Dear Parents,

As we approach our final week of school for 2012, there is a lot of excitement and anticipation. Children are looking forward to Christmas, grade six students are excited about going to secondary school, and we are all wondering what the new year will bring.

We will say goodbye to Miss Brooks after three years here at St Joseph’s and wish her well with her future studies. We say a warm thank you to Maria Ingram for her work in MacKillop during 2012. We farewell our graduating students, Casey Cook, Claudia Hodge, Dakota Kuhl, Jade Pelz and Codie Strickland. We also say goodbye to two families that are leaving the school community - the Ducksbury family and Allison Healey and Darren Gay (Casey’s family). We thank all of these people for their support and contribution to St Joseph’s. We will keep them in our hearts and prayers and wish them the very best for the future.

The last day for students this year will be Wednesday 19th December. We will have a whole school Mass celebrating all that has been in 2012, as well as formally farewelling the grade six students at 9.30 am. Following Mass the graduating students and their families will be invited to a special morning tea in the school Hall. At 5.00pm we will have our final assembly/concert for 2012. Everyone is warmly invited.

Students will commence school on Monday 4th February 2013. Times for individual assessments on Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February will be sent home with reports.

As there will be no further official newsletter this year I would sincerely like to thank everyone for their friendship and support given to me during my five years here at St Joseph’s. I have loved every minute and especially enjoyed the privilege of getting to know you all. Thanks to a wonderful staff who all work tirelessly for the children. Thanks to Father Bernard and Sister Madeleine for their support and friendship. Many thanks to St Colman’s Parish - the link between parish and school is strong and supportive (and thank you for a lovely day on Sunday.) Most of all, thank you girls and boys for all that you have given me during my time here, lots of laughs, some challenges but most of all friendship. I will miss you all.

Yours in friendship,

Roslyn Joyner
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Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

*Breakfast Program – offered daily before school – between 8.25 – 8.45am*

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Gospel Snippets

The reading this Sunday shows us that the choices we make have consequences; and sometime we will be answerable for the choices we have made. Let’s help each other make wise decisions.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

THANK-YOU

This Friday the 14th December is the last day for the Breakfast program, a big thank-you to all the helpers who helped during the year.

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.

Happy Birthday to

Noelene Baker – 16th Dec
(In the School Holidays)
Tully Humphreys – 26th Dec
Sarah Hill – 30th Dec
Cy Cameron – 11th Jan 2013
Jordan Ross – 17th Jan
Shani Munn – 21st Jan

Visit from Dominic Hogan

Dominic Hogan entertaining the students with a reader’s theatre production of his new book.

We hope you all have a great day!

Colman Class visit to Lochiel House

Colman class visited Lochiel House yesterday where they gave out Christmas cards to the residents and sang the Australian version of Jingle Bells.
Japanese

To celebrate all the hard work that students have done in Japanese for the year, students have made fans to experience the Japanese culture.

- Miss Brooks

Cartooning Session
Come along to a special cartoon workshop with cartoonist Richard Galbraith. Attendees will learn simple cartooning techniques by drawing characters with a range of moods and expressions. They also learn how to create their own characters, by starting off with simple shapes and building the cartoon step by step. We cover shapes, character creation, expression, speech bubbles and action.

**Price** Free (bookings essential)

**Contact** 5153 9500 for more information

**Activity Day- Orbost** Library- Thursday 10 January – 2.00pm -3.30pm

**Film Day- Orbost** Library- Thursday 17 January 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm

**Cartooning Session-** Orbost Library- Wednesday 23 January- 10.00 am – 11.00 am

**Illustrate a Book Day -** Bairnsdale Library- Tuesday 15 January 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Orbost Neighbourhood House

**What's On Dec 2012**

**Xmas Party 2012** - Wed Dec 19, 12-3pm, Tis the Season to be Jolly!

**Dog Obedience**- Weds til mid Dec, 4.45pm Adult dogs, Puppies 5.30pm-6.15pm, $10

**Relaxation Session** - calming, refreshing, visualisation method,Tues,1.30pm, 1hr, $2 term-time.

**Photo Exhibition**- Theme-"Floral Dance"- until Jan 31

January Holidays 2013 – Special Events

**Wed Jan 9, Teens Twilight Digital Photography workshop, Thurs Jan 10 Digital Craft & Storytime for Kids**......also, movies, Summer food fun, Bicycle Maintenance, Guitar Workshop, Creative Writing, Digital Camera Skill...and much more. Liz Falkiner Co-ordinator

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