Dear Families,

I can’t believe that the year is nearly over and we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 students next week. These students will finish their time at St Joseph’s after morning tea next Wednesday. We congratulate them on their graduation, thank them for their positive contributions to our school and wish them well in the future.

Everyone has been working cooperatively to present an original play to you next Monday evening. Students are required to be at school at 5.00pm so that our play can begin promptly at 5.30pm. We are hoping for fine weather so that we can enjoy our dinner outside. However, in the event of inclement weather, we will have a smorgasbord in the hall which will be quite a snug fit! Thanks to all of the families who have offered to bring salads and desserts. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening.

Many thanks to Andrea for her ongoing care of our environment with her regular mowing and for reminding us that we had an issue with our mower and a problem with accessing the required part. Thanks to everyone who replied to our SOS call for help with the mowing this week, especially to Dan who was first to reply and completed the task admirably. What a great, supportive community we have here at St Joseph’s!

Our Graduation Mass will be held at 9.30am next Wednesday morning. Please come and celebrate with us. Morning tea will follow for our graduate students and their families. Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us.

We were very pleased to meet with parents to discuss their children’s progress over the past fortnight. It’s great to celebrate successes and seeing how much students have improved in their learning this year is quite amazing! If you missed out but would like a time, please give us a call. Reports will be sent home with the students on Friday next week. If your child will not be at school on that day for some reason, please call the office so that we can make alternative arrangements.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday evening. Have a good weekend,

Marie

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Dates to Remember

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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 0409 953 175.

Weekly Awards

MacKillop: Jasmine Westaway: For high achievement with her reading goals and being a great friend.

Colman: Peter Ingram: For working excellently on his money mansions in Maths!

Xavier: Megan Achieng: For enthusiastically learning about multiplication strategies.

Sport: Asha Milliken: For being an excellent role model in PE!

This Week’s Mass Times

Sat 10th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 6.00pm
Sun 11th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am
St Colman’s, Orbost 11.00am

Prayer

Loving God, the Kingdom you are offering to me goes far beyond any ideas or images I might have. Keep my mind and heart open to the surprising ways you may enter my life. Let me see Jesus, in my care of the weak and helpless and may your Spirit sustain me in times of challenge and darkness.

Weekly Awards

For Sale

Second Hand Uniforms
Size 12 Woollen Jumper $30.00
Size 14 Polo Fleece Jacket $25.00
See Office for details

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

Please note that all remaining school fees and levies (including outstanding Camp fees) are now overdue and payment arrangements must be made. Thank you to all those who have been in to finalise their accounts for this year – it is greatly appreciated.

Orbost Snowy Rovers
Football Netball Club

Marlo Triathlon

Saturday 7th January, 2017
Marlo Hotel

Fun for all age groups

Kids Course - Commences at 2pm
U7-25m Swim, 1km Bike & 500m Run U12-75m Swim, 3km Bike & 600m Run Fun Tri Race - Commences at 3pm
200m Swim, 10km Bike and 2.5km Run Main Race - Commences at 4pm
500 M Swim, 22km Bike and 5.5m Run

Swim Bike Run

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Summer Reading Club is taking place at all East Gippsland Shire Library, Orbost these summer holidays. The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading Club is Heroes and Villains. Young readers will be encouraged to engage with a variety of traditional and non-traditional heroes and heroines as they explore the themes and conventions associated with super and everyday heroes, and their villainous counter parts.

Summer Reading Club activities will run from Thursday 1st December, 2016 until Tuesday 31st January, 2017.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at the library they will receive a reading log/registration form. Participants will record the books they read on the reading log and along the way they will receive small incentives including bookmarks, stickers, pencils and bouncy balls to encourage them to read over the summer. National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online activities through the Summer Reading Club website at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

Important end of year dates for your diary!

- **Monday 12th**
  End of Year Concert & Family Dinner 5.00pm students to arrive; 5.30pm start of concert in MacKillop Hall

- **Wednesday 14th**
  Grade 6 Graduation Mass 9.30am Colman Church – all welcome
  *Last day of school for Grade 6 students*

- **Friday 16th**
  Last day of school for all remaining students

**Holiday Mass Times**

- Christmas Eve – 24th December
  St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 7pm

- Christmas Day – 25th December
  St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9am

- Christmas Day – 25th December
  St Colman’s, Orbost 9am

- New Years Eve – 31st December
  St Colman’s, Orbost 5pm

- New Years Day – 1st January, 2017
  St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9am

**Around Our School**

- **Lego Competition**
• Sneak peek at Concert rehearsals

Monday 12th December
End of Year Concert & Family Dinner

5.00pm – students to arrive
5.30pm MacKillop Hall; start of concert
Dinner to follow