Dear Families,

I can’t believe that two weeks of Term 3 have already gone! Classes settled back to work very quickly. I have had lots of visitors from different classes to share their achievements with me. Something that always gives me a thrill! I have seen explanations of mathematical problems and writing pieces and tested lots of children on their spelling words. I especially enjoy hearing about the logical thinking of the children and seeing the creative ways that they present their ideas. Keep up the good work everyone!

Special thanks to everyone who has been involved with the Parents Club and their fundraising efforts. They have meant that we were able to fund excursions for the students from Colman and Xavier to see the BFG and visit the newly opened Apex Park at Lakes Entrance. They really enjoyed their days without realizing that they were actually addressing requirements of the curriculum. MacKillop students will also go on an excursion. We just need to find the right place, the right reason and the right weather!

Other recent highlights have been building floating devices from very limited resources with the ‘Engineers without Borders’, tasting green tea with Sun Yu in Mandarin, working in teams to build towers with short tubes, learning about responsible pet ownership and how to approach dogs with Lorna, learning about life in the Earn and Learn Program and trying to gain coloured belts for recorder playing.

Staff members have been heavily engaged in professional learning too having participated in workshops about assessment and differentiating curriculum, writing, occupational health and safety, mathematics and protecting children.

Next week we are having Superheroes Day on Thursday (with hot dogs for lunch if you wish) and a band performance at the Orbost Secondary College. Staff members will be undertaking a workshop on teaching spelling with Lucia Smith in Lakes Entrance and Learning and Teaching Network meetings in Sale.

Many thanks to parents, parishioners and community members for making our Soup and Sandwich Lunch a great success again this year. It is wonderful to see our community coming together to share lunch and enjoy each other’s company. Special thanks to all who prepared food, set up the hall, organised the raffle, prizes or placemats. I’ll let you know the financial outcome when it is known.

Two final things –

1. We are again going to participate in the Orbost ‘Let’s Play Schools’ program. Dates for preschoolers to come to school are Tuesdays August 2, 9 and 16 between 9am and 11am. Please share this news with any families who have prep students for 2017.

2. Some families have indicated that they would like to have their children baptized into the Catholic Church. We are more than happy to welcome you! A Baptism program will be offered in Term 4. If you would like more information about this program please contact me at school or Sr Madeleine (5154 1512).

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards
Marie
Weekly Reminders:

Lunch orders: are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Orbost Bakery.

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

Weekly Awards

MacKillop:
Lucas Shanahan: For approaching challenging tasks with a positive attitude.

Colman:
Ramona Bady-Campbell: For writing a fantastic review in Maths relating to measurement.

Xavier:
Cy Cameron: For expressive and descriptive writing, using adjectives, adverbs and prepositional phrases.

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 23rd St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 6.00pm
Sun 24th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Weekly Prayer

Loving Father, let me take the teaching of Jesus to heart and come to you in prayer with a heart full of trust. Let your Spirit guide me to rest quietly in your love and allow your grace to transform my life.

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.

St Joseph’s Playgroup

Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday during the school term.

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.

Let’s Play Schools

Let’s Play Schools is a cooperative initiative by the Orbost network of schools that supports the effective transition of children from kinder to primary school. This year our play days will be on the times and dates below:-

St Joseph’s Primary School 9.00am - 11.00am
Tuesday’s 2nd August
9th August
16th August

Parents are welcome to make an appointment to find out about St Joseph’s School at any time. The 2017 prep enrolment processes start after the completion of this program. A formal transition process takes place in Term 4, dates will be advised later in the term.

Superheroes Day!

Next Thursday, 28th July, we will be having a Superheroes Day where students are asked to come along to school dressed as their favourite hero.

We will also have a hot dog lunch, followed by an icy pole for all students. This will be our term fundraiser for Caritas, and students are all asked to bring along a gold coin donation on the day.

Please complete the form attached for catering purposes.

We hope to see some great costumes and some wonderful heroes!

Congratulations to Luke, Kalina, Tiannah and Aylah on the safe arrival of their son, and baby brother, Wyatt.
Around Our School

Happy Birthday!

July Birthday Board

Kiah Findley 5th
Jamilee Henderson 12th
Shyer Milliken 12th
Nicolas Martinez 13th
Markeisha Ingram 23rd
Sean Kunsek 26th
Shona Brunt 27th

We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

- Colman class having fun outside learning about measurement.
- Our new playground equipment has been a real hit with students having a wonderful time with the two main climbing frames.
- Colman and Xavier class all travelled to Lakes Entrance this week to see the BFG movie and have a play at the Apex playground.