Dear Families,

Your fabulous children have been engaging in many, quality, learning opportunities. I have seen Prep children in my office reading to me; amazing constructions where components were given numeric values and total worth calculated; great written responses to reading from Colman students, and have been asked to sign an anti-smoking petition by a group of Xavier students.

Our outdoor swimming program proved to be very successful, despite some very poor weather conditions. Seeing children developing confidence in the water and trying hard to follow instructions thrills me at every lesson.

Congratulations to Sally Shanahan and Isabella Anderson, who have qualified to swim in a relay team next week in Bairnsdale at the Division sports. Good luck next Wednesday girls. We are sure that you will represent our school well.

Teachers are thinking hard about the important information that they most want to share with parents at our information sessions next Thursday evening. We are keen to share some of the exciting things that are happening for your children and show you all our refurbished library so please consider coming along. Our plan is for the session to take a maximum of an hour and for families to enjoy a BBQ tea afterwards. I imagine that by 7pm families should be well on the way home. Please see the flyer with this newsletter and return the RSVP by Tuesday so that we can make catering arrangements.

If you happen to have some free time on Saturday, you may be interested to know that Mr May is performing on the Mental Health Walk at the Bruthen Blues Festival during the afternoon. I am sure that he would love to see some familiar faces in his audience! Information would be available from the festival committee I am sure. I am looking forward to doing the walk myself.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Kind regards
Marie Dodson

**REMINDER:** To families who are paying their school fees via online direct credits. **We must have a family surname or student name included in the details** to identify your payments on our bank statements. If you have made a payment this month and not included these details can you please come into the office and see either Julie or Noel so we can finalise the transactions – thank you!

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**Dates to Remember**

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Weekly Reminders:

**Lunch orders:** are available on Wednesday and Friday from Orbost Bakery.

**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 (commencing on Monday 20th Feb)

**St. Joseph's Playgroup:** (with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers) Thursday 9.00am to 11.00am

**Uniform Shop:** Orders can be placed at the office.

**Out of hours childcare/vacation care:** Is coordinated through Orbost Primary School. For bookings phone Kassandra Collings 0484 785 119.

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St Joseph's Playgroup

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

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

Every Thursday during school term, 9.00am to 11.00am, commencing next Thursday 13th Feb.

All families are most welcome.

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Parent Information Night and Family BBQ

- Thursday, 23rd February 2017
- 5.00pm start for Information sessions
- 6.00pm for dinner

Please RSVP on the form provided.

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Weekly Awards

**MacKillop:**

Lachlan Carey: For using a sizzling start in his narrative writing.

Tyran Walker: For tracking with his finger and using confidence when reading.

**Colman:**

Lani Mundy: For working hard to improve her writing.

Angus Sparkman: For writing neatly in literacy.

**Xavier:**

Tamsyn Barry: For working independently to solve time problems.

Chloe Robinson: For persistence and problem solving during her crazy animal project.

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This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 18th St Colman’s, Orbost 5.00pm
Sun 19th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

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Prayer

Loving Father, you call us to be as generous in loving as you yourself are but we well know the weaknesses and liabilities of our hearts. Send us your Spirit to school our hearts and lives into Jesus’ way of loving. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

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School Banking Details for Direct Payments:

**Account Name:** St Joseph’s Primary School, Orbost

**Bank:** NAB, Sale

**BSB:** 083-879

**Account No:** 69545 2766

PLEASE include your surname and/or family code if possible to help with online payment identification.

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Families wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist in 2017 please contact Sr. Madeleine White on: 5154 1512

MARLO PUB RAFFLES

This Friday, 17th February, is our Marlo Pub raffles fundraising night, beginning at 6pm. It is always a fun social night for staff and families.

We hope to see you there!

Around Our School

We’ve all enjoyed our outdoor swimming program – thank you for all your hard work organising this program Ms Pearson!

BABY AND CHILDREN’S
BUY SWAP SELL MARKET

Did you enjoy last year’s Children’s Week performance by
The Mik Maks or the Girls Night Out Health Promotion?
Then join us to raise some funds so we can do it all again this year....

Tuesday 28th February
10.00am-1.00pm
Orbost preschool yard.
Entry through Maternal
Child and Health or the
gate on Ruskin St.
$10 Per stall.
(BYO table or trestle)

Buy, swap or sell your baby
and children’s clothes, toys
and furniture
Make some money for yourself
while helping us to fund raise for
this year’s performances.
Donations of items in a
good clean condition will
be greatly appreciated

For more information or to book a stall
please contact Julie Wilson on
5154 6637 or 0408 138 767

An Orbost Regional Health Project
St Joseph’s Primary School
Parent Information Night and Family BBQ

- Thursday, 23rd February 2017
- 5.00pm start for Information sessions
- 6.00pm for dinner

Our school invites all families to come along to our parent information sessions followed by a family BBQ to celebrate the start of the 2017 school year.

We will begin the evening together at 5.00pm in MacKillop Hall for a general school chat before visiting individual classrooms for more specific advice. Class sessions are as follows:- MacKillop class at 5:15pm; Colman class at 5:30pm and Xavier class at 5:45pm. Families are also welcome to visit our fabulous new look library – still a work in progress!

A barbeque dinner will follow. The school will provide the meat, bread, cold drinks and also tea and coffee.

We would appreciate if each family contributes to the success of the evening with either a salad or a dessert to share.

For catering purposes, we would appreciate if you could fill in the catering form at the bottom of the page and return to school by Tuesday, 21st February.

We hope to see you all there!

Parent Info Night & Family BBQ

_____ members of the ____________________________ family will be attending.

We will require _______ sausages and/or ______________ rissoles.

We can contribute by bringing a salad [     ] or a dessert. [     ]

Type of salad or dessert. ____________________________