Dear Families

Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers over the past week. It was great to see the children’s smiling faces yesterday morning. It is lovely to be back with you all. Many thanks to all members of staff for their extra work in maintaining quality educational programs and taking care of everyone, and everything, while I was away. I returned to many stories from the students about a wide range of learning experiences and fun.

Again yesterday I reminded the students of the importance of following school rules and wearing correct school uniform. Please do your best to ensure that the children adhere to these requirements. I also note that some families are falling behind in paying their fees. Could you all please try to pay what is owing as soon as possible? If anyone is having difficulties with this, please call in for a chat. As always, we are very keen to support our students and their families.

Our gardens are in need of some TLC. If anyone has a spare hour here or there I invite you to come in and pull out a few weeds or do some necessary pruning. Just contact the office to let us know when you can come. Thank you to those mums who continue to support the breakfast program. Your help is greatly valued. If anyone is now able to assist with this program, we would love to hear from you too.

Don’t forget that next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day and a public holiday so children are not required at school. Monday is a normal school day for us though there are no buses so parents will need to arrange transport for their children to travel to and from school.

We are thrilled that Toni Redshaw is coming to school to do some Anti-bullying workshops with the children on Wednesday. Colman and Xavier classes are going to the Forge Theatre in Bairnsdale to see Gizmo on Thursday. You can see that we have another busy week coming with lots of great learning opportunities for the children.

I hope that you enjoy your weekend and manage to pick the winner of the cup.

Kind regards
Marie

Dates to Remember

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<td>Tuesday 1st Nov</td>
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<td>9am-3pm – Gizmo performance; Forge Creek Theatre Bairnsdale – Colman &amp; Xavier</td>
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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: Is coordinated through Orbost Primary School. For bookings phone Kassandra Collings 0484 785 119.

Weekly Awards

MacKillop:
Dominic Preston: For being a great role model and outstanding helper in Mass.

Colman:
Lilly Sanna For designing a detailed Remembrance Day piece of art work.

Xavier:
Cy Cameron: For building great suspense in his “knock knock” story.

Sport:
Jasmine Westaway: For always trying her best at each activity in P.E.

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 29th St Colmans, Orbost 5.00pm
Sun 30th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

Prayer

Loving God, give me the grace to hold back from judging people. Rather give me a mind and heart that can stop and see the goodness in people whose lives are full of ambiguity and pain. With Jesus, may I affirm them in love. I ask this in his name confident that you will hear me.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are still around, please check your children’s hair and treat if necessary.

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 11.00am.

All Families are most welcome.

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.

Occasional Care at Orbost Early Education Centre

2017 Applications for Child Care & Occasional Care places can be completed online at www.ucgipps.org.au or contact Early Years administration on 1800 183 103.

Orbost Primary School - Fete

When: Thursday, 10th November
Time: 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Face Painting; Trash & Treasure; Food Stalls; Cake Stalls; Spinning Wheel; Jumping Castle!

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

- Flower Show entries – great job everybody!

- Indoor Physical Education

- MacKillop class Mass on Wednesday

- A new class mate arrived in MacKillop class this week!