaimed were highlights of the celebration. The CWL banners were stunning.

My gratitude is also extended to those in our School and Parish Communities who help set up and dismantle the venue, to those who participated in the various ministries at the Mass, to our safety officers and the Young Vinnie’s and YCS members who assisted in a number of ways and to the Riverland Forum who work tirelessly to bring the celebrations together.

I am also most grateful to Anna Deguglielmo and the St. Joseph’s Community for welcoming us to the first Josephite School in our region and making it such a memorable day.

Might I also thank the Renmark Paringa Council, the Diocesan Canonisation Committee, the Catholic Education Office, Port Pirie, the St. John Ambulance, the Riverland Branches of the CWL, Riverland Printers and SA Water for their generosity in making our regional celebrations possible.

Mary of the Cross MacKillop……pray for us.

Fr. Stephen Ardill
Moderator, Riverland Catholic Parishes
Sport....... 

COLES VOUCHERS

Thanks to those parents who have been collecting the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. I counted them yesterday and have received nearly 400, each worth 1 point. So if you happen to shop at Coles, please bring your vouchers in to school. The more we receive the more sports gear can be purchased for the students.

SPORTS DAY

Remember that the Combined Catholic Schools’ Sports Day is being held this Friday at the Barmera Football Club. It looks like the weather is going to be warm so please make sure your child has plenty of water and their hat. If you haven’t already done so, can you please return the transport note. This will give us some indication as to how many students to expect on the buses. A copy of the program can be found at the back of the newsletter. Go St. Albert’s!

SAPSASA CRICKET

Congratulations to Jonty Inglis and Will Lehmann who have been selected in the SAPSASA Riverland Cricket team to compete in Adelaide in week 4. Well done boys!

Brad Williams 
Physical education Coordinator.

Book Club……

The final issue of Scholastic Book Club for the year will go home with your child today. There are some great books in this issue so please take the time to have a browse. Remember – Christmas is only 10 weeks away so maybe this is a great way to start your Christmas shopping?
If you wish to order, please have order and payment back to school by Wednesday 27th October. *Remember the on line credit card payment option is also available. 

Thankyou
Dionne Kassulke
Book Club Coordinator.

Canteen……


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.

Kind Regards,
Julie Graetz

Birthday…..

OCTOBER
23rd – Shayden De Been - 11  
26th – Ryley Hammerstein – 10  
29th – Thomas Tyler – 13  
31st – Liam Wormald - 11  

Providing Catholic Education in a Family Atmosphere
Identity Direct……

Pamphlets have been sent home today with newsletter. This is just a small sample of what’s available.
You can place your order directly online or use the order form inside the catalogue. Please make sure you use the unique code 22233 to make sure all the commission finds St. Albert’s School!!! (1-9 orders – 10% of order value, 10 or more orders – 20% of order value.)
Identity Direct provide cash commissions unlike many other organisations who provide value in resources.
You can order at any time of the year, just remember to use the 22233 St. Albert’s code.
The cash commission goes to the P & F account!

Raffle……

Would anyone who has raffle books for Year 7 fundraiser, please return books to school by this Friday (they have an orange cover).
Thankyou
Anne May.

Community notice……

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**
Saturday 23rd October
7:00am
Loxton senior Citizens Hall
Cnr Tobruk Tce & Anzac Crescent
The speaker is Mrs Pat Russell, Author from Elizabeth Churches of Christ. Pat has written three books on how the Lord has answered prayer.
Families Welcome
Peter Magarey

**MELBOURNE CUP PREVIEW DINNER**
Loxton Hotel
**Friday October 29th**
7:00pm.
Races, Games/Competitions/Prizes
Best Hat – Ladies and Gents
Formal Dress
Three Course Meal
Bookings Essential.
RSVP October 25th.
To book - phone Gail on 85847009 or Bernadette 85847509
Supporting
Mardi Gras Loxton Lions Club
- Senior Ambassador Entrant –
Gail Page

Uniform Shop……

Open Thursday – 2-3 pm.
Jenny Hicks
Uniform Shop Manager.
T: 85845898

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