Dear Parents,

This term we warmly welcome new students, Suzanne and Nicolas Martinez, Chelsea Janson, and Cy Cameron and their families to our school community. We look forward to working with you all in partnership.

Prep transition is going well with many happy faces and some great “duck dancing” going on in MacKillop classroom.

Grade six students are also beginning transition, and we wish them well as they begin their new phase in school life confident that they will be great ambassadors for St Joseph’s.

Please return the permission forms for head lice inspections for those that are receiving them.

Yours in friendship,

Roslyn Joyner
Principal

Weekly Reminders:

- **Lunch Orders**: are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Brain Food**: Please send along a piece of fruit or some vegetables cut up for your child to eat at their 10am break.
- **Uniform Shop**: Maintained by Mrs Jan Gallagher - Orders can be placed at the office.
- **Tuesday** is Library Day.
- **Wednesday** is Music Day with Mr Fischer.
- **Wednesday** is School Banking Day.
- **Sports**: With Miss Brooks on Tuesdays (students to bring their runners to change into).
- **St Joseph’s Playgroup** – Thursdays 9am to 11am.
- **Swimming program**: for MacKillop students every Friday at Lakes Entrance for Term 4 – 9.45am departure.
- **Out of hours childcare/vacation care**: For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

Gospel Snippet

By using the image of the fig tree and a sign of the coming of summer, Jesus is pointing out to his disciples that they (we) should eagerly observe the world around them (us). Responding in faith to the changing circumstances of the world is one of the tasks of a Christian.

Dates to Remember

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Hats are a compulsory uniform item in Terms 1 & 4. Please ensure your child has a school hat.

All hats must be clearly named.

**Head Lice**

Head lice are back, please be sure to check your children’s hair regularly and treat if needed. Children are not to return to school until treatment has been carried out.

**Sacramental Meeting**

There will be an Enrolment Meeting for parents who have a child celebrating one of these Sacraments - Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2013 in St Mary MacKillop Hall on Wednesday 28 November at 7.30 pm. Children do not need to come to this meeting.

**MacKillop Class**

**Ice blocks**

Ice blocks will be sold on Tuesdays at lunchtime for 50 cents. Please help support MacKillop in their efforts to help others.

Pauline

**MacKillop Class**

**Swimming**

Each Friday the students in MacKillop have been going to Lakes Entrance indoor swimming pool to have lessons. The students have been having a wonderful time and have been making great progress with their water skills. It has also proven to be exhausting.

**Recycling Excursion**

On Friday, 23rd October the students in MacKillop went to visit Tambo waste and the Bairnsdale Tip to see what happens to our rubbish when it leaves our homes and school. We were able to see how the rubbish was separated into different piles, such as green waste, plastic bottles, paper and steel. We found out that the rubbish that is not able to be recycled is put into land fill and we saw hills made out of our unrecyclable rubbish. The students were amazed! This day proved to be very interesting and great support to our classroom learning. I would also like to say a big thank you to Nicole, Angela and Pip with your support in transporting the students.

Pauline
Parent Support Group Orbost

Do you have a child with a disability and live in the Orbost region?

You are warmly invited to attend an afternoon tea/coffee for parents and carers. The afternoon tea will provide a place to share ideas, support and experiences.

The afternoon tea is held at the Maternal Child health in Orbost

Where: 29 Browning Street
Time: 1pm and the Term 4 dates are

Wednesday Nov 28, Dec 12 2012

For enquiries contact Nadia on 0408896875
nadsdeccy@yahoo.com.au

St. James Anglican Church Fete

Fete
Saturday 17th Nov
9.00am – 2.00pm
St. James Anglican Church Hall
Browning Street
Orbost
Stalls, plants, cakes, produce, crafts & fancy goods, white elephant, 2/hand books, jams, Bric-a-brac.

BBQ – Devonshire Teas

AMUSEMENT FOR THE CHILDREN
OZCarnies Amusements P/L
Jumping Castle, Snow Cones, Laughter Clown Game

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book orders have been sent home today with newsletters, please submit your completed order with the correct money, or cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia, to the office by Friday, 23rd November 2012.

Please note late orders will not be accepted as they will not be back in time for the end of the school year.