Friday 27th May, 2016

"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"

Dear families,

What an exciting week! First my appointment and then the front page of the paper! Many thanks for your expressions of congratulations and support. Please remember that my door is always open if any of you need a chat about anything pertaining to your children, their learning or our school.

Unfortunately we were targeted by vandals on the weekend. The children’s cubby house was damaged and fruit trees were uprooted and broken. It is very disappointing that anyone could think that spoiling the children’s playground is in any way acceptable. The police have inspected that damage and are currently investigating the incident. If anyone happened to see anything on the weekend could you please call in to the police station and let them know?

The students enjoyed participating in winter sports last Friday. At least the weather was good this year!

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of our Walk to School on Monday morning. The weather was just too cold and wet for us to proceed.

A group of very excited Year 3 students left school at 9am on Thursday morning bound for the Buchan Caves for a tour. They will then head to Lakes Entrance for their camping experience. I am sure that they will have had lots of fun and will be very tired when they arrive back at school this afternoon.

You will have noticed in the calendar that St Joseph’s School will be closed for students on Tuesday 14th June. I hope that having a four day weekend might help families who need a break. The staff will be working with Donna Synon, from the Catholic Education Office (CEO), to unpack the English key learning area of the Victorian Curriculum. Some staff members attend Collective meetings and Learning and Teaching meetings regularly to develop an understanding of best practice and how we might implement the new curriculum effectively to ensure improved outcomes for every student. All of our teachers then engage in Professional Learning Team meetings where they work together to gain a shared understanding, particularly of the writing component. We are sure that working with Donna will help us to clarify and further develop our processes and deepen our understanding of the English curriculum as a whole. Another pupil free day on Monday 18th July will enable us to work with Delma Brazzale, also from CEO, to complete similar work on the Mathematics curriculum. These days are essential for us to keep abreast of current policies and requirements and improve outcomes for our students by developing our understandings, improving our teaching practice and providing quality learning experiences.

Good luck to the students who are participating in cross country at Nagle College on Monday. We hope the weather is kind and that you enjoy your experience. We are sure that you will represent our school well.

Kind regards
Marie

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**Dates to Remember**

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

Weekly Awards

MacKillop:
Jasmine Edwards: For fantastic learning with skip-counting and fractions.

Colman:
Peter Ingram: For showing persistence with his work! Excellent Job!

Xavier:
Tristan Stewart: For efficiently finding some extraordinarily complicated words in the dictionary.

Sports Award:
Jamielee Henderson: for being an excellent leader in PE!

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 28th St Colman’s, Orbost 6.00pm
Sun 29th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

Ecumenical Services: Sunday 29th May
St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 7.00pm
St Colmans, Orbost 7.00pm

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 Maree Matthews on 0409 953 17

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.

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.

All families are most welcome.

Support for Parents of Children with Special Needs
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?
You are warmly invited for an afternoon tea/coffee at Maternal and Child Health Centre, 1 Ruskin Street, Orbost at 12.30pm on 30th May.
The group share ideas, give and receive support and experiences: plus Special Guests, information and Pamper Days.

May Birthday Board
Ms Dunphy, 17th
Mrs Dodson, 18th
Asha Milliken, 19th
Jasmine Westaway, 20th
Kaylee Cameron, 27th
Chase Cullinan, 27th
Tiannah McDonald, 28th
Tristan Stewart, 29th
We hope you all enjoy your special day!

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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.
YMCA Cluster website. (1st June 9.00am people @ kinder to assist if needing help)

Around Our School

Indoor PE Activities

Winter Sports

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