Hello Families and Friends,

The term is moving along rapidly. Our students have presented with the best possible attitude toward learning and teachers have been pleased with productivity and results. Developments in reading have complemented our focus on teaching reading strategies and the students’ knowledge of number facts has increased significantly also. Coming up we have many community events I would like to draw your attention to. Please take a look at what is happening around our school.

On Monday 27 October at 3.30pm, we will host our first meeting to discuss next year’s school fete. We are hoping that many people will join us to help coordinate the event. Please come along to the MacKillop Hall with your ideas and enthusiasm. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Please join us next week for Colman’s All Saints Mass at 9.30am in St Colman’s Church. If you have time, stay behind for morning tea and a chat.

Next week on Friday, we welcome Paul Munday to our school who will be running a series of lessons relating to the education of indigenous culture. Paul is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer for the Diocese of Sale, and a person of broad experience.

Thank you to Julie Leatham and Nicole Ingram for organising our part in the Flower Show this week. The St Joseph’s contributions look fantastic, as does the whole show. Well done, to all concerned!

Our annual school working bee takes place this year on Saturday 8 November from 8am – 12pm. This is a very important time for us to attend to odd jobs that have built up over the course of the year. Please come along with your tools to assist, any help would be greatly appreciated. A sausage sizzle will be provided at 11.30am.

If you have been in the school of late you will have noticed how fantastic our grounds look. I would like to thank Andrea Jones for maintaining our lawn and Mrs Marion Ward for running garden club and taking care of the veggie gardens. We are very proud of our space.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

REMINDER:

Hats are a compulsory uniform item this term.

Dates to Remember

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<td>Tues 28th</td>
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<td>Wed 29th</td>
<td>9.30am – Whole School Mass; All Saints (Colman class)</td>
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<td>Thurs 30th</td>
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<td>9.30am MacKillop class - Indoor Swimming Program, Lakes Entrance 2.45pm Assembly – MacKillop Hall (MacKillop class)</td>
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| Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Nov | PUPIL FREE DAYS  
Mon - Staff Planning Day  
Tues – Melbourne Cup Holiday |
2015 Preps – Transition Program
This year we will be offering a three week transition program to make the progression between kindergarten and school as smooth as possible. Days are as outlined below

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Note: We will also offer Tuesday 11th November (9am – 11am) as an optional day for parents wishing to ease their children into the transition program.

Assembly Awards

**MacKillop:**
Tamsyn Barry: For writing a fantastic procedure for model making.
Peter Ingram: For excellent letter formation in his neat handwriting.

**Colman:**
Shona Brunt: For her unique flower arrangement.
Markeisha Ingram: For her positive attitude in spelling. Keep it up!

**Xavier:**
Celine Answer: For trying hard to solve the maths time puzzle. Well done!
Nicole Gallagher: For successfully completing a tricky time puzzle. Great effort!

**Sport:**
Kaylee Cameron: For her immense enthusiasm for P.E. You are progressing extremely well.
Shona Brunt: For being persistent and acquiring new basketball skills.
Max Welsh: For being a skilled player and ultimate sportsperson in basketball.

**School Leaders:**
Shyer Milliken: For playing nicely out in the school playground.

This Week’s Mass Times

- **Sat 25th:** St. Brendan’s - Lakes E 6.00pm
- **Sun 26th:** St. Brendan’s - Lakes E 9.00am
- **St. Colman’s, - Orbost:** 11.00am

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, in your wisdom you have given us laws to guide our lives. Send us your Spirit that we may wisely use those laws to come into the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. Amen.

Operation Christmas Child – 2014
Church communities, families and individual people have opened their hearts to children who are the victims of war, poverty, famine and disease in over 150 countries. Over 100 million children received a shoebox full of gifts, thus experiencing the joy of Christmas. Last year we packed and sent 124 boxes from St Brendan’s and St Colman’s Parish. Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to touch a child’s heart. If you would like to be part of this project please contact Mary Haber at St Brendan’s Office or Sr Madeleine at St Colman’s, Orbost for a brochure and a shoebox.

Xavier Snippets
The week has flown by super-fast with so much occurring in each classroom.

Xavier competed in the District/Division Summer Sports for basketball and played exceptionally well. The girls made it to the grand final, however missed out slightly on taking top place. The boys were up against some extra strong competition and played well also. Well done to all our competitors for showing great leadership.

Colman and MacKillop have been working extra hard on their flower show creations. These are looking fantastic, as the students have taken their time to create some master pieces. If you would like to see these, they are in full display on Saturday 25th October at St. Andrew’s Hall.

There are a lot more fun times ahead in Term 4. So make sure you check out the busy calendar that has been sent home with your child, so that you do not miss anything.

Inspirational Quotes:
“Where so ever you go, go with all your heart.” – Confucius

Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness
St Joseph’s Playgroup

When: Every Thursday, during school terms
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
- 9.30 – 10 Cuppa, catch up and play
- 10-11 Music & Movement with Mr Peter May
- 11-11.30 Story time, puppets and play with Ms Jacque Archer

Where: Mary MacKillop Hall (behind the school)
Cost: Gold coin donation

ALL WELCOME

St Joseph’s Trivia Night

When: Friday 14th November
Where: Mary MacKillop Hall
Time: Hall will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
Cost: $5.00 per person
BYO: Drinks and nibbles

Tea and coffee will be supplied

This is sure to be a FUN night, so start rounding up people for your table (six to eight adults) to be a part of this great event. Make sure you have a real mixture of people, as you will be asked not only to answer questions, but also to take part in some silly but fun games!

To book a table call into the school office and see Julie or Noeline, or phone on 5154 1289.

Changes to EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)

The final payment for the 2014 EMA was made in August 2014. From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage. The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

HEAD LICE – THEY’RE BACK!

We have had cases reported to the school and ask you to please check your family and treat any members who have head lice.

If your child has head lice they cannot return to school until they have been properly treated. You should also tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

Community Fetes

Orbost Pre-School Art Show & Fete
When: Saturday 25th October
Time: 9am – 1pm
Cost: $2.00 entry donation

Gallery of children’s artwork PLUS stalls, activities and entertainment

St James Anglican Church Fete
When: Saturday 15th November
Time: 9am – 2pm
BBQ – Devonshire Teas – Stalls – Amusements for children

Orbost Primary School Twilight Fete
When: Thursday 20th November
Time: 5pm – 8pm

If anybody is interested in having a stall please contact the school office on 5154 1119

Ice Block Thursday

Don’t forget to bring along your 50 cents each Thursday if you would like an ice block during lunch time. All proceeds go towards our fundraising efforts for the Jamaican Mission.

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Our school app has been updated - download the new version to get all the latest details and news!

You can access the app via the direct links below, or by searching for our school name.

- Google Play Store:  

- iTunes App Store:  

From the main menu you can see our new “Forms” tab on the school app. Under the new tab there is an Absentee Note and a Change of Details form that can be easily filled in by completing each section and then sent directly through to the school office via the “submit” button.

We encourage families who have the app to use these forms to notify us of your child’s absence and any change of details in the future – thank you! 😊

- Xavier students having fun at Kanga Cricket in Lakes Entrance

- MacKillop students performing circus acts for others in the playground