"Wisdom is taught by suffering"
(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

"Live a Life That Counts"

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Hearts and Hands Mass
On Tuesday at the celebration of our annual 'Hearts and Hands' Mass over 2000 items were presented to the President of St Vincent de Paul Mrs Jocelyn Ingram. I give heartfelt thanks to all the families who made donations to this very worthy cause. As a community of people we are at our best when we are thinking of others and responding to their needs. Thank you again.

Open Day
The Open Day last Wednesday was the most successful held at the College for some time. Many attended the various sessions, including the Parent Information Session for students entering Year 7 in 2014 as well as the Pathways sessions for students from the current Years 8-11 levels. Thanks to our staff and students for the wonderful subject displays.

Federal Government Funding for Catholic Education
As a parent of a student attending a Catholic school you are in a position to significantly influence the Australian Government’s proposed school funding and regulatory reform plans for Australian Schools. Writing a letter to the school’s local federal Member of Parliament can have a significant influence on the eventual decisions that the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Nationals Coalition make about the future of Australian education.

The Australian Government is putting Catholic education under pressure to sign up to its reforms by 30 June 2013. Despite repeated requests, the Government has still not provided modelling showing the proposal’s financial impact on Catholic schools, or how the reforms could effect my ability to make decisions in the interest of our school community’s needs.

It is very rare that this request would be made of you, but we are encouraging all Catholic parents in Victoria to write to their local federal Member of Parliament to ask questions about the impact of the Australian Government’s proposed funding model for Catholic schools.

If you are successful in getting answers to these questions, you will be helping Catholic education make a decision about how our schools could be funded in the future.
If you require any further assistance or advice about this material, please speak to me, or contact the Executive Director of Catholic Education, Stephen Elder, on 03 9267 0228 or via email execdirector@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au.

Rob Aron
Principal

FAITH MATTERS
Hearts and Hands, Compassion and Justice 2013

The Mission and Vision of our college sets out very clearly that we as a community should work together in a very specific way. It compels us, just as the Gospel does, to live in our world and to relate to others in a very specific way. Our College, which is an educative community with Jesus Christ as its inspiration, strives to celebrate our Catholic Identity; to work with our families and the local, parish, diocesan and global communities; to share in the Mission of the Church; to nurture the development of the whole person by empowering our students to make a positive contribution in the world and to respect the unique dignity and faith of each person. The Annual Hearts and Hands, Compassion and Justice Mass allows us to do this in a very tangible way. Each June the St Vincent de Paul Society holds a Winter Appeal and to support the work of our local Vinnies Conference, St Mary MacKillop College celebrates with a Liturgy and with an Appeal. Homerooms contribute very generously each year to gather a collection of non-perishable food items and blankets. These are presented to the St Vincent de Paul Society at the Hearts and Hands Mass. In 2013 Homerooms provided St Vincent de Paul with 2133 items. Solomon 1 was the Homeroom with the most contributions and this year Xavier contributed the most items of all Houses. This is again an astounding effort and reflects the generosity of our community. Thank you to all students, families and staff for your contributions. Thank you also to Coles, Swan Hill for the use of trollies for the transport of the items.

Students will have another opportunity to put our Mission and Vision into action through the Winter Sleepout. On Friday 14th June students can join in the St Mary MacKillop College Winter Sleepout which will echo a national sleepout later in the month. The idea is to experience just for one night what it means to sleep rough. In addition students are encouraged to gather some sponsorship for their efforts which will be contributed to the Vinnies Winter Sleepout Appeal to assist those who are homeless. Students will sleep with the bare minimum of comfort in the Jubilee Centre but there will also be lots of entertainment throughout the evening. This is only the second year for this event and we are hoping for a ground swell of support from students. Permission notes which include all the relevant information can be collected from the Pastoral Care Centre. Please consider being involved in this, it is a great event.

Most of us don’t get grand opportunities to make a difference in the world. We do however often get small chances and we need to make the most of those when they arise. Whatever we have we can always be generous, whether it is with donations, with our time, with our skills, with our friendship or simply with our solidarity. We can forget sometimes how blessed we are and that because we have been created in the image and likeness of God, we have a responsibility to care for others. Jesus tells us quite explicitly that we have a duty to care for those who are poor, isolated, without support or ‘broken’ in any sense. We cannot turn a blind eye to them. We have a duty to love and do what we can to improve the lives of people, by virtue of the fact of the universality of human dignity. I am very proud of the students of our college who each year respond so thoughtfully and generously to St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal through our Hearts and Hands, Compassion and Justice Mass. I hope that they continue to take every opportunity they can to reach out to others and to make positive contributions to our world.

More information about the Vinnies Winter Appeal can be found at: http://www.vinnies.org.au/home-vic

Catherine Howison
Director of Mission
Hearts and Hands, Compassion and Justice 2013
School House Captains with over 2000 items, proudly presenting them to St Vincent de Paul, Swan Hill.

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2014
Applications close 28th June, 2013
Any families wishing to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2014 may obtain information and application forms at the Front Office or by contacting Mrs Mandy McCallum.

Phone: 50329771 or email: mmccallum@mackillopsh.vic.edu.au
Students in year 7 and 8 will undertake exams in Maths, English and Science. Maths and English exams will also have an additional On Demand test. Please contact your student’s teacher with any concerns.

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Making of the Modern World – Ms Cook - R22 | Year 9 English - JC - Ms Cook, Mrs Hocking, Mr Williams  
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PATHWAYS / CAREERS NEWS
We were really pleased with the number of parents and students who spoke with us last week at the Subject Expo and Pathway Planning Night. It was fantastic to hear that some Year 9 and Year 10 students are thinking ahead and investigating possible career options. The Careers Office is open every day during lunchtime if any student wants to come and discuss their subject selection and/or pathway planning. Parents are also welcome to come and speak with us if they have any questions, or email.

Laura Crow and Brenda Brady
Pathway Team

Automotive SBAT
An opportunity exists for a School Based Apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic at Swan Hill Bus Lines for students in Year 10 or Year 11. The employer is looking for a student with a genuine interest in automotive. Students are to forward a brief resume and cover letter explaining why they would like the opportunity to work at Swan Hill Bus Lines, addressed to Mr Peter Pickering, PO Box 549, Swan Hill.
Interested students are encouraged to come and see us for assistance when putting together their application.

ACU – English and Mathematics Workshops (Mildura)
On Wednesday, July 3rd, ACU are conducting an English and Mathematics workshop to assist Year 12 students at St Joseph’s College, Mildura. There is no cost for students to attend these workshops, and there is a possibility of a free bus to and from Mildura (depending on numbers). Students must contact Cara Vanzini at ACU to register. Cara.Vanzini@acu.edu.au or Phone: 5336 5409

University Experience Days
- The Australian Catholic University is running workshops that are designed to assist students to explore their courses: To register, go to www.acu.edu.au/97108
  Ballarat campus, Tuesday 2 July  Melbourne campus, Tuesday 9 July:

- Experience La Trobe is designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to get a taste of what it's like to be a uni student for a day. Students can participate in their choice of workshops, find out about student life and check out the Melbourne and Bendigo campuses, including student accommodation. Registrations at www.latrobe.edu.au/experience

- If you are passionate about science, RMIT provides an opportunity for students to participate in a medical laboratory at RMIT, explore careers in medical sciences and go behind the scenes of a major teaching hospital in either Melbourne or regional Victoria. Dates available are Monday July 8 – Friday 12. For more information go to www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences

Mid Year Workshops at JMC Academy
The Academy is running intensive workshops on July 5th and 8th for students in Years 10 – 12 where students will be able to undertake workshops in the following courses:
- 5th: Audio Engineering / Film and TV Production / Music
- 8th: Animation / Game Design / Entertainment Management
To book a place, go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/
Do You Want to Work With Animals?
Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a full day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers. Please find dates below:

- **Healesville Sanctuary, Keeper for a Day**, Years 7 – 12, July 2, 3, 9, 10
- **Healesville Sanctuary, Vet for a Day**, Years 9 – 12, July 3, 4, 10, 11
- **Werribee Open Range Zoo, Keeper for a Day**, Years 7 – 12, July 2, 4, 8, 10


Scholarship for Rural Students
The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation offers scholarships to Year 12 students from rural Victoria to enable them to participate in tertiary study. The scholarships provide financial support of $15,000 per annum for three years, and also participation in mentoring and leadership development programs. Applications close July 18th, 2013.


Cadet Program – Ernst & Young
This program provides Year 12 students an opportunity to gain practical experience whilst studying at University. Students would receive a text book allowance and also be eligible for a Cadet Grant while studying. If you are planning to study any business related subject at University (with an Accounting major) this would be a wonderful opportunity to learn both on and off the job.

On successful completion of a degree, cadets are given an opportunity to work full-time with Ernst & Young. Please go to [www.ey.com/au/careers](http://www.ey.com/au/careers) to find out more about this program.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2013
The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion ends this Sunday the 9th June. Could families please bring any Earn and Learn stickers and sheets to the front office by Tuesday the 11th of June at the latest. Thank You!

SWAN HILL REGION WINTER SPORTS
Congratulations to the students who competed on Tuesday 21st May at the winter sports day. Many thanks must go to the students for the professional way they presented themselves and for their excellent conduct throughout the day.

All teams performed very well and were terrific ambassadors for our great College.

Results and Better Players
Mr Hirst's Heroes (Junior Football) were the stars of the day, winning every game and holding all other teams scoreless.

For the day, the boys kicked 36 goals in 3 games.

Better players were: Paddy Dow, Brent Daniels, Angus Op't Hoog, Patrick Crowe, John Cameron, Jack Charleson.

Mr Hirst’s Heroes.
Intermediate Football:
Won 2 out of 3, finishing runner up to Swan Hill College.

Year 7 Netball:
Won 1 out of 3 games, finishing 3rd.
Better players were: Holly Triplett, Nicola Milano, Olivia King.

Year 8 Netball:
Won 2 out of 3 games to finish 2nd.
Best players were: Holly Rogers and Taylar Borg.

Intermediate Girls A Netball:
Were another heroic team, going through undefeated to win their competition.
Better players were: Miranda Gray, Hope Shadbolt, Madison Andrews

Intermediate Girls B Netball:
Also finished undefeated from their 2 games.
Better players were: Grace Wood, Mikayla Burge, Alicia Harvey, Millie Monk.

Senior Girls Netball:
Played in some very close games in a high standard of competition to finish 2nd overall.
Better players were: Annie Hinton, Elly Bookham, Kyra Bennett, Jessi Templeton.

Senior Boys Soccer:
Only played 1 game against Kerang, but had a resounding 7 – 0 victory.
Better players were: Daniel Mase, Justin Caccaviello, Josh Domaille, Corey Daniels.
Junior Boys Soccer:
Had a highly successful day and were extremely unlucky to be pipped at the post in the final 2 – 1 against Swan Hill College, to finish runner up.
Better players were: Will Gibson, Josh Stanyer, Archie Bissinella.

Girls Soccer:
Played against much older girls and were defeated in both games, but put up a determined effort all day.
Better players were: Monique Bruton, Monique Ierace, Maddison Mitchell.

Boys and Girls Badminton: All players tried very hard with some great individual performances, and the teams winning a few matches.
Better players were: Mitchell and Will Barkman, Sarah Charleson, The Mangiamelis, Milly Saville.

Clay Target Shooting: All shooters performed very well, with Rebekah Bavage finishing 2nd and Steven Cameron 3rd.

NEW STAFF PROFILE - GRAHAM WILLIAMS
Graham was raised in Broken Hill and is familiar with life in the Mallee. Prior to taking up a teaching career, he worked as a Recruitment Consultant for five years in Melbourne and London.
Graham then returned home to obtain his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Latrobe University, Mildura and Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) from Charles Darwin University Casuarina in 2004. In 2009 he received his Master of Education from La Trobe University Bendigo.
Graham returned to the Mallee to teach in Mildura, Swan Hill and Robinvale as well as six months in Alice Springs before returning to Swan Hill and St Mary MacKillop College to teach English from Year 7 to 12.
We hope Graham will enjoy his time at St Mary MacKillop College and wish him well as he takes on the challenge of teaching our young students the intricacies of the spoken and written word of the English Language.

TENISON HOUSE - SUPPORTING THE BCNA
On Tuesday 28th May, students were invited to wear casual clothes and in turn make a gold coin - or greater - donation. All money raised from this day will go towards Tenison House’s fundraising efforts to support the Breast Cancer Network of Australia.

We were very happy to collect in excess of $430 from this one day - almost half way to our aim of raising $1000 for this great cause.

There will be other fundraising efforts in the coming weeks, culminating in a morning tea in the Jubilee Centre on Thursday 20th June. On this day, all Tenison students are asked to provide something for the morning tea. All students - and parents - are then invited to come along, make a donation and fill up a plate.

Joel Murphy
ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE VIETNAM TRIP
Part Two:
As we were leaving Vung Tau our enthusiastic guide, Thuan, decided we needed to see a fish sauce factory. This is the stable ingredient in virtually all Vietnamese cooking and provides the much-needed calcium to a population that eats virtually no dairy. A hot humid day and a smelly fish sauce factory equals screwed up faces, aghast that people actually eat and enjoy the sauce.

The next stop had cameras snapping and heads scratching. The Cao Dai religion is unique to Vietnam and unifies Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. The ornately decorated Cao Dai temple also features the Hindu trinity of Brahma, Shiva and Krishna. Its saints include Victor Hugo, Chinese Nationalist Party Leader Sun Yat Sen and the Vietnamese poet Trang Trinh. Founded in 1926, Cao Dai has six million faithful followers in Vietnam.

Back in Saigon we took advantage of a free afternoon to get massages and do some last minute shopping, snatching a few bargains at the night market. A new day, a new adventure and we headed for the airport excited about a new city to explore. As we landed in Da Nang we were relieved to note that the weather was completely different. No humidity and the cool breeze was a welcome relief from the exhausting heat of the south.

After a 45 minute journey we arrived at our hotel in Hoi An and immediately headed out to explore this charming town. Hoi An is a tourist haven with its quaint little streets teeming with tailors, trinket shops, souvenir stores, funky bars and enticing restaurants. We scattered in all directions for a frantic shop before meeting up for a spectacular dinner treat. Tonight we had a break from Vietnamese food to eat up a storm with Nando’s flamboyant recommendations of pizza, pasta and seafood. Nando may be Vietnamese but he has all of the showbiz style of an Italian, complete with hand gestures and accent.

The following day’s highlight was a cooking class, which included a tour of the colourful local market. Then the freedom of an afternoon of zero planned activities, time for massages, shopping and AFL football.

It was definitely hard to leave Hoi An, but we dragged ourselves onto the bus with bags bulging from all the shopping. Our bus journey from Hoi An to Hue was accompanied by commentary from our tour leader, Tracey, giving us a summary of the history of Vietnam, from 200BC Chinese rule until today’s independent and reunified country.
We arrived in Hue in time for a vegetarian banquet prepared by cheerful Buddhist nuns who rushed around serving us lemon juice and loading up the table with dozens of plate loads of food. Hue is the cultural and religious capital of Vietnam where the kings lived in glory with their multitude of wives and concubines. Elaborately decorated temples and peaceful pagodas are in abundance in this traditional town and you can see brown cloaked monks and pale blue smocked nuns dashing around all over the place.

Another tour highlight was definitely our visit to the Duc Son orphanage where we were able to cuddle little babies and play games with boisterous children. The wonderful nuns are in charge of caring for this huge happy family, which grows every week with another baby abandoned on their doorstep. The nuns most gratefully accepted the generous cash donation, nappies and gifts from St Mary MacKillop College.

Next we toured the beautifully romantic tomb of the emperor, Tu Duc, where Emily, Meg and Riley were able to fulfill their fantasy of being Vietnamese royalty for a moment. Then we went to the Citadel and Forbidden Purple Palace, an extensive property, which is being faithfully restored to its former glory, where once the king resided.

An ice cream gave us the sugar hit we needed to keep up our energy to continue to the Tien Mu Pagoda. This picturesque pagoda is perched on the side of the Perfume River and was once the home of Thich Quang Duc, the monk who set himself alight in protest of the persecution of Buddhists in 1963. His famous car is housed in the garage behind the temple.

Finally we arrived at our hotel at 6pm to check in and get ready for our dinner on a dragon boat on the Perfume River, to admire the colourful lights of this sparkling city. Definitely a day packed full of emotion, scenery, food and laughs.

Stay tuned for Part Three of the Vietnam Trip in the next newsletter.

Swan Hill North Kindergarten - 50th Anniversary
Monday 1st July 2013 marks the 50th year that Swan Hill North Kindergarten has been in operation. To celebrate the occasion, there will be an afternoon tea supplied at the Kinder for anyone who has attended or been associated with the kinder over these past 50 years.

The event will be held on Sunday 30th June at the Kinder rooms in Pye Street from 2.00-4.00pm, with tea, coffee and afternoon tea provided. If you or anyone you know have been associated with the Kinder we invite you to come along and reminisce along with others.

If you have any photos of your time with the Kinder please bring them along as we would love to see them.

We will also be commemorating this significant milestone, by making a handprint mural to be hung in the kinder grounds. All those who attend on the day will be able to participate by printing your hand and signing the board.

We look forward to seeing again, all the people who have helped our Kinder Community continue to achieve such a great milestone.
If you have any queries, please contact the kinder via email at swan.hill.north.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au