Hello Families and Friends,

A short, but productive week with most students looking refreshed after the four day break. We now have much to prepare for as we work towards the end of the year.

Next week, we have a Remembrance Day assembly which will begin at 10.40am in the Mary MacKillop Hall followed by a flag ceremony. Please come along and join us on Tuesday.

On Wednesday 12 November, we have another visit from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer, Paul Munday who will conduct workshops relating to Indigenous art. The students have been enjoying the sessions as Paul brings all his stories and life experiences with him.

Friday 14 November, grade six students begin the transition process with the Orbost Secondary College and will be attending the college all day. Later in the afternoon we look forward to Colman’s prayer assembly, please come along and join us.

The St Joseph’s School Trivia Night is sure to be a fun filled evening. The evening begins at 7pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Bookings are still available from the school office. Call Noelene or Julie to arrange your table. Entry is $5 a head.

Prep orientation begins at St Joseph’s Primary School, Tuesday 18 November from 9.00am – 1.30pm and runs for three consecutive Tuesdays. However, for those parents wishing to ease their child into school we offer Tuesday 11 November, from 9.00am – 11.30am. Please call the office if you have any further questions. All new enrolments are welcome.

Colman parents please note, we will have a Cape Conran camp meeting on Monday 17 November, immediately after school at 3.15pm. We will discuss the itinerary and any necessary requirements. A note will be sent home early next week.

As you may be aware, we have our annual working bee this Saturday from 8.00am – 12.00am. Please come along to help out with the repairs that need our attention. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided at 11.00am.

I hope to see you around school soon,

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

REMINDER:

Hats are a compulsory uniform item this term.

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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
Library: For MacKillop on Wednesday afternoons – please bring your library bags.
Ice block Thursday – 50 cents for homemade lemonade ice blocks each Thursday (fundraising for the Jamaican Mission).
St. Joseph’s Playgroup: Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am
Indoor Swimming Program (MacKillop class): Each Friday at Lakes Entrance.
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

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

Tuesday - 18th November (9am – 1.30pm)
Tuesday - 25th November (9am – 1.30pm)
Tuesday - 2nd December (9am – 3.00pm)

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.

This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 8th St. Brendan’s - Lakes E 6.00pm
Sun 9th St. Brendan’s - Lakes E 9.00am
St. Colman’s - Orbost 11.00am

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, you have called us all into the community of love. We pray for those whom we have loved and who have died and entered into your loving embrace. In our grief and sorrow, let your love come over us and bring us all to healing. We ask this in Jesus’ name, confident that you will hear us. Amen

Xavier Snippets
What an exciting couple of weeks we have had!
Harold the Giraffe came to visit our school. He talked to the students about a variety of health issues and provided a lot of fun along the way.

Xavier and Colman both visited Lochiel House. The students played board games and talked to the residents about their past life experiences. The students will be returning to Lochiel House closer to Christmas to have a sing-a-long with the residents.

MacKillop have also been enjoying the weekly adventure down to Lakes swimming pool. So much has been learnt through these lessons, and the students always come back with a super huge grin on their faces and they will be more confident around the water during the summer months.

And most importantly, we had a couple of extra days off, that allowed the students to get in some more fun, playing time!

Inspirational Saying:
Always find a reason to smile. It will warm your heart.
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 Noelene, 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.

Community Fetes
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

School Fees & Levies
Just a reminder that all school fees and levies for the 2014 school year (including camp and swimming programs) are due for payment at the end of November. It would be appreciated if any outstanding uniform orders could be paid by this time as well.

Thank you to all families that have paid their fees and to those who have made arrangements to pay them by the end of the year.

If you are having trouble meeting your fee commitments please feel free to come in and speak with us, there are many payments options available.

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

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Students visiting residents at Lochiel House

Exploring the Life Ed van

Claiming the date

St Joseph’s Primary School
Twilight Fete
To be held on Friday, 13th March 2015

Mark the date in your calendar for next year and keep it free for a fun night!

Suggested stalls/activities: Lucky Dips; Show Bags; Spinning Wheel; Apple bob; Water Slide; Jelly Bean jar; Trash & Treasure; Face Painting; Jumping Castle; Plant stall; Patches the Clown; Novelty items

Food Stalls: Sausage Sizzle; Hot Spuds; Slushie machine; Popcorn; Cake Stall; Cans of drink; Icy poles

If you have any more ideas, please feel free to let us know. We will also have stalls available for outside vendors, but NO outside food stalls/vendors.

Please start collecting for our Trash & Treasure stall – the more “goodies” we have the better! 😊

Birthday Board for the month of November

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

Hayley Stewart – Saturday 1st
We hope enjoyed your special day!