Dear families,

Firstly I would like to thank all those who donated goods for the Mothers’ Day raffle last week and congratulate the twenty-one prize winners. Special thanks to Chen’s mum, who put together the lovely hamper that was first prize, and to Sr Madeleine for her very generous donations. Thank you also to everyone who bought tickets and thanks to Nicole Ingram and Chen Pearson for organizing and facilitating the Mothers’ Day stall. We hope that we managed to help the children in being able to give their mums a surprise gift on Sunday. They were certainly very happy with their purchases! Thank you too to all the mums and surrogate mums who participated in our Mothers’ Day celebrations last Friday, to Marie Donchi for the beautiful scones, to Jamee Royce for her ideas and drive in organizing such a fabulous range of activities for everyone to enjoy, to Peter May for his musical direction and to Jillian Dunphy, ably assisted by Glenys Clay, for the senior room activities. It was wonderful to be part of such a joyous celebration! I hope that all the mums had a fabulous day on Sunday as well!

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Orbost Combined Cross Country last Friday. I loved hearing about your endeavours, challenges and successes. Congratulations to those who qualified for the next level. Keep up the good training!

Monday’s spirituality professional learning day proved to be entertaining and enlightening. Using a story telling technique, Father Richard Leonard explained aspects of scripture and ways that we might follow Jesus. He noted the importance of relationships many times and certainly challenged us to create great learning opportunities for our students.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who have completed all NAPLAN tests now. They settled quickly to their tasks and I am confident that they tried their best.

Don’t forget our school Mass on Wednesday 18th May at 9.15am. It would be wonderful to see lots of parents and friends! Those attending Mass are most welcome to have a cuppa in the hall afterwards.

Please check the calendar for upcoming events, including the next meeting of the parents group on Friday 20th May at 2pm (We could not identify a more suitable time for most people from the surveys.) and Walk Safely to School on Monday 23rd May.

Enjoy your weekend everyone,

regards,

Marie
Weekly Awards

**MacKillop:**
Jorja Cotter: For nice progress with Reading and Number tasks.

**Colman:**
Amilia Hederson: For showing persistence when working with money! Well done!
Ramona Bady-Campbell: For working exceptionally hard when reading. Well done!

**Xavier:**
Hayley Stewart: For making such great progress in writing by learning how to include dialogue.

This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 14th St Colman’s, Orbost 6.00pm
Sun 15th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

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 17

St. Joseph’s Playgroup
Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday during the 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.

Parents Club
The next meeting for Parents Club will be Friday 20th May at 200pm
in the Mary MacKillop Hall

2016 School Fees & Levies
Term 2 Fees and Levies are now due for payment

**School Banking Details for Direct Payments:**
**Account Name:** St Joseph’s Primary School, Orbost
**Bank:** NAB, Sale
**BSB:** 083-879
**Account No:** 69545 2766
Remember to include your surname and family code if possible – if you are unsure, just ask at the Office for assistance.

For Sale
Brand new Speedo Bathers
Girls Size 14 (never been worn in the water, wrong size was purchased)
$40 please see office for details

Mother’s Day Raffle
Thankyou for supporting our Mother’s Day raffle it was a huge success, we raised a huge $221.70. The prize winners were:
Rebecca Farley 1st Prize
Ingram Family x2
Margaret Jones x2
Tiannah McDonald x2
Chase Cullinan
Leanne Marshall x2
Andrew Robinson x2
Marisa Reynolds
Angela Davis
Wendy Shepherd x2
Megan Achieng
Joy Hodge
Debbie McDonald
Sally Shanahan
Jill Shanahan
Julie Leatham

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL
On Monday May 23rd we will meet at the Orbost Swimming Pool at 8.15am to walk to school and then have breakfast together.
All families are most welcome.
Support for Parents of Children with Special Needs
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?
You are warmly invited for an afternoon tea/coffee at Maternal and Child Health Centre, 1 Ruskin Street, Orbost at 12.30pm on 30th May.
The group share ideas, give and receive support and experiences: plus Special Guests, information and Pamper Days.

Around Our School

Mothers Day Celebrations

Our Photo Booth was very popular