Dear Families,

I hope that the current flood situation is not having too much impact on any of you. Thank you very much to you all for coming along to our collaborative conferences this week. I know that the weather was cold and that it would have been easy to settle in at home but giving the children the chance to share their learning with you is most beneficial to their learning and to their self-esteem. I hope that you enjoyed your short time as much as the teachers enjoyed chatting with you all. If there are any follow up issues or you have any other concerns, please don’t hesitate to come in for a chat or make another time to meet the teachers. Children’s learning blossoms when the students, parents and school work closely together.

We very happily welcomed Kelly Hyslop back to work last week and Noelene Baker this week. Kelly enjoyed a wonderful trip to Europe and has lots to share with us all. It’s great to see Noel looking so well. I am not sure who was more delighted, the children, Kelly or Noel!

We have been very well supported by the Catholic Education Office this week with visits about school management, the Victorian Mathematics curriculum, Information and Communications Technology and Occupational Health and Safety. We are in constant contact with the Education Support Officers and members of our collective as we strive to develop our understanding of the curriculum. Donna Synon will be here on Tuesday to facilitate our learning in the key learning area of English. Jill Dunphy has already led the staff in developing initial understandings and we are all looking forward to getting to work with the children and trying to improve their outcomes in the strands of Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening. Don’t forget that there is no school for children on Tuesday!

Congratulations to Megan and Markeisha who represented our school very well at the Pilgrimage Mass in Sale last week. The girls were a credit to their parents and their school in the way they participated in the Mass, engaged with students from other schools and chatted with Bishop Pat. It was a beautiful Mass and an honour to take them. Congratulations also to the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students on their wonderful behaviour during their excursion to Hippo Hippo last week. It was really great to hear all about it – in great detail! Thanks to Mrs Royce for organising a fabulous learning experience.

Some parents are already bringing prospective students for 2017 along for a chat and a look at the school. If anyone has a child who is likely to come to our school next year please call the office and make an appointment for an enrolment interview. Likewise, if you hear of anyone who would like to consider bringing their children to St Joseph’s please encourage them to call for a time as well. We believe that our school is a great place for children to learn and I love showing people around and telling them about all of the things that we do.

Enjoy your extra-long weekend everyone! And then only 9 working days until holidays!

Kind regards
Marie
June 14th, 2016
(Tuesday after the Queens Birthday long weekend)
Staff will be involved in an English Curriculum Day

weekly awards

MacKillop:
Doug Cotter: For his focus and effort while learning vertical addition.

Colman:
Tamsyn Barry: For exceptionally neat writing in Literacy.

Xavier:
Lilly Westaway: For her great work on the Australian History Timeline.

Sport Award:
Angus Sparkman: For having an excellent “Have a go” attitude in PE!

2016 School Fees & Levies

Term 2 Fees and Levies are now due for payment

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.

This Week’s Mass Times
Sat 11th St Brendan’s, Lakes Ent 6.00pm
Sun 12th St Brendan’s, Lakes Ent 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

This Week’s Reflection

“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”

This verse is a great reminder that the Stewardship lifestyle is one of service, putting God first and to “love one another.” Unfortunately, today, many people have “passion” for activities they enjoy – their job and off-work activities. Many times our “passion” to excel is at the expense of someone else. Maybe we need to focus on a little less passion for our individual concerns and a lot more compassion for others.

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.

Orbost Pre-School

Orbost Pre-School are looking for spare gumboots to fit kinder kids. If anyone has any gumboots that their children have grown out of, they can be left at the Office to pass on to the kinder.

Four Year Old kinder enrolments open on 1st - 24th June, 2016.

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 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:
For bookings phone Tahnee Rotblat on 0409 953 175
Around Our School

Xavier Woodwork Classes – Making Pencil Boxes

Pilgrimage Mass-Sale

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