Hello Everyone,

Another busy week comes to a close with plenty more on the horizon. The students are knuckling down to their studies and getting used to the routine of school. Swimming lessons have been successful and we have the Reconciliation Commitment Mass on the weekend. Please read on to keep up with what’s happening around the school.

We would like to welcome Mr Peter May to the staff at St Joseph Catholic Primary School. Peter has many years teaching experience around the local community and will be teaching music this year on Thursdays. Mr Nick Fischer will continue in a music tuition role at the school.

This week for Shrove Tuesday parents and teachers got into the kitchen to cook up a storm of pancakes for the students. The pancakes were well-received and Mrs Sue Collier had to make a special trip to the shops for more ingredients. Thank you to Mrs Philippa Stewart and Ms Janine Hooper for helping out in the kitchen and to Mrs Sue Collier for putting the event together.

Ash Wednesday Mass took place for our school community on Wednesday 13 February. Mrs Sue Collier and Mr Dan Hession prepared the Mass and Father Bernard Buckley produced a wonderful homily to which the students could easily relate. It was great to see many of our parents at the Mass, it makes it all the more special for our students.

After our Canberra Tour Proposal meeting this week we have decided to proceed with the camp which will take place in June for grades 5 and 6. Parents, students and teachers will now be involved in planning and fundraising to get us there. We are all very excited about the trip!

Reconciliation Commitment Mass takes place for people in the community this Saturday 16 February at 6pm. Two of our students will make the commitment, Henry Hodge and Shaun Barling. We pray for them and wish them well as they begin this journey.

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.

Collaborative Conferences also begin on Monday 18 February from 3.30pm. These are a necessary part of our planning process and a way for families to meet with teachers to discuss curriculum and to provide the best possible learning environment for your child.

Next week is the last week for our swimming lessons. Lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday with the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 20 February. Students competing at the carnival will receive a note on Monday 18 February.

Boardies Day is a national event that raises money for surf life-saving clubs around Australia. Students and teachers can wear board shorts to school for a gold coin donation. We will also have a sausage sizzle during lunch. The event takes place on Friday 22 February, all proceeds will go to the Lakes Entrance Surf Life Saving Club.

I would like to conclude by saying that the students from Xavier are doing an outstanding job of their article in our newsletter. Please take a moment to read the Xavier’s Weekly Snippets column. If they keep up this standard they will do me out of a job😊

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

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"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"
Assembly Awards

**MacKillop:**
Kiah Findley for settling into school well and having outstanding manners.
Connor Brunt for excellent reading.

**Colman:**
Nicolas Martinez for working independently on his projects and doing a thorough job with his research.
Tristan Stewart for working independently on his projects and doing a thorough job with his research.

**Xavier:**
Tyrone Marno for really putting in a great effort.
Mollie Welsh for her quiet gentle manner.

**PE Award:**
Isabella Anderson for her excellent attitude towards all activities. You are a star Issy!

**Japanese Award:**
Sarah Hill for working diligently in Japanese and reading clearly to the class.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

**Who is eligible for the EMA?**

The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible. **What changes are being made to the EMA?**

From 2013, the EMA is being restructured to increase the focus on direct support to parents. School-based EMA payments will be discontinued from 2013 and partially redirected to provide enhanced support direct to parents. Changes include:

Parental EMA payments increased from:

* $117.50 to $200 for parents of EMA-eligible Prep students.
* $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other EMA-eligible primary school students.

Closing date for application is 28th February 2013. Application forms are available from the Office if you have not completed one already.

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**Xavier’s Weekly Snippets**

**Hi and welcome to Xavier’s Weekly Snippets**

A lot has been happening at school. So please read on to find out more.

**A Special Breakfast at School**

Tuesday we had pancakes instead of toast in breakfast club as it was Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to the parents who helped and the staff like Mr Hamer, Mrs Collier, Mrs Stewart. I would say all the kids enjoyed the lovely pancakes with a choice of jam, lemon and sugar or maple syrup THEY WERE DELICIOUS.

The Mass for Ash Wednesday ran smoothly.

Swimming will be Monday and Tuesday next week. Mondays swimming will be water safety day so bring your PJs or long pants and a top! **Wednesday the 20th is District Swimming Sports**, so if you made it through today at the MSN2 swimming sports you will get to tag along and have another swim at the district. So don’t forget to swim hard and don’t forget to bring your bathers.

On Friday 22nd is **BOARDIES DAY** we will be having a sausage sizzle for $2 each and if you want to wear your boardies you have to bring a gold coin donation.

**Colman- Music with Mr May at 12.40 and Library at 10.00am on Tuesday. They have class captains each week - this week’s class captains where **Henry Hodge and Kia Fitzgerald**.

Every Friday Xavier class will be holding an assembly where students will get certificates if they impress the teachers or other staff. If it’s their birthday they will get a sticker and chocolate frog!

**Ice block Tuesday** has started! All the students who are allowed to have icy-poles please put 50c in your lunch box which you will give to Mrs Stewart. All the money that’s donated will go along to help out Caritas.

**MacKillop** will go out the middle door, Xavier will go out main entrance and Colman will go out the side door in their classroom and teachers will walk students out and hand them to their parents.

By Tahlia Cassels & Jessica Young
**PIZZA SCROLLS**

**Preparation time:** 20 minutes.  **Cooking time:** 30 minutes.

**WHAT YOU NEED**
1. 2 cups (300g) self-raising flour
2. 1 tablespoon caster sugar
3. 30g butter
4. ¾ cup milk
5. ¼ cup tomato paste
6. 2 teaspoons Italian herb blend
7. 100g sliced mild salami, cut into thin strips
8. 1 medium green capsicum cut into thin strips
9. 2 cups of coarsely grated pizza cheese
   * **Alternative filling**
   10. Vegemite
   11. Grated cheese

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to moderate. Grease 19cm x 29cm pan.
2. Place flour and sugar in medium bowl; use fingers to rub butter into flour mixture until it resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Stir in milk; mix to a soft, sticky dough. Knead dough lightly on floured surface using a rolling pin.
3. Roll dough to form a 30cm X 40 cm rectangle.
4. Using back of large spoon, spread tomato paste all over base. Top with salami, capsicum then cheese.
5. Starting from one of the long sides, roll dough tightly; trim edges. Using serrated knife cut roll carefully into 12 even slices; place slices facing cut side up, in single layer, in prepared pan. Bake scroll slices, uncovered in moderate oven for about 30 minutes or until lightly browned.
6. For Alternative filling complete steps one and two then with back of spoon spread vegemite to taste and sprinkle over cheese. Then follow step 4.

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**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 Monday & Tuesday 2pm at Orbost Pool.
- **Out of hours childcare/vacation care:** For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

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**MacKillop’s Swimming Recounts**

- Last week I went to the swimming pool, it was a hot day, we swam through hoops.  
  **Lilly Sanna**
- Last Tuesday I sat on the bottom of the pool. It was fun.  
  **Oliver Young**
- Last Tuesday we went to Orbost pool for swimming and I am in the big pool, we swam through the hoops after we had free play.  
  **Issy Anderson**
- Last Tuesday the enchanted school went swimming and I went in the little pool.  
  **Lilly Westaway**

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**Gospel Snippet**


_We have now begun the church season of Lent. This week we hear about the temptations that Jesus faced in the desert. We all have temptations to overcome. What do I have in place so that I remain true to being the person God wants me to be?_
**Shrove Tuesday**

Mrs Collier and Tahlia Cassels enjoying the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

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**Swimming News**

Could all students please bring some PJs or light weight clothing to swim in for a Water Safety Day on Monday 18th February.

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**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: 18th Feb and 4th & 18th March

Contact Nadia 0408 896 875

nadsdeccy@yahoo.com.au

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**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!!

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**Our Weekly Prayer**

God of love and truth, you called us forth from the dust of earth and claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes. Bless us on our journey through Lent to the waters of rebirth.

May our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in His cross you proclaim your love now and forever.

Amen