Dear Families,

I would like to begin today with some well-deserved votes of thanks to:

- All the families who came along to the ANZAC Day March and Ceremony last Monday and congratulations to the children who attended and the way they represented our school. You were quiet and respectful and listened well to all of the speakers. We are all very proud of you!
- Miss Pearson and Mrs Ingram and the students who are spending their lunch times training for cross country
- Chen’s mum for the lovely hamper, and to families and members of staff for their gifts, for the Mothers’ Day raffle.
- The parents who are organizing the raffle and the families who are buying or selling tickets.
- Glenys Clay for sewing the prayer cloths for Xavier and organizing their knitting. I can’t wait to get my needles out and join the group!
- Mrs Ingram and Mrs Leatham for going to Traralgon to train to be anaphylaxis assessors.
- Ms Dunphy for spending her valuable time organizing the questionnaire on writing for the teachers to do. (We really do get homework too!)
- All the teachers for working hard with Mrs Taylor from the Catholic Education Office to evaluate our current RE units and plan our next units.
- Viv Kenny for her great work in our library.
- Marie Donchi for reorganizing the uniform shop.
- The wonderful students who wrote fabulous stories for our assembly competition for this week.

We hear that Marion Ward’s health is slowing improving. She is still very much in our thoughts and prayers. We all wish her a speedy recovery. I love the community spirit here at St Joseph’s!

I was privileged to have the opportunity to tell the members of the Rotary Club, Orbost about our fabulous school last night. It was great to share the good work that is happening in this forum. I think that they were impressed by all the hard work that you all do.

Next week is a very busy one with several staff members engaged in Professional Learning in Bairnsdale and Sale, cross country on Friday and, most importantly, we would love to see all of our mums at school by 9.15am on Friday morning for our Mother’s Day celebrations – and there will still be lots of work happening. Learning is still the most important thing that we need to do!

Don’t forget that Monday 9th May is a school closure day. Staff members will be working away from school and children are not required to attend.

NAPLAN tests will be administered on May 10th, 11th and 12th for Year 3 and Year 5 students.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Kind regards

Marie

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**Dates to Remember**

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<td>Fri 6th</td>
<td>9.15am Mothers’ Day Celebration, 9.30am - Colman Orbost Library, 11.30am- Cross Country, 12pm - Colman indoor swimming, 2.45pm- Assembly</td>
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*Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness*
**Weekly Awards**

*MacKillop:*
Douglas Cotter: For excellent progress with reading words and texts.

*Colman:*
Jett Davidson: For trying extremely hard with his Narrative story!

*Xavier:*
Markeisha Ingram: For sharing innovative ideas to help build healthier relationships.

*SPORT:*
Andrew Robinson: For showing excellent persistence in cross country!

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**East Gippsland Shire Library**

**Lego Club**

Junior Lego enthusiasts are invited to attend our after school Lego Club sessions. The supervised sessions are held at the Orbost Library and will incorporate freestyle creativity as well as some themed construction activities.

**Tuesday May 10th**

Bookings are essential (ages 5-12, Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult). Phone 51524225 or book in person at the library for these free sessions.

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**Weekly Prayer**

“I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” JOHN 13:34

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage to “love my neighbor” when he may be someone I don’t like, someone I don’t know or someone who doesn’t look like me.

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**This Week’s Mass Times**

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**2016 School Fees & Levies**

**Term 2 Fees and Levies are now due for payment**

**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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**East Gippsland Shire Library**

**Library Week Children’s Activity**

**Decorate a Scrapbook**

To celebrate Library Week 2016, children aged 5-12 are invited to come along to a special after school activity session at the Orbost Library on Tuesday 24th May, 3.45pm-4.45pm.

Participants can decorate their own scrapbooks as well as participate in games and book reading. Please phone 51 524 225 or book in person at the Library for this Free event.
NAGLE COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Information Sessions will be repeated at 5.00pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm for Grade 6 families.
Open Night is a great opportunity to see how Nagle Students live out their motto “Let Your Light Shine”
Registrations are open at www.nagle.vic.edu.au/on
2017 Enrolment Applications for Nagle College are due by Friday 27th May, 2016.

Talk and Walk Tours
Tours of Nagle College are offered to families who are wishing to see the College in action. Bookings are essential for the tours as numbers are limited.
Any enquiries regarding Open Night, Enrolments or Tours can be directed to: Ms Rhonda Lawrance, Nagle College Registrar and Promotions Office 51 529 928

EAST GIPPSLAND CARERS SUPPORT GROUP
The aim of the group is to provide a safe and confidential environment for carers of people with a disability to talk, share experiences and to offer and receive mutual support. It also provides the means to enable carers to work closely together to help improve services, support, and information flows in the East Gippsland Region.
Take a short break from caring and enjoy a social and informative evening in the company of other carers at our next monthly meeting.

May Meeting
Venue: Nicholson Hotel
Date: Thursday 12th May
Time: 6.30pm
RSVP by Monday 9th May
For further information and to RSVP Email: carerseg@gmail.com
Or call Anne on 0401 347 025

Parent Club News
Parents club are asking for small donations for prizes to go towards a Mother’s Day hamper. They are organising a raffle in conjunction with the Mother’s Day stall to raise additional funds.
All donations appreciated before Wednesday 4, May
Tickets have been sent home with children.

FOR SALE

Yarn
3 ply to 14 ply
Packets and Odds
2 Hammill Court, Orbost
Saturday 30th April

HEAD LICE
Head lice are still around, please check your children's hair and treat if necessary.

Camp Meeting
There will be a camp meeting in the Colman Classroom on Tuesday May 10th at 3.30pm for all grade 3 students and parents.

Library Books
If anyone could contact our new library books could they please see Miss Pearson.

School Uniform
We are now including school polo fleece vests for students to purchase, we also have socks and tights in our uniform shop.

Mathletics
The school has enrolled all students in Mathletics. This on line program supports student learning and can be accessed at home. Log-in details will be sent home for all students.
Around Our School

Colman Class visit the Orbost Library every Friday Morning

MacKillop Class working hard on their story writing.

ANZAC Day- Getting ready for the march