Dear Families,

Our students have enjoyed a range of fabulous learning opportunities over the past fortnight. All classes participated in the Beach Treasures program where they learnt many interesting facts about the marine environment and its inhabitants. They were very happy to see Molly and Max back to teach them some hockey skills. Year 4-6 students practised water safety skills at an Open Water excursion to Paynesville and then their camp to Coonawarra. Prep-Year 3 students went to Orbost Primary School for a cultural performance to help them to learn more about Indigenous Culture.

Staff members have also been busy. Noelene completed a professional learning course in Occupational Health and Safety. Kelly completed her chaplaincy course and Jillian attended an educational conference organised by the Catholic Education Office. All of these people will now provide some professional learning in their respective areas for the rest of our staff.

Our lock down practice went very smoothly. We are confident that the children understand what they need to do for lock downs and evacuations. Practices will continue throughout the year to keep the processes fresh in our minds so that we will be able to cope in an emergency situation.

Please check your invitations to the Family Life programs. I encourage you to bring your children along if you possibly can. They really do provide a wonderful forum to begin appropriate discussions with your children about aspects of family life; in particular values based sex education for senior students. Please return all notes so that I can notify the presenter of attendance numbers. This is very important so that she can be well prepared. Remember that she is travelling from Melbourne just for us, so it would be wonderful for us all to be present.

Next Friday we will celebrate St Joseph’s Feast Day. Sister Madeleine and Sister Maureen have been invited along with the Josephite Associates from Orbost and Lakes Entrance. Families are most welcome to join us too. Please see the invitation included in this newsletter. We ask that each family send along a plate of something to share for morning tea. We are hoping to celebrate Harmony Day on this day as well. You will receive more specific details ASAP.

Isabella will travel to Sale with her swimming team on Thursday. Good luck Issy! We are sure that you will do us proud.

Don’t forget that Monday is a Public Holiday. Enjoy your long weekend.

Kind regards,
Marie

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**Dates to Remember**

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Weekly Awards

**MacKillop:**
Tiannah McDonald: For her excitement for learning.

**Angus Sparkman:** For fantastic SSP work on purple level. (Mrs Nicholas)

**Colman:**
Chloe Robinson: For challenging herself with her work. Well done!

**Xavier:**
Camp awards to Xavier students will be made at assembly next week.

**Sports Award:**
Alfred Bady-Campbell: For being a fantastic sportsman in the games.

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.

**Sport:** with Miss Pearson on Mondays.

**St. Joseph’s Playgroup:** Thursday 9.15am to 11.30am

**Uniform Shop:** Maintained by Ms Marie Donchi – Orders can be placed at the office.

**Out of hours childcare/vacation care:** For bookings phone Maree Matthews on 0409 953 175

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 12th
St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 6.00pm

Sun 13th
St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Weekly Prayer

When I could not see my way
God kept my heart full of trust
To make all come right.
- Mary MacKillop, 1883

St Joseph’s Playgroup

Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday during school term.

Please spread the word that all preschool aged children are welcome to come along, join in and enjoy the fun!

Sessions are run every Thursday during school term, 9.15am to 11.30am.

All families are most welcome.

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St. Joseph’s Easter Egg Raffle

Could all families please donate an Easter egg for our annual Easter fundraiser. Eggs can be dropped off at the school office.

- 50 cents per ticket
- All tickets to be returned by Wednesday 23rd March
- Raffle drawn on Thursday 24th March (last day of Term)

LEGO Club

Bookings are now open for the LEGO Club being held at the Orbost Library on Tuesday, 5 April from 3.40pm – 4.40pm.

LEGO Club is for children aged 5 – 12 and Bookings are essential.

Orbost Snowy Rovers Football & Netball Club

Schedule for under 10’s football training

Friday 18th March 4-5pm
Wednesday 23rd March 4-5pm (due to good Friday)
Friday 1st and 8th April
Throughout the season under 10’s will train on Fridays night from 4-5pm, with the first game on 17th April.

- Ross Cutlack, Coach
REMINDER: Scholastic bookclub orders are due back at school by Friday, 18th March.

**BASKETBALL SIGN ON**

Registration costs $65 per person.

Likely age groups are: -
Mixed U12s (Tuesday afternoons),
U14 Boys (Thursday afternoons),
U16 Girls (Monday afternoons) and
U18 Boys (Wednesday afternoons)

All enquiries: Andy Murray 0419396948

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Invitations to our celebrations for St Joseph’s Feast Day and Harmony Day next Friday are attached to this newsletter.

Please return your RSVP to the office by Thursday 17th March – we hope to see you there!

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Reports from Coonawarra Camp are that all students are having a fantastic time and really enjoying all their activities – we will have more details and lots of photos for you on next week’s flyer newsletter!

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Around Our School

- Xavier class enjoyed their day out in Paynesville on Monday learning all about open water safety with Life Saving Victoria.