Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we are already half way through the term! I would like to extend a big thank you to those who attended the Cyber Safety presentation last Monday evening. I think the crucial message for parents is to be firm and vigilant when keeping your children safe online. This involves setting times and boundaries around internet usage and being very aware of the sites, including gaming, that your children are accessing.

Last week’s Mary MacKillop Mass and activities was a huge success. We commenced the celebrations with a Mass celebrated with some students from Year 1 and 2 from St Brendan’s Lakes Entrance. Following that, the children all joined in a range of activities, including art, craft, music and sport. Many of our parishioner friends also participated in these sessions. We concluded the day with a shared lunch. Thank you so much to all those people who helped on the day, in particular to Viv and Barry who worked tirelessly on the barbeque all morning.

This Friday, we wish many of our students well as they head off to District Athletics. We hope for new PBs and fun as they partake in the events on the day. We are confident that they will represent our school well in word and action.

Next Wednesday, all students will be attending the VCAP Opera performing Hansel and Gretel. This will be a great opportunity for the students to observe the Arts in a different way.

We are delighted with the responses from the children in the Let’s Play Schools program. We have had regular visits from Tiannah, Chase, Mia, Eva, Alfred, Asher and Lachie. These children have been very happy and willing to participate in all new learning experiences. We are all looking forward to welcoming them to St Joseph’s as preps next year.

It has been great to see so many people at our Friday assemblies. Thank you for your support and involvement.

Kind Regards

Michelle Garbutt

This Saturday evening at 6.00pm, Max will be making the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Colman’s church. It would be good to see our families there to support him on his faith journey.
**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 Wednesday
Music: with Mr May on Wednesday & Thursday
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 Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

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**Assembly Awards**

*MacKillop:*
Ramona Bady-Campbell: For excellent answering of questions in Mass.
Shyer Milliken: For being very welcoming of our guests in the classroom.

*Colman:*
Isabella Anderson: For being a great team member and fluent reading at Mass.
Peter Ingram: For amazing confidence when reading at Mass!

*Xavier:*
Max Welsh: For role modelling constantly in and out of the yard!
Chelsea Janson: For always having a smile on her face and being a great bucket filler!

**Sport Awards:**
Seb Boehmke: For working excellently in PE to improve his technique.
Isabella Anderson: For showing excellent learning intentions when working on her PE skills.
Jamielee Henderson: For having a positive attitude towards her group.

**School Leaders Award:**
Jamielee Henderson: For working with all her classmates and showing great initiative!

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**Weekly Prayer**

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus in flesh and blood like ours, to open up in our flesh the way to your divinity. May your Spirit open our minds and hearts to this overwhelming mystery of your love. May we realise that nothing we do can ever turn away your love from us. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

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**Xavier Class – Weekly Snippets**

What a busy couple of weeks we have had. MacKillop and Colman have both held their class Masses. These were both excellent, and the students should be highly congratulated.

The MSN2 and District athletics have both taken place. Both of these events were very successful, with all students showing excellent sportsmanship.

The weather has also been a bit sunnier, allowing the students to get outside and play. Just be mindful to wear jumpers and watch out for those muddy patches around the playground.

**St. Joseph’s Playgroup**

Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday.
*Please spread the word that all pre-school 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.*

**Breakfast Club Roster**

Monday: Trish Preston
Tuesday: Joanne Robinson
Wednesday: Mel Findley and Raeleigh Phillips
Thursday: Michelle Ducksbury
Friday: Jane Janson
If you are unable to come on your rostered day could you please notify the school office.

**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.*

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**This Week’s Mass Times**

Sat 15th St Colman’s, Orbost 6.00pm
Sun 16th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

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Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! They are giving you a chance to contribute some amazing new educational equipment to Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia.

**TO GET INVOLVED, SIMPLY:**

1. Shop at Woolworths and you’ll get 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.
2. Stick them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You can pick one up from your local school, Woolies store.
3. Once you’ve filled your Sticker Sheet, pop it into a Collection Box at your local school or Woolies store or drop the loose stickers into the school office.

**East Gippsland Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group**

For people who want to know more about autism spectrum differences
We Welcome: ASD individuals, families & children, carers and health professionals.
We offer: support, understanding, acceptance and information.
We meet once a month to share information on: services, funding, respite, therapies, experiences and resources.

Next meeting: 21st August
Place: Uniting Care Gippsland, 49 McCulloch Street, Bairnsdale
Time: 1pm – 3pm
Contact Julie on 0408 013 555 or autismplans@outlook.com or Rose on 51 529 600 or rose.mckenna@ucgipps.org.au

**AUTISM SOCIAL PARTICIPANT FAMILY DAY**

Autism Social Participant (ASP) Family Day is for families caring for a family member on the autism spectrum who wish to participate in an environment to promote socialising and play with other families living with similar challenges. The ASP Family Day is to encourage all members of the family with the autism spectrum in East Gippsland.

The All Abilities Park on the Princes Highway in Bairnsdale is a brilliant place to meet. It will allow families to relax in an environment that caters for the needs of all family members. We ask that you wear something blue so as other families can identify you. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink as well as other support items that will enable you to relax and enjoy the company of other families. This group will be meeting on the last Sunday of every month and we hope that you can all participate.

Time: 12pm – 2 pm
Date: 23rd August, 2015

The ASP Family Day offers a social setting where they are surrounded by others who understand and accept autism spectrum differences too.

Contact: Julie from Gippsland Autism Advocacy, Planning and Support on 0408 013 555 or email autismplans@outlook.com for more information


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Colman Grade 3 – Maths with Mrs Garbutt

- **Max** – competing in the High Jump

- **Jamielee** – showing her style at the Discus

- **Markeisha** – first in the Triple Jump!