Dear Families and Friends,

I would like to welcome Mrs Jillian Dunphy and Mrs Alecia Bassett to our teaching community in 2016. Jillian is a graduate of Latrobe University with a Master of Teaching. Jillian comes to our school with experience as a biomedical science lecturer at Charles Sturt University. She has extensive experience in the field of science and, like Alecia, a passion for education. Alecia is also a graduate of Latrobe University with a Master of Teaching. Alecia comes to us with an extensive science background and has held senior executive positions including that within the Lakes Entrance fishing industry. We are very excited to add these teachers to our wonderful staff and look forward to the enthusiasm and new ideas they will bring to our team. Classroom positions have not yet been finalised and will be announced later in the term.

We have celebrated Healthy Eating week with great variety at breakfast club. The students have been treated to fruit skewers, banana pops and frozen fruit yoghurt. Some of these breakfast alternatives will become a regular feature of our breakfast club. Thanks to all the parents, staff and in particular Mrs Tammy Nicholas who organised the breakfasts.

On Tuesday 27 October the transition to the Orbost Secondary College begins for our grade sixes. Students will attend the College from 1.45pm. The first transition is about building new friendships. Our students are all looking forward to beginning the process.

Gardening Club has been moved to 9.00am on Friday mornings due to the hot weather over summer. If this time suits, please come along and join our productive group. Please look out for the student-written article to be published in the Snowy River Mail this week.

Next week, MacKillop class will be attending Waratah Lodge on Tuesday 27 October and Colman will visit Lochiel House on the Wednesday. These visits are a part of our Christian Service program and helps to develop our students into caring and active citizens. If you would like to join the classes please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Due to the success of our Science Day in Term One, we are having another science rotation session where students will rotate through a number of experiments. All teachers will be on hand to conduct the experiments which will provide lots of variety, allow for small groups and maximum participation. The aim of the day is to develop our students into curious learners. This will take place Wednesday 28 October from 11.30 – 1.20pm, please join us in the fun.
Parents, please be aware that our school has been notified about a white van with black curtains seen near the Metung Primary School bus stop. An unknown male approached a student, inviting him into the van to play x-box. Please take the time to speak with your children about safety issues. On Friday 30 October, our school will participate in “Daniel Morcombe Day”. Throughout the day classes will participate in activities that reinforce sensible choice making which helps to keep our children safe. Due to the great presentation delivered by Toni Renshaw in Term Three, I have invited her back to talk to our community about cyber safety. Toni’s presentation will take place on Tuesday 8 December, at 3.15pm. Please come along and bring your children. Refreshments and food will be provided. Please let our office staff know if you would like to attend.

Please keep Saturday 7 November, free to help with our Working Bee from 8am – 12pm. This day is always so productive and really does set us up for the next year. We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available for lunch. We have plenty of chores to get through so bring the whole family.

Next Wednesday, 28 October at 9.00am our local MP, Mr Tim Bull, will visit our school to speak with students. Everybody is welcome to come along.

Last week, we had great support for our play group. All parents and children are welcome to attend the Age 1-4 music education program and Puppets and Play. It all happens in our Mary MacKillop Hall on Thursdays 9.30 – 11.00am.

A big thank you, to Mrs Nicole Ingram and Mrs Jenny Miralles for working with the students to put together our school Flower Show banner. They did an outstanding job. The students and teachers have also contributed excellent pieces of work. Get down there to the display this weekend. Congratulations to the organisers for another successful show.

Just a reminder that everyone is invited to attend our regular Friday assembly at 2.45pm in the MacKillop Hall. The students have been show casing their work and our school leaders do a terrific job of facilitating the gathering. Well done, to the MacKillop class who led us in prayer this week.

Hope to see you around school soon,

Kind Regards,
Matthew Hamer

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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
- **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**:
- **Jorja Cotter**: For excellent identification of 2 and 3 digit numbers.
- **Dominic Preston**: For fantastic duck level words.
- **Colman**:
  - **Lilly Sanna**: For working hard to develop her reading and writing.
  - **Jhett Ducksbury**: For amazing knowledge in the Life Ed van.
- **Xavier**:
  - **Chelsea Janson**: For being positive when reading Little Lunch.
  - **Caleb Ingram**: Working hard in projects to complete his research on Beef Farming.

**Sport Awards**:
- **Lani Mundy**: For being an active participant in our lunch time activities.
- **Megan Achieng**: For playing sport for all the right reasons.
- **Tristan Stewart**: For his quick reflexes and clean fielding skills.

**School Leaders Award**:
- **Celine Answer**: For showing fantastic initiative when running the Mine Craft Club.
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Weekly Prayer

Loving God, give me the knowledge to recognise my blindness, the wisdom to know Jesus as my Saviour and the courage to cry out in humility for his healing and help. I ask this in his name, confident that you will hear me. Amen.

This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 24th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 6.00pm
Sun 25th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Xavier Class – Weekly Snippets

What a busy couples of days we have had. On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs Maria Kirkwood into our school. Mrs Kirkwood is the director of the Catholic schools in the Sale Diocese, and was here to see our school in action and have a chat with Mr Hamer.

Xavier and Colman students had their skates on for their multiple excursions on Wednesday. These included going to the Remembrance Day Tour, which was held at the St. James Hall. The tour involved learning about Australia’s history and what the soldiers, families and communities had to endure during these hard times. There were some stories to accompany some excellent photos taken during the war. The students then headed to the Life Education Van, where they learnt about a variety of health issues. This was a very educational and fun session, with lots of laughs being had with Harold the Giraffe.

MacKillop have also had an exciting week. They visited the Life Education Van on Wednesday. Harold was up to his normal cheeky tricks, catching the students off guard and having lots of fun. Mackillop learnt about a healthy eating and the importance of making good choices in relation to diet and exercise.

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: 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

Second Hand Uniform Items

We currently have the following second hand uniform items available in the Office. First in will get the goodies!
2 x size 6 summer dresses - $5.00 each
1 x size 6 shorts - $10.00

Around Our School

• Our school banner entry in the Uniting Church Flower Show; “Jewels of Nature”

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• MacKillop students having a great time making their own felt during Art

• Students enjoyed visiting the Life Ed Van and an ANZAC Day reenactment hosted by the RSL.