Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to the final term for the year and for some of our students, the final term of primary school. Another exciting term awaits us and students have begun with enthusiasm as we focused this week on our passions and our hopes. Grade six students have been busy running lunchtime activities which has immediately set a nice tone in the playground. We have camps and year level transitions to look forward. Please find attached a calendar which details our term. MacKillop students are off to swimming with great excitement and we thank all our parents who have volunteered to help get them there.

Our Parent Managed Head Lice Program continues this term on Monday 12 October and Monday 9 November. If you are interested in assisting the program please come along this Monday for training from the Orbost health nurse.

Parents, please join me for our Parent Liaison Meeting in the Mary MacKillop Hall at 9.00am on Tuesday 13 October. Our meetings are usually well attended and we look forward to receiving your input as we prepare for Term Four.

We hope to see many parents at our school Mass on Wednesday 14 October. Xavier class will lead the Mass as the grade sixes begin their last term of primary school. Later that day we have four students making their First Reconciliation. If you are able to attend St Colman’s Church at 5.00pm, please join us as we support Megan Aicheng, Lilly Sanna and Celine and Jolanda Answer during this Sacrament.

On Friday 16 October, our school will take part in a national program to reduce school waste called Nude Food Day. On this day we ask that students bring their snacks, lunch and drinks in containers that can be reused. This initiative is already being promoted in our school and is a great way to make sustainable living achievable.

Nagle College testing day takes place on Saturday 17 October at for those families interested in pursuing Secondary education at Nagle.

Thank you for the nice welcome back to school, it has been a treat to return to so many smiling faces. Thank you also to Michelle Garbutt who did an excellent job in my absence and left a lasting impression on our community. It was lovely to see what outstanding shape our garden is in, the work of Marion Ward, Brenda and Justin Cotter is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join the team on Monday afternoons at 2.15pm please let me know.

Please keep Shyer Milliken and family in your thoughts and prayers as she has been ill with an infection during the week. Shyer is currently recovering in Sale Hospital.

Kind Regards,
Matthew Hamer
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 Miss Pearson on Wednesday
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: For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

Weekly Prayer
Loving God, your desire is for us to know the fullness of life and love. Let your Spirit of Wisdom show me the lesser desires that undermine my following of Jesus. Give me the courage and trust to let go, to do the impossible and trust only in your love. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me. Amen

This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 10th  St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 6.00pm
Sun 11th  St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Xavier Class – Weekly Snippets
Welcome back to all our family and friends! What a great couple of days of learning we have had, topped off by some fantastic weather. The students have been making excellent choices by staying in the shade, drinking plenty of water and showing the ‘Getting Along’ key while playing outside.

All three classes have settled back into routine nicely.

Xavier class have returned to enjoy some new books in literacy, which has sparked some excellent conversations.

Colman have also made a great start, busily working on their geography books and making great maps.

MacKillop have been bustling around in their room writing many stories and showing fantastic imagination. They started their indoor swimming program at Lakes Entrance today and by all accounts, had a great time!

Assembly Awards

MacKillop:
Kahlee Boehmke: For neat writing and correct spelling of three letter words.
Lucas Shanahan: For confident skip-counting by threes and fours.

Colman:
Sally Shanahan: For an amazing start to the term. Super location work!
Peter Ingram: For fantastic work with location and an excellent map.

Xavier:
Nicolas Martinez: For having a great attitude towards his learning.
Tristan Stewart: For returning to school with an excellent attitude towards learning.

Sport Awards:
Angus Sparkman: For giving his best efforts during P.E.
Hayley Stewart: For being an attentive and helpful participant in P.E.
Bridget Cotter: For her outstanding coaching all week.

School Leaders Award:
Kiah Findley: For playing nicely with her classmates during the hot days.

St Joseph’s Playgroup
Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday.
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, 9.15am to 11.30am.

All families are most welcome.

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

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Breakfast Club Roster
Monday: Trish Preston
Tuesday: Joanne Robinson
Wednesday: Mel Findley and Raeleigh Phillips
Thursday: Michelle Ducksbury
Friday: Require a volunteer for this day
If you are unable to come on your rostered day could you please notify the school office

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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

Around Our School
• Xavier students busy making soup as part of our Chaplaincy program.
• MacKillop students had fun learning how things were done in the olden days – writing with ink and a quill! I think there were quite a few “ink blots” that day. 😊
• It has been a warm start to the term and students have enjoyed being outside in the sunshine having fun during sport.

• Playgroup and Beat Boppers resumed on Thursday and it looks like they all had a great time singing and dancing with Mr May.