Dear Families

Welcome back to St Joseph’s! I hope the holidays were refreshing for you all. It has been wonderful to witness the excitement as the students greeted each other after the long break. Classes have settled well and serious work is already well underway. Congratulations on such a great start everyone!

Extra special welcome to our new preps: Zenn Cain, Holly Cummings, Taylah Curry, Maddison Free, Christopher Kasel, Hayley Martin, Beau Power, Tyran Walker, Indigo Westaway and to Cruise Hosier, Year 3. I am sure that these young people spent all of the holidays preparing for school! They have concentrated so hard I can only imagine how tired they must be when they get home!

Many thanks to all staff members for their diligent preparation during their holidays. Teachers and education support staff are already focused on improving our professional practice and working collaboratively on professional learning. I am sure that you all appreciated Julie and Noel’s efforts in organizing so many administrative tasks for completion last Tuesday, as I did. Thanks to Marie Donchi for her assistance in the uniform shop. We greatly appreciate her support.

Don’t forget:-

- The camp meeting for Year 5&6 students this afternoon at 3.30pm. Information about the Canberra Camp will be shared and forms explained and distributed.
- The helpers information session and morning tea on Monday 6th straight after morning assembly, approximately 9.15am. Anyone wishing to help out around the school should attend this meeting where processes and expectations will be explained.
- We are happy to help with applications for Working with Children Checks. Please advise the office if you need assistance or computer access.

We are all looking forward to our swimming program, which begins on Monday. Thanks to Miss Pearson and Mrs Ingram for their diligent preparation and organisation.

Finally, thank you for entrusting your precious children to us. We look forward to working closely in partnership with you all to ensure positive outcomes for the children. Please read the Code of Conduct in your parent handbook so that you know what is expected and communicate directly with us about any issues or concerns so that we can seek solutions quickly.

Let’s enjoy a wonderful 2017 school year.

Kind regards
Marie Dodson

Dates to Remember

Breakfast Program – offered daily before school – between 8.30 – 8.45am

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(Note weekly assembly this week)

Respect - Reverence - Love and Compassion - Honesty - Generosity - Commitment - Faithfulness - Inclusion - Forgiveness

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Weekly Reminders:

Lunch orders: are available on 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 (commencing on Monday 20th Feb)

St. Joseph’s Playgroup: (with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers) Thursday 9.00am to 11.00am

Uniform Shop: Orders can be placed at the office.

Out of hours childcare/vacation care: Is coordinated through Orbost Primary School. For bookings phone Kassandra Collings 0484 785 119.

Weekly Awards

MacKillop:
Beau Power: For his positive attitude and bright smile!

Colman:
Ramona Bady-Campbell: For showing great leadership skills.

Xavier:
Jhett Ducksbury: For a great start on his water vehicle project.

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 4th St Colman’s, Orbost 5.00pm
Sun 5th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

Prayer

Loving God, you come to us in the most ordinary experiences of life. May our way of living flavour to the lives of those around us and may our loving be a guide for their hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus our brother, confident that you will hear us.

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.

St Joseph’s Playgroup

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

Please spread the word that all pre-school aged children are welcome to come along, join in and enjoy the fun!

Every Thursday during school term, 9.00am to 11.00am, commencing next Thursday 13th Feb.

All families are most welcome.

BOLD Dance & Arts have been running classes in Orbost since 2013 and are ready to get grooving for term one!

Classes are run for Pre-Schoolers right up to adults and are a great way to keep active and make new friends!

Want to enrol for 2017? Call Bobbie on 0456 576 109 or head to their website www.bolddance.com.au

Around Our School

- There have been many happy, smiley faces in MacKillop classroom this first week back at school.
1st February 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Sale,

I am writing to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commences this coming Monday the 6th February, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred. The Sale Diocese has had its share of grief and of hope.

I am deeply aware and mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, ‘it is a sin that shames us’.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

I am grateful to the all the members of the Diocese of Sale who have responded to our Diocesan initiatives in putting into place all the necessary protocols and changes in attitudes and behaviour that seek to ensure that the proper care of our children and vulnerable adults be our highest priority.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, ‘find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated’.

In 2017 the Diocese of Sale celebrates its 130th Anniversary. May the hope and faithfulness we celebrate this year, continue to draw us ever deeper into the mystery of God’s love.

Throughout the coming weeks, then, I wish to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

Yours in Christ,

+ Pat O’Regan
Bishop of Sale
Junior Lego enthusiasts are invited to attend our after school Lego Club sessions

The supervised sessions are held Orbost Service Centre, and will incorporate freestyle creativity and some themed construction activities.

Donations welcome
The library will gladly accept donations of old or new Lego brand pieces for our Lego Club collection.

Bookings for each session open the day of the previous session. Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for these FREE sessions.

Orbost Service Centre
3.40 pm - 4.40 pm

Tuesday 21 February 2017
Tuesday 21 March 2017
Tuesday 18 April 2017
Tuesday 16 May 2017
Tuesday 20 June 2017

Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult.