Dear Families,

I continue to be excited by the fabulous community spirit here at St Joseph’s School. It was great to see so many dads and granddads join us for our Fathers’ Day breakfast this morning. Special thanks to the mums and the staff members who came along to help – and to the children who displayed beautiful manners and enjoyed breakfast too. I did receive feedback from one young boy that it is really the dads who cook the best barbies! We hope that everyone enjoyed their morning and wish all dads and significant males a Happy Fathers’ Day for Sunday.

Character dress-up day for book week was a highlight. Teachers, students and parents are still talking about the ingenuity of various costumes and the photos in the Snowy River Mail are a great testament to your enthusiasm, commitment to your children’s learning and positive engagement with our school. Many thanks to parents, students and especially play group families for making this such a memorable event.

While all of these extra curricula events help us to motivate our students in their learning and provide opportunities to engage with families our core work of educating your children continues to be our main focus. Several staff members have completed professional learning during the past fortnight on topics from instructional leadership to emergency management to effective teaching of reading. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking staff for their commitment to on-going learning particularly in regard to the extra time and travel that is often necessary.

Looking forward Xavier student will visit Lochiel House on Monday 5th September and MacKillop students will visit Waratah Lodge on Tuesday 6th September. We will be having an evacuation drill on Tuesday 6th as well. All students will attend a band performance at the Secondary College on Tuesday 13th September and we will celebrate our whole school mass on Wednesday 14th September. Then we should be almost ready for a holiday!

As we approach the end of another term I would like to remind you all that your feedback about our school is always welcome. I would love to have a chat with anyone who would like to share positive stories or discuss any concerns. Please call in or give me a ring.

Kind regards,
Marie

St Joseph’s staff wish all our dads and granddads all the best for Father’s Day on Sunday – we hope you all enjoy your special day and have a wonderful time with your families!
Weekly Reminders:

**Lunch orders:** are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Orbost Bakery.

**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 Miss Pearson on Mondays.

**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:** Has resumed with Bev Cameron taking on the role of coordinator.

For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

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**Weekly Awards**

**MacKillop:**

**Mia Martin:** For her support of other students and her learning.

**Colman:**

**Peter Ingram:** For designing a great area and perimeter shape in Maths.

**Xavier:**

**Isabella Anderson:** For enthusiastically completing complex tasks in literacy, including analysing an editorial.

**Sports:**

**Markeisha Ingram:** For trying her absolute best at each of the games!

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**This Week’s Mass Times**

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**Weekly Prayer**

Loving Jesus, you have called me to be a disciple, not an admirer. Send me your Spirit to show me where I compromise in being your disciple. Sift my heart and show me where those people and things that undermine my commitment to your Gospel.

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**Term 3 Fees are now due**

**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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**St. Joseph’s Playgroup**

Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday during the school term.

Please spread the word that all preschool 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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**Colman Class**

What a fantastic achievement for the Colman students who entered their Art representation of Sidney Nolan’s Ned Kelly into a competition at the Sale Art Gallery.

The theme for the competition was to represent Australia’s history and show it in a creative and engaging way. The students showed excellent imagination and their attention to detail was fantastic. Each of the students received a certificate for their entry, with some of them winning key categories and being entered into an art magazine.

**Well done!**

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**Free to give away** – Five lovely, large roosters; looking for a good home. Take one, or take a few. **Lilly Westaway**
Marlo Pub Raffles
On Friday 9th September it is our turn to run the Marlo Pub raffles. This is a great fundraiser for our school and it would be great to see families attend to support and help out, starting at 6.00pm – we hope to see you there!

Around Our School

Colman students “Getting Along” and showing great persistence and resilience whilst working in teams to create amazing newspaper clothing designs – they looked fantastic too!

MacKillop students having fun working on an art project with Ms Hyslop.

We had a great roll up to our Father’s Day Breakfast this morning – it was great to see so many Dads and Grandpas come along.