Dear Parents,

At assembly this week the children took part in a liturgy to celebrate the first week of Advent. This is also the first week of the Church's new liturgical year. Advent is the season where we get ready for Christmas. It is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. One symbol that can be used to help us remember this is the Advent wreath. This is usually a green circular wreath with four candles, three purple and one pink, for each week of Advent. This week we light a purple candle and think about preparing while we wait.

We commenced our first week of Advent by beginning to decorate our Jesse tree. The Jesse tree represents Jesus’ family tree. Each week we will place symbols on the tree to remind us of people and events leading to Jesus’ birth. Special thanks to Xavier class for preparing assembly this week.

On Monday we welcomed Mr. Hamer to school where he met with staff and students as well as some parents who were at assembly. Mr. Hamer is looking forward to joining our school community in 2013.

Last Friday Claudia Hodge, Kasey Cook, Dakota Kuhl and Jade Pelz talked with our new Japanese friends from Okinawa. They answered question about Australia, asked questions about the Japanese school and watched a Japanese Obon dance with Taiko drums and Shamisen guitar performed by the students. A great time was had by all and we look forward to our next meeting together.

Yours in friendship,

Roslyn Joyner
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.
- 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

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Gospel Snippets

This Sunday’s reading calls us to “Prepare a way for the Lord.” How can our families prepare for the Lord in this year’s lead up to Christmas.

Parish Farewell to Mrs Joyner

On Sunday December 9th after the 11.00am Mass the parish community will gather to farewell Mrs Ros Joyner after her five years of distinguished service as principal of St. Joseph’s school. The day will take the form of a picnic lunch.

Ambulance visit to Colman Class

Monday 26th November 2012

Today Katrina from the Orbost Ambulance Station came to St Joseph’s 3/4. When she came in she got Mollie to sit on the stroller and wheeled her out to the ambulance truck.

We got to go in the ambulance in pairs. We even got to sit in the front passenger seat and the driver’s seat. We asked some questions, like “What would you do if you broke your leg at school”? Katrina gave us some very good answers.

Before Katrina left she gave us a cute little teddy bear with the Red Cross sign on it from a cupboard in the ambulance. It was really fun to have her come, we really enjoyed it!

- By Nicole and Suzanne

Today Katrina from the Orbost Ambulance Station came. She taught us about CPR, motorbike accidents, using the bean bag, oxygen masks, glucose bags, blood pressure, oxy socks, MRX monitor, sick bags, 000 calls, spinal cord injuries and drug bags. Shona and I sat in the ambulance and I pretended to drive Shona around. It was excellent!

By Sarah

Today Katrina from the Orbost Ambulance Station came. She taught us about CPR, motorbike accidents, using the bean bag, oxygen masks, glucose bags, blood pressure, oxy socks, MRX monitor, sick bags, 000 calls, spinal cord injuries and drug bags. I got to sit in the front seat and listen to the radio, it was fun.

By Shona
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.

Water Safety Day is this Friday at swimming. The students in MacKillop are required to wear cotton top and cotton pants over the top of their costumes.

Thank you Pauline

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**Henry’s Christmas Story**

Santa and the Snowstorm

One Christmas Day there was a snow storm and Santa was about to deliver the presents to the kids. But the snow storm was too big for the red nose reindeer to light up the way so he woke up the village to get their torches. The elves and the reindeer with the red nose helped and they lead the way and Santa delivered all the presents and then he went back to the North Pole and it was the best Christmas.

By Henry Hodge

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**Happy Birthday to**

Kasey Cook ….8th December
Tahlia Cassels….10th December
Mollie Welsh….11th December

We hope you all have a great day!

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**SCHOOL FEES**

School fee accounts are now due for payment.

School fees can also be paid directly into the school account. If using this method families are asked to quote their family name and number with payment, your account number is on the top right hand of your school fee notice.

Thank you to those families who have already made payments or arrangements for payment of school fees for this year, it is greatly appreciated.

Banking details:-
Account Name: St Joseph’s School Orbost
BSB: 083-879
Account No: 69545 2766
Community Christmas Carols

Sunday 9th December 2012
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Orbost Secondary College Hall

St James Anglican Church

Aussie Bush Christmas

Saturday 8th December
Starting 5pm
St. James Anglican Church Hall
Browning Street
A ‘Good Ol’ Aussie BBQ
Good Ol Aussie Christmas Carols
with The Wairewa Singers
Also
Good Ol Aussie Christmas Poems
Readings from ‘The Aussie Bible’ and
A Good Ol Aussie Christmas Play
written by the Vicar himself

LOTS OF FUN, FOOD AND CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

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 Dec 12 - 2012
For enquiries contact Nadia on 0408896875
nadsdeccy@yahoo.com.au

Aussie Bush Christmas

COULD ALL CAPS PLEASE BE BROUGHT TO THE
SCHOOL BY THIS FRIDAY 7TH OF DECEMBER FOR
OUR FINAL COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR.
A BIG THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED THIS
FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR.
Collected caps can be placed in the large marked bin
in the main hallway at school.

Pauls Collect-A-Cap

Could all library books
please be returned next
Tuesday, Library Day.
Thank you