Hello Everyone,

Welcome back! I hope you are all refreshed and ready to begin the year. It has been an excellent first week, the students have shown great enthusiasm and have adjusted to life back at school. Our newsletter now comes out on Fridays. Please take a look at what is happening around our school.

This year we have six new Prep students beginning at St Joseph’s, I would like to extend a huge welcome to Sally Shanahan, Kiah Findley, Kaylee Cameron, Nicholas Hill, Peter Ingram and Wyatt Strickland. The children have settled in nicely and Mrs Stewart is very happy with their performance.

In June, we would like to take our Year Five and Six students to Canberra for a tour of the excellent educational sites available in the national capital. We are conducting an information meeting on Tuesday 12 February at 5pm to gauge family interest. We invite all Year 5/6 families to attend this meeting in the Xavier classroom.

On Wednesday 13 February we will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass in St Colman’s Church at 9.30am. Please come along and join us. Later that evening a Reconciliation Parent Meeting will be held at St Colman’s Church at 7pm. Reconciliation Commitment Mass will follow on Saturday 16 February in the Church.

Over the next few weeks swimming lessons will continue. Thank you to Mrs Julie Leatham for organising the swimming groups and to all the parents who have helped in assisting with the lessons. On Friday 15 February the Marlo, St Joseph’s, Newmerella and Orbost North Primary School’s (MSN2) Swimming Carnival will be held at the Orbost Pool. A letter will be sent home for students who are participating on the day.

On Monday 18 February at 9am in the Hall, we have a Parent Liaison Meeting to discuss up-coming events. We hope you can join us then. Following the meeting we will host a Parent Helper’s Workshop beginning at 9.30am. Parent involvement in our school is vital. If you would like to assist us during the year please attend this workshop. For those who are unable to make this date we will hold another workshop later in the term.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Orbost Opportunity Shop for their generous donation of $3000 to St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School. The money will go towards purchasing guided reading books and other reading resources.

Assemblies now take place every Friday afternoon in the Hall at 2.45pm. During these occasions we take the time to celebrate work that has taken place in the classrooms, to recognise our students’ achievements, to pray together, sing and be entertained by our young musicians. All parents and friends are welcome to join us, we hope to see lots of faces each week!

Thank you to Mrs Andrea Jones, Ms Vicki Thomas, Mrs Nicole Ingram and Ms Janine Hooper for running the students’ breakfast program on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this term. Your help is greatly appreciated and ensures the consistency of this wonderful initiative.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for making me and my family feel very welcome. It has been a wonderful start to our move and I look forward to getting to know all the families and friends in our community.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

---

**Dates to Remember**

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 12 February</td>
<td>Swimming Orbost Pool 2pm – Year 5/6 Canberra Tour Meeting 5pm - Ice block Tuesday Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 13th</td>
<td>Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass – 9.30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 14th</td>
<td>Swimming Orbost Pool 2pm -</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 15th</td>
<td>Assembly 2.45pm - MSN2 Swimming Sports Day Years 3-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 16th</td>
<td>Reconciliation Commitment Mass 6pm St. Colman’s Church</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
New Preps 2013

We welcome our new preps students to our school this year.

Wyatt Strickland, Peter Ingram, Kiah Findley, Nicholas Hill Sally Shanahan, Kaylee Cameron

Assembly Awards

**MacKillop:**

Hailey Gardner for a great start to the New Year.

Lilly Sanna for writing a wonderful recount.

**Colman:**

Henry Hodge for settling in so well and always working to the best of his ability.

Kia Fitzgerald for consistently keeping on task and focused on her work.

**Xavier:**

Jess Sanna for completing his writing task enthusiastically.

Tahlia Cassels for her good attitude.

**PE Award:**

Jessica Young for her excellent basketball skills and for being a good listener.

**Japanese Award:**

Shona Brunt for working hard in the first Japanese lesson and for remembering the flag colours.

Hats are a compulsory uniform item in Term 1 & 4. Please ensure your child has a school hat. All hats must be clearly named.

Gospel Snippet


This week’s Gospel tells of Jesus calling Peter to be His follower. Each day He invites us to follow Him by leading good lives. How can I follow Jesus this week?

Xavier’s Weekly Snippets

Hi and welcome to Xavier’s Weekly Snippets. As we go through the year, students in Xavier will be taking turns to write an article in the newsletter. First up we would like to give a warm welcome to the new preps in our school. Here’s what they think of their first week.

Peter: I like playing basketball at school.

Sally: I like everything about school.

Nicholas: I like basketball and all the music.

Kaylee: I like everything about school.

Kiah: I am getting lots of work.

Wyatt: I like doing the work.

The new preps also love to make things with Mrs Stewart.

After swimming finishes Japanese will be starting with Mrs Russell. She will teach Xavier on Tuesday afternoon and Colman will be on Wednesday afternoon. Swimming will be on Tuesday and Thursday for next week then Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th February at Orboist outdoor pool at 2pm, so don’t forget to bring your bathers!

Mr Hamer will be the sports teacher this year.

Shrove Tuesday is on Tuesday the 12th (this coming Tuesday). Pancakes will be served at breakfast club from 8am; pancakes will still be available if you are a bus traveller.

Assemblies are on Fridays at 2:45 and parents are welcome.

There will be a Mass on Ash Wednesday and parents are most welcome.

Ice block Tuesday will start on Shrove Tuesday so don’t forget to bring 50c if you would like one.

These are the doors that students go out of:

MacKillop will go out the middle door, Xavier will go out main entrance and Colman will go out the side door in their classroom.

Xavier’s homework about Shrove Tuesday is due on Monday 11th February.

- Tully and Mollie
Xavier’s Pancake Recipe

Ingredients:
1 cup self-raising flour
1 tbsp sugar
1 egg
3/4 cup milk
50g butter, melted

Method
1. In a bowl mix flour and sugar.
2. Beat in the egg and then milk at little at a time until batter is smooth and lump-free.
3. In a hot pan or flat grill, brush butter over cooking surface and pour 1/4 cup measures for each pancake.
4. When large bubbles form on the surface, flip over and cook until lightly golden on the other side.

Notes
Serve with lemon and sugar or maple syrup.

Happy Birthday to you........

Nicole Gallagher – 5th February
Peter Ingram – 6th February
Mrs Armstrong – 11th February

We hope you had / have a great day!

Steps

Parent Support Group Orbost

Do you have a child with a disability and live in the Orbost region?

The luncheon will provide a place to share ideas, support and experiences. Special guests on a range of topics – from stress to behavioural management.

Maternal Child & Health - Browning St

from 11.30am

Term 1 dates: 4th & 18th Feb 4th & 18th March

Contact Nadia 0408 896 875
nadsdeccy@yahoo.com.au

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.
- Uniform Shop: Maintained by Mrs Jan Gallagher – Orders can be placed at the office.
- Library day: Tuesday
- Japanese: With Mrs Russell – Xavier Tuesday
  /Colman Wednesday
- School Banking Day: Wednesday
- Sport: With Mr Hamer on Wednesday (Students to bring their runners to change into)
- Music: with Mr May on Thursday
- St. Joseph’s Playgroup: Thursday 9am to 11am
- Swimming program: Next Week Tuesday & Thursday 2pm at Orbost Pool.

Out of hours childcare/vacation care: For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

Our Weekly Prayer

God of New Beginnings, guide us with your spirit as we begin our new school year. May we be excited about experiencing and learning all that is new to us. May we realise how important each of us is and help us to share the light of Jesus. Amen

ORBOST BOWLS CLUB

Twilight Barefoot Bowls
(or flatshoes)

Every Thursday commencing
21st February
From 6pm to 8pm
Includes BBQ

To reserve your place please phone
51541191- Names to be in by 5.30pm

Come along to the Orbost Bowls Club for a social game of Twilight bowls in a relaxed fun and friendly atmosphere.

COST $8.00
Price includes BBQ
Weekly prizes and raffles draws.
Come and have fun, meet some new people, make some new friends and give this great sport a go!!
Dear Grade 5/6 Parent,

Orbost Secondary College is providing grade 5/6 students in the Cluster Primary Schools an opportunity to learn a musical instrument at the College this year.

It is envisaged these students will attend group lessons and rehearsals with their year 7 counterparts, effectively becoming part of the College instrumental program.

Please note the following:

- An annual music levy of $40 will be charged.
- There is no charge for music lessons or rehearsals.
- Transport to and from lessons/rehearsals is a parent responsibility in consultation with the primary school.
- The primary students will receive a whole term timetable indicating lesson times and coming events.
- Participating families are welcome to participate in the College’s instrument hire and buy program.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the tear off slip below and return it to your primary school office by Friday, February 15th. A meeting of interested parents will take place at OSC during week five of this term. Its time and date will be announced soon.

Yours sincerely,

John Smith
Endorsed by Principal

Please hand this slip into your primary school office by Friday, February 15th.

“I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Cluster instrumental music scheme as outlined above”

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent Guardian Signature