Hello Families and Friends,

Week four concludes and we are settling into routine quickly after our Summer swimming program came to a close on Monday. I would like to thank our parents, teachers, Marlo Primary School and the Orbost pool staff for working together to make the program a success.

This year we are fortunate to have Speech Pathologist Lucia Smith working at St Joseph’s. Lucia is a highly respected professional in the local area. On Mondays Lucia will work with students to help develop levels of literacy.

Thank you, to all the parents who joined us at the Ash Wednesday Mass. The Mass was extremely well lead by Father Janeesh and our Colman readers. Our students have taken their levels of consideration to new heights in 2015 and each Mass is a truly prayerful occasion. Our students have talked about how they can make a commitment to improving the lives of others over the Lenten period.

Congratulations to Liam Brunt, Cameron Brunt, Jamilee Henderson, Bridget Cotter and Max Welsh who competed at the District Swimming Carnival. Teachers commented that they were very proud of the students’ performances, but particularly their excellent behaviour. Max and Liam will go on to represent the MSN2 cluster schools at the Division Carnival. Well done, boys!

Next week, Colman will visit Lochiel House to spend time with the residents. We are very pleased to continue this Catholic Social teaching program in 2015. Our students develop an appreciation for their community through these visits. Please see Julie Kennedy or Nicole Ingram if you are able to attend the event.

On Thursday 26 February, our school captain and vice captains will travel to Sale to represent the school at the Ordination of our Bishop Elect Patrick O’Regan. The students will get the opportunity to meet the new Bishop and be a part of a very special celebration.

On Thursday 26 February, we have a special guest visiting our school to run healthy smoothie workshops with our classes and our parents. There will be a Parent Smoothie Workshop in the Mary MacKillop Hall at 11am after playgroup. All are welcome to attend, you need not bring anything. Our staff have already tried the smoothies and they are tasty!

At school our teachers are working with a great deal of teamwork and enthusiasm. Our team leaders for this year are: Literacy – Matthew Hamer and Cathy Conway (CEO Sale), Numeracy – Chen Pearson, Tammy Nicholas and Carole Livesey (CEO Sale), Religious Education – Matthew Hamer, Anne Taylor (CEO Sale), ICT – Julie Kennedy, Peter May and Phil Rebbechi (CEO Sale), Music – Peter May; Art – Jenny Miralles and Nicole Ingram. We have already begun many great programs, one of which is the Speech Sound Pics spelling program. Please read the SSP article in our newsletter.

We are thrilled to have so many parents assisting us with the Breakfast Club this year. Please find attached to this newsletter a letter seeking help in a range of areas around the school.

Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer

Dates to Remember

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<td>9.15am – 11.30am Playgroup with Puppets &amp; Play and Beat Boppers Ordination of Bishop-elect, Patrick O’Regan in Sale</td>
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<td>School Census Day 2.45pm – Weekly Assembly (Xavier class), Mary MacKillop Hall</td>
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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 Mr Hamer on Wednesday
Music: with Mr May on Tuesday and 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

Assembly Awards

MacKillop:
Taylor Brunt: For excellent work with duck sounds.
Shyer Milliken: For helping all the children to keep on task.

Colman:
Connor Brunt: For his reverence and well-spoken reading at Mass.
Amilia Henderson: For using persistence with her reading at Mass.

Xavier:
Nicolas Martinez: For his outstanding positive attitude in everything he does.
Cy Cameron: For his excellent reading in literacy circles.

School Leaders Award:
Peter Ingram: For his persistent reading in Mass.

This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 21st
St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 6.00pm
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am
Sun 22nd
St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, at times we feel that we have been driven into the wilderness. The difficulties and suffering in our lives overwhelm us and make us feel sorely tested. Let us know that the Spirit guides us and that Jesus, our brother, is with us. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. Amen

Xavier Class – Weekly Snippets

Such a busy couple of weeks! The whole school have been striving hard with their swimming lessons, learning lots of new skills and having an amazing time at the Fun Day.

Xavier and Colman attended the Richmond Football Clinic in Lakes Entrance and had a ball. There were many faces coming away with huge smiles, especially Maddy Baker after getting her jumper signed!

Ash Wednesday Mass was held on Wednesday, which Colman did a very good job presenting, and our students were all well behaved and read beautifully.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the MSN2 Carnival, and to those who made it through to the District Carnival. You all showed excellent sportsmanship, and should be very proud of your fantastic teamwork.

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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**You Can Do It Program**

This week’s focus is: Organisation

Young children, who are organised, plan to do their best in attempting new tasks and activities. They listen carefully to what their parents and teachers want them to do. Children who are organised use their time carefully by getting their work and chores done before they play. Organisation also means that children take care of their things and put things away where they belong after they are finished using them. They also try to keep their room (both at home and school) tidy and clean.

**EXAMPLES OF ORGANISED BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN**
- Before leaving home, he/she makes sure that everything he/she needs is in his/her bag.
- Carries his/her own bag.
- Wants to do his/her best.

**WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR ORGANISED BEHAVIOUR**
- “You are really good at getting ready on time.”
- “I see you are organised. You put all your toys away.”
- “Good for you. I see you are trying your best.”

**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.

This week come along for the “Smoothie Workshop” following playgroup.

We hope to see many new faces this year!

**Can you help us out with our Fete?**

We need the following “goodies” to make our Fete a success.

- Trash & Treasure items (books, jigsaw puzzles, furniture, children’s toys etc.)
- Cakes, biscuits, slices, jams
- Plants and cuttings
- Donations for our spinning wheel

Outside stall holders (no food), $20 per stall.

We will also require assistance to set up during the day, and helpers to man our stalls during the Fete. Please let us know how you can assist us in making this fundraiser a great success.

This year to the school called SSP - Speech Sound Pics, this program teaches foundational skills relating to Phonemic Awareness (which is listening for sounds within a spoken word) and Phonics (understanding the sound has a matching letter or letter combination).

**SSP teaches children to:**
- hear speech sounds, beginning, middle and end of words, and know how many there are
- know that we use sound pics to represent speech sounds in print (letters)
- be able to blend individual speech sounds and pics to make a word
- be able to segment and manipulate speech sounds and pics
- to understand that some speech sound pics can be made up of one or more letters
- to understand the words they are saying and reading and be able to write and spell them

Once a child has a solid understanding of how speech sound pics are used they can read and spell almost any word using their sound choices. This ability will help your child become a much stronger and more confident reader and writer.

We are teaching the sounds and speech sound pics in a specific order, these consist of four coloured levels; green, purple, yellow and finishing off with blue. In conjunction with the colour levels we also teach the duck level words, there are seven duck levels. These levels are made up of the 440 most common words. The duck level words replace are old M100W word lists. Currently, our program targets student in grades Prep – Four and we are seeing great enthusiasm for spelling.

- Tammy Nicholas, MacKillop classroom teacher
We’ve had a great swim program this Summer – everybody has learned new skills and had great fun!