Hello Families and Friends,

Welcome back! We have really hit the ground running at school. Many systems are already in place as we are quickly moving into routine. Hope you are all recharged and ready for an exciting year.

We have many new faces around school in 2015 and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our families new and old. In our classes we welcome; Prep: Kahlee Boehmke, Taylor Brunt, Jorja Cotter, Jasmine Edwards, Lani Mundy, Dominic Preston, Lucas Shanahan and Jasmine Westaway Grade 1: Sebasten Boehmke Grade 2: Andrew and Chloe Robinson Grade 5: Cameron Brunt Grade 6: Liam Brunt. All our new students have already engaged positively in their studies and with their peers. I wish to congratulate them on making such a smooth transition to our wonderful school. In 2015 our LOTE program changes to Mandarin. We welcome Sun Yu Feng to our school. Sun Yu will teach Mandarin on Tuesday morning.

The school swimming program has begun very successfully. I would like to acknowledge the help of our parents in assisting with coaching. This assistance enables us to maintain small groups.

The St Joseph’s Breakfast Club is a unique feature of our school and provides a good start for many of our students. For it to run efficiently we need parent support. If you are able to help between 8.30am – 9.10am on any morning of the week please contact me. We are setting up a roster for next week.

Over the break we have had many trades busily improving our school environment. The school has been painted inside and out, new carpets run throughout the school building including a wet area for MacKillop. The school has also been equipped with a Residual Circuit Devise. In the classrooms we have added to our extremely well-used ipads. Each class will now have six of their own.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Orbost Opportunity Shop for their generous donation of $3000. These valuable funds will enable us to purchase science equipment and reading resources.

On Tuesday 10 February Colman and Xavier will trip off to Lakes Entrance to participate in a Tiger’s Footy Clinic. Very exciting stuff for our local contingent of supporters! We could only top this event with a Bomber’s clinic!

We will host out Parent Curriculum Meeting and Family Dinner on Tuesday 10 February, at 5.30pm. This is an opportunity for the class teachers to talk about plans for the year and to pass on valuable information. Following the meeting we will have a fish and chip dinner. A note went home yesterday with details, please place your family order with our office.

On Wednesday 11 February, we will celebrate our Welcome Back Mass in St Colman’s Church at 9.30am. Please come along and join us. During the Mass we will have our school captain badges blessed and presented to our captains for 2014.

Plans for our school fete are underway. If you can help or donate in any way or would like to run a stall, please contact myself or Jeanne Welsh. We are hoping for a huge community effort to make the evening a success.

Please find attached a Term One Calendar which details all the events for first term. If you have not already downloaded our app please do as we regularly publish school updates.

Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer

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| **Tues 10th** | 9.30 – 10.30 Whole school Swimming Program
12 noon – 3.00pm Colman and Xavier class; AFL Clinic, Richmond Tigers, Lakes Entrance
5.30pm Parent Curriculum Evening – followed by:- 6.30pm Family Fish & Chip Dinner |
| **Wed 11th** | 9.30am Whole school – Welcome Back Mass (Xavier) |
| **Thurs 12th** | 9.30am – 11.30am Playgroup with Beat Boppers |
| **Fri 13th** | House Sports Carnival
2.45pm – Weekly Assembly, Mary MacKillop Hall |
| **Mon 16th** | 1.00-2.00pm Swim Fun activities; Orbost Pool |

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
Music: with Mr May on Tuesday and Thursday
St. Joseph’s Playgroup: Thursday 9.30am 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

Assembly Awards
MacKillop:
Jasmine Westaway: For being awesome and making fantastic progress with speech sounds.
Sean Kunsek: For being awesome and making fantastic progress with speech sounds.

Colman:
Lilly Westaway: For being a fantastic role model in the classroom.
Kaylee Cameron: For getting started straight away in class and working hard.

Xavier:
Shona Brunt: For working extremely hard this week and making excellent choices.
Celine Answer: For trying extra hard when completing her goal. Excellent effort!

Sports Award:
Seb Boehmke: For cooperating well in sport. Great job Seb!
Jhett Ducksbury: For joining in and showing great sporting skills. Well done Jhett!
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Jokes:
Q. What is 67 + 35 + 99 + 136 + 84?
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This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 7th
St Brendan’s, Lakes E 6.00pm
Sun 8th
St Brendan’s, Lakes E 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, we all desire the healing that Jesus came to bring. Open our minds, hearts, lives to his healing touch and as we receive from him the gift of your Spirit may we give his life and love to those around us in need. We ask this in his name confident that your will hear us. Amen

Xavier Class – Weekly Snippets
What a great start to the term we have had!
Everyone is bubbly and excited and sharing their holiday stories. Each classroom has had students with big grins on their faces as they catch up with their friends and meet new friends.

Of course, swimming has started. The first day was a bit cold however, everyone hung in there and listened excellently to their instructors.

Another big celebration we had was announcing our school leadership team. This was undertaken on Friday, and all our candidates spoke beautifully and showed excellent poise and read with confidence. Great effort!

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StJoseph’s Playgroup
Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers (formerly known as Jitterbugs) has commenced for 2015.

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, 9.30am to 11.30am. All families are most welcome.

We hope to see many new faces this year!
You Can Do It Program

This week’s focus is: Getting Along

We focus on “Getting Along” for the first two weeks of the school year to help our students start in a positive manner. Getting along means that young children work and play together nicely. It means that children are friendly, tell the truth and care about others. Getting along means being able to fix problems without arguing or fighting.

When young children get along, they follow the important rules of the home, school and classroom. They also want to help to make their home and school cleaner and safer.

EXAMPLES OF ORGANISED GETTING ALONG BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN

- Plays well with friends
- Takes turns when playing with others
- Asks nicely to join in a game
- Asks for help politely
- Listens to others when they talk

WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR GETTING ALONG BEHAVIOUR

- “You are really good at helping others.”
- “You didn’t try to lie. Telling the truth”
- “Good for you. You are really trying to get along with your friends.”

School Fees & Levies

Fee statements for the 2015 school year will be sent home to parents in Week 3 of this term. Items billed to families at the beginning of the year include:

- School Levy - $100.00 per student
- School Fees - $155.00 per term/per family
- Swimming Program - $75.00 per student
  ($25 outdoor; $50 indoor program)

School camp fees for students in Xavier and Colman class will be billed to parents closer to camp dates.

Our school has submitted an application with Centrelink through Centrepay for our families who may wish to pay that way. At this stage that application has not been finalised, we will notify families when that occurs and is a payment option.

School banking details are listed below for those families who may wish to pay via direct credit to the school.

Thank you to those families who have already made payments for this year.

Anglicare – Parent Program

Confident Parents, Confident Children

This program will be facilitated by Parentzone Gippsland. The content will be based around the needs and interests of the participants and may include any of the following topics:

- Factors that influence how we parent.
- Child development.
- Developing a positive relationship with your children.
- Understanding causes of children’s behaviour.
- Ways to encourage cooperative behaviour.
- Strategies to deal with difficult behaviour.
- Self Esteem—thiers and yours.
- And any other issues that are challenging you as a parent.

Program Details Dates: (Friday mornings for five weeks) 20th February 2015; 27th February; 6th March; 13th March; 20th March
Time: 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Venue: Anglicare Victoria 347 Main Street BAIRNSDALE

This group will provide parents with the opportunity to meet with other parents in a safe and confidential environment. Parentzone Gippsland is the Regional Parenting Service in Gippsland and receives funding from DEECD and FaCHSIA FARS to provide parenting programs in Gippsland. Sessions are free. Please register your name before commencement of the program.

For more information or to register please contact:
Anglicare Bairnsdale on 5152 1213
Parentzone Gippsland on 5133 9998

Birthday Board

January

Happy Birthday to you ............

Xavier Martin – 8th
Cy Cameron – 11th
Jorja Cotter – 12th

February

Peter Ingram – 6th
Katelyn Jones – 22nd
Doug Cotter – 24th

We hope you all enjoy(ed) your special day!

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.
Our new Prep students are settling in well at school.

Colman students have been getting straight into their work – great job!

Grade 6 students delivered their speeches for school leadership positions today – well done, and best of luck to you all!

After listening to the speeches, we all voted!