Dear Families,

Can you believe that we are already half way through Term 3? There have been many highlights over the past fortnight. I was thrilled with the good sportsmanship that our students displayed in their recent athletics competitions. It was really great to see them trying their best, supporting each other and congratulating successful students from other schools.

Our whole school Mass on Prayer was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to everyone who attended, to Ms Dunphy and the Xavier class for their preparation and to Mr May and his band of helpers for the beautiful music. The prayer brochures written by the Xavier students are on display in our hall. Please call in for a read.

We were very happy to host some pre-school children during our Let’s Play School program. They participated well in class activities and left with smiles. Thanks Mrs Royce and Mr May for integrating our visitors into the class program.

Extra special congratulations this week go to Sally Shanahan and Irene Kishaan who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. This is a big step in your faith girls and we are very proud of the way you prepared for, and embraced, the Sacrament.

Don’t forget to dress up as book characters next Thursday to celebrate book week and we hope that all of our dads have marked Friday 2nd September on your calendar to come here for brekky and celebrate Fathers’ Day with us. Students may wear footy colours on this day. We will also draw our wood raffle. Tickets may be still purchased from the office. Please let us know if you would like another book to sell.

NAPLAN results have arrived. Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive these in a sealed envelope with the newsletter this afternoon. Remember NAPLAN captures what a student can do at the time of the test so they provide a snapshot. We engage in a broad range of assessment tasks to ensure that student learning is targeted to their needs and to foster growth in their learning. Congratulations to the students for doing their very best.

Finally, you will receive a notice about Child Safety from the Catholic Education Office and our St Joseph’s Parent – School Relationships Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read these very important documents as they form the basis of our working partnerships.

Enjoy your weekend,

Kind regards,
Marie

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Dates to Remember

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Weekly Reminders:

Lunch orders: are available on Monday, 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.

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: Has resumed with Bev Cameron taking on the role of coordinator.

For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

Weekly Awards

MacKillop:
Angus Sparkman: For his focus and effort to do his best!

Colman:
Hope Jones: For showing excellent creativity when drawing Ned Kelly.

Xavier:
Nicolas Martinez: For greatly improved typing and the use of IT to create effective statistical data displays.

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 20th St Colmans, Orbost 5.00pm
Sun 21st St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

We can all work quietly doing our best for God. – Mary MacKillop, 1883

SAVE THE DATE!

Father’s Day Breakfast and Footy Colours Day
Friday, 2nd September
8.00am start for breakfast
Come dressed in the colours of your favourite footy team (AFL, soccer, rugby).

ORBOST SNOWY ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

PRESENTATION NIGHT
SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST 6pm
OSRFNC SOCIAL ROOMS, LOCHIEL PARK

BBQ TEA PROVIDED
ALL WELCOME

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.
Around Our School

- Colman class visited Lochiel House on Tuesday, visiting with residents and playing some games.

- Irene and Sally undertook their First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. Congratulations girls!

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BOOK WEEK

We will celebrate Book Week with a Dress Up Day next Thursday, 25th August. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We had some very imaginative costumes last year, so we’re looking forward to seeing which characters are popular this year!

Nagle College will be hosting a group of 45 students and 8 staff from the Don Bosco Technical Centre in Alafua, Samoa on Thursday 1, Friday 2 and Saturday 3 September. During their time with us they will present a Community Concert on Friday 2 September in Presentation Hall, commencing at 6:00 pm. This concert is to showcase the Samoan Culture and to share their rich musical heritage. The performances will be in two 35 minute blocks of both singing and dancing. They are suitable for all age groups.

Entry is by gold coin donation which will assist with their tour costs.

ALL WELCOME!

World Youth Day

Father Michael’s Reflections on World Youth Day 2016
Instalment 1

The climax of every World Youth Day is the vigil and then Sunday morning Mass with the Pope. In Poland this climax occurred during some extreme weather and there was much mercy shown to suffering pilgrims, by both Polish emergency services and fellow pilgrims. The six hour walk on the Saturday included the last two hours waiting at a food pick up point for my group. It was uncomfortably hot and crowded and I was anxious for us to get to our designated sector in the field called Campus Misericordiae, to give support to the advance party of 50, who went to secure an area for the 350 who would come later, including a large contingent of under 18’s from Catholic secondary schools. When we arrived, I expected our area to be under pressure from other groups arriving, but the situation was reasonably calm, although ground sheets were being raised to provide much needed shade for those affected by the heat. Mercifully, the Polish organisers had pallet loads of bottled water available. The last of our small groups arrived in some distress and as mercy had been shown to me in many ways, I was able to show mercy to this group, especially its leader, a young male teacher from Aquinas College, Jamie. I saw to it that they were given space, water and food. Part of their distress was the food queue I mentioned. They were in it for three hours and when they got near the front, were told there was no packs left, which sparked a situation he needed to get his group of teenagers out of, quickly and safely. I sat with Jamie later that pleasant summer evening, to share an earpiece of my radio with him, so he could hear the translation of Pope Francis’ address.

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DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

You are warmly invited for an afternoon tea/coffee at Maternal & Child Health Centre. The group share ideas give & receive support & experiences: plus Special Guests information & Pamper Days!

Where: 1 Ruskin St Orbost

When: 12.30pm 29 Aug; 12 Sept, 10 Oct, 24 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov, 5 Dec & 19 Dec

Contact: Jacque Archer 5154 6636 or Nadia 0408 896 875