Dear Families and Friends,

Another very busy week passes at our school. Lots of study and assessments are taking place as the end of the year looms closer. Students have been doing an impressive job of their writing as we have made writing and editing a focus for this term. Our new prep students are having a wonderful time on Tuesdays, the current students have really taken them under their wing.

I would like to begin this week by thanking all the children, mums and dads who turned out to help at our school Working Bee last week. It was our best turnout ever and the effort put into improving our grounds was exceptional. A big thank you also, to Richard Pelz and his team who generously donated the mulch and transport of it.

Please note that our Helper Morning Tea is fast approaching and we hope to have everyone here on Wednesday 9 December so we can show our appreciation. The morning begins with Mass at 9.30am followed by the Morning Tea at 10.30am.

This week we held our Cape Conran Camp. The weather was kind to us, albeit a bit hot and we all had a ball. Thank you to Julie Kennedy and Nicole Ingram for organising and facilitating the event. Thanks also to Maddy Baker, Alecia Bassett and Clinton Bush who assisted during the camp. As you can see we were very well resourced with staff. We decided to cancel the surfing activity due to the stranded whale at Cape Conran. Well done, to the students for their excellent behaviour!

I would like to warmly welcome Jamee Royce to the St Joseph’s teaching staff in 2015. Jamee is a teacher with four years’ experience in the Catholic and Government sectors. Jamee comes highly recommended and will be settling into our community with her family in December. Alecia Bassett has decided to take up a position at Nagle College next year and we wish her well as she follows her passion for secondary teaching.

Our library is breathing new life this week with all the attention it has received. Maddy Baker has been busy stacking the shelves with $2000 worth of new childrens’ books, decorating the walls with posters and generally promoting enthusiasm for reading. Thank you to Maddy for all her work and to Andrea Jones who also covered books for us. The library has now been fitted with reverse cycle air-conditioners.

Thank you all for your help around school of late,

Matthew Hamer

REMINDER: All school fees (including camp and swimming program) and levies for 2015 are due for payment by 30th November.
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
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

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, send your Spirit into our hearts that we may allow the truth of Christ to reign within us. Living by his life, loving with his love, may our lives radiate his glory. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. Amen.

This Week’s Mass Times
Sun 22nd
St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Assembly Awards

MacKillop:
Jasmine Edwards: For persistence in getting her ideas written in “Writer’s Workshop”.
Xavier Martin: For confidence and persistence in “Writer’s Workshop”.

Colman:
Colman students will be awarded awards from Cape Conran Camp next week.

Xavier:
Celine Answer: For creating an excellent “Interview” piece of writing.
Tristan Stewart: For showing persistence when working on algebra.

Sport Awards:
Josh Henderson: For being very hard working and helpful in P.E.
Kaylee Cameron: For making the most of any experience in P.E.
Caleb Ingram: For his care and thought for others in P.E.

School Leaders Award:
Nicolas Martinez: For making great choices in the classroom and in the school yard.

Xavier Class – Weekly Snippets
What a great week of learning we have had! Each of the classrooms has been buzzing with student chatter about the content of their learning, which is fantastic to see!

MacKillop had an exciting day on Tuesday, welcoming our new prep enrolments. It was fantastic to see how the whole school role modelled excellent behaviour and included everyone in their games, well done!

Colman headed off on their camp on Thursday, with lots of excited, bubbly smiling faces waving ‘goodbye’ on the bus. We hope they had an awesome time. We look forward to hearing their amazing camp stories.

Grade 6 Xavier students headed off to the Secondary College for their second transition day today. This has been a great opportunity for the students to develop some confidence when learning how to read a tricky timetable and making new friendships. With the Grade 6’s away at the high school, Colman at camp and MacKillop at swimming, the only students left in the school today were the Grade 5’s. All of these students were excellent role models and produced some high quality work!

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.

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**Breakfast Club Roster**

Monday: Trish Preston  
Tuesday: Joanne Robinson  
Wednesday: Mel Findley and Raeleigh Phillips  
Thursday: Michelle Ducksbury  
Friday: Michelle Ducksbury  
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*

We have limited free tickets to give away for a game of Mini Golf, generously donated by the Footbridge Mini Golf and Lolly Shop. If anyone would like a ticket, please come into the office and see us! First in gets the goodies!! They are to be used by 18th December.

**Milo Cricket – Sign On**

**When:** Wednesday  
2nd December  
**Where:** Orbost Cricket Club  
**Time:** 5.00pm  
**Cost:** $75.00

**Orbost Tennis Club**

**Tennis Clinic** – Come on down to the Orbost Tennis Club for a free fun morning of tennis!

**When:** Sunday 29th November  
**Where:** Orbost Tennis Club  
**Time:** 10am – 12 noon  
**Age:** 5-15 years  
**What to Bring:** Drink bottle, hat, and a smile! All equipment supplied if needed.

*To book a place contact Regina Virgo on 0437 183 683*

- Our Grade 5 Xavier students enjoyed a day out at Lakes Entrance last Friday playing a round of Mini Golf.