Dear Parents,

The campers returned safe and well last week and it was a pleasure to take Xavier class to Melbourne. From all reports the students were happy too. Special thanks to Sue Collier, Elisha Brooks and Julie Leatham for their extra efforts in supervising the children on the excursion over the two days. Thanks also to staff at school for extra duties etc. while we were away.

The fair was a great success in all respects. Final figures will be available soon but the fine weather, community spirit and generosity of people on the day and leading up to the day resulted in a wonderful community event. I would sincerely like to thank the fair committee, with Nicole Ingram as co-ordinator. Nicole was ably assisted with helpers over the past few months planning and preparing for the day. Thanks also to all those who helped on the day including those who “manned” the stalls, donated items and baked cakes. Thanks to those who attended on the day and supported us by allowing their children to buy those treasures on the white elephant stall, the showbags, lucky dips, etc. The races and games were a hit, thanks to Andrea and Rowan and added a great “picnic” atmosphere. Thanks Dan for your encouragement and help to the fair committee over the past months and finally thanks to the students of St Joseph’s for their happy faces and enthusiasm on the day.

I am still hoping to get our parent-managed head lice program up and running before the end of the year. Although we have enough parents who have volunteered to be part of the running of the program, the response from parents agreeing to their children being checked for head-lice at school has been very disappointing. The program will only be a success if the majority, if not all of the children take part. I will send home another form to those who have not yet responded and we will try to get the program going. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to Jordan Ross who competed in the Regional Athletics Sports at Newborough last Thursday, Jordan ran 12th in his 200 metres event. Well done Jordan, a great effort. Thank you to Stephen Mathers for taking the Orbost students and supporting them on the day.

Thank you to Nicole and Rowan who volunteered to re-oil the deck of the hall over the holidays. Great job, it looks fantastic.

Yours in friendship,

Roslyn Joyner

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

All hats must be clearly named.
New Principal for St Joseph’s

I am pleased to advise the appointment of Mr Matthew Hamer as Principal of St Joseph’s.

Matthew is currently Acting Principal at Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School in Perth, Western Australia. Matthew has held a number of leadership positions in schools in Western Australia and I look forward to him bringing his leadership skills and experiences to his role at our school. Matthew grew up in East Gippsland and is looking forward to returning with his family.

Matthew will take up the position from the commencement of the 2013 school year.

I would like to thank the panel who assisted me in choosing Matthew, from a number of candidates, as our new principal.

Fr Bernard Buckley.

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.
• Sport: 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

School Fair

Last Saturday we had the school fair, it was a lovely sunny day and it was great to see so many families, parishioners and wider community in attendance, it was a great success. This was only possible thanks to all the people that helped out in the organisation and on the day. Thank you to Nicole Ingram, Andrea Jones, Melissa Young, Pippa Stewart, Susan Pelz, Dan Hessian and Angela Davis for attending the meetings so it could be possible.

A BIG thankyou to those people that came early on Saturday morning to help set up, and then stayed at the end of the day to help pack up and tidy up loose ends.

To all those families, parishioners and wider community that baked cakes, slices and cookies for our very delicious cake stall, donated goods to the white elephant stall, we are very grateful for your support.

Thank you to all that helped out on the various stalls:
Jan Gallagher - Luckydips and Showbags
Dan Hessian – Sausage Sizzle
Jeanne Welsh and Aileen Stevenson - Devonshire Tea
Melissa & Stephen Young and Megan Humphreys – the Jumping Castle
Teresa Armstrong and Susan Pelz – the White Elephant
Carol Moore and Lisa Hodge – the Spinning Wheel and Raffle
Angela Davis and Pippa Stewart – the Hot Potatoes
Sue Collier and grade 5&6 students - Lemonade, Slushies and Spiders Stand
Maria Ingram - the Plant Stall
Marie Donchi, Teresa Sanna and Jill Shanahan – Cake Stall
Andrea Jones and Rowan Ingram- for running the fun and games
Pauline Stewart – the MacKillop Stall
Gina Helmers, Roslyn Joyner and Noeline Baker – for taking care of the money.

A BIG thankyou goes to Kade and Briony Strickland for donating their slushie machine, it was a big hit.

We are also grateful to the Lions Club for donating their time and cooking the sausage sizzle for us, and also to the Rotary Club for providing us with fairy floss and popcorn.

Results of Fair Raffle

1st Prize: $100 fuel voucher – Susan Pelz
2nd Prize: Load of Wood – Teresa Armstrong

From the Fair Committee
Xavier Trip to Melbourne

It was an early and busy morning for Xavier as we got ready and travelled to our camp in Melbourne last Monday morning. My favourite activity was the Albert Park Aquatic centre where we swam in the wave pool and went down the water slide many times. We were staying in a two story building called the Nunnery. Our class and the 4 teachers stayed in the guest house which was very nice. The rooms had two bunks and two singles but the staircase was a bit steep. We also went to the National Art Gallery, St. Patricks Cathedral, IMAX and the Melbourne Museum during the two days. After stopping at Sale for dinner at McDonalds and several toilet stops we made it back to Orbost on Tuesday night by 9:00.

By Tully Humphreys

Japanese Cultural Day

As a culmination of our Japanese project:

Red Herring is coming to school
Thursday October 25th
“Urashima” – story plus origami workshop
Bus travellers – 2.00pm -2.45pm
Local students – 3.00pm 3.45pm (note later finish)

Dinner with Asian flavours 6.15pm followed by Red Herring’s production of “Momotaro” at 7.00pm (approx. 45 mins.)
Where…..St Joseph School
Cost…..free
Hope to see all families at the dinner and evening performance.

STEPS

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 Oct 31, Nov 14 and 28, Dec 12 2012
For enquiries contact Nadia on 0408896875 nadsdeccy@yahoo.com.au

Happy Birthday to you……………..

Jessica Young – 26th October
Tyrone Pelz – 29th October

We hope you have a great Birthday!
Colman Class

What an exciting couple of weeks Colman are having. They are busy working on Health projects, whereby they are researching all about the human body and even practising CPR on ‘Annie’ dolls.

Café Culture Series 2012

DIDDLY EYES
Traditional Irish jigs, reels, songs, poems and stories. Arguable funny jokes and musicianship to make you smile.

Saturday October 27th
8pm
ORBOST EXHIBITION CENTRE
Clark Street Orbost
$20 Pre-purchase from Orbost Regional Health Reception
$25 At the door
Children under 16 Free

E.G.C.A
Orbost Cricket Club

MILO CRICKET PROGRAM
SIGN-ON
ON WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER
AT 5PM
AT CRICKET CLUB ROOMS
Any queries please contact
Terri on 5154 1927/0448 541 927

Orbost Pre School

ART SHOW & FETE

Saturday 3rd November 9am – 1pm

Art Gallery of children’s artwork PLUS stalls, activities and entertainment

$2 Donation