Hello Everyone,

The term has truly flown by and here we are at the last week before Easter. Hopefully you are all planning a break and some time with your children.

Thank you, to Mrs Sue Collier and the students from Xavier who prepared and delivered our St Joseph's Feast Day Mass on Wednesday 20th March. It is great to have our students actively participating in our liturgies. Thanks also, to Sister Madeline and Mrs Marie Donchi for facilitating our parent morning tea which will now follow each Mass.

I would especially like to congratulate Henry Hodge who celebrated his First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. Thanks again to Sister Madeline for preparing Henry for this sacrament. Sister commented on what a delight it was to work with Henry and his family.

Please keep the morning of Thursday 28 March free as we host our school’s Open Morning. We plan to begin the morning at 9.00am with an Easter Liturgy that re-enacts the events of Holy week. Following the liturgy we will hold a Golden Honour Card Assembly to recognise the students who have worked hard all term. After the assembly we will invite all parents into the classrooms for a personalised guided tour.

I would like to acknowledge our student leaders who have been putting a lot of effort into organising assemblies, writing articles for the newsletter and generally providing entertainment for their peers. They have done an excellent job so far and have offered a lot of promise for the rest of the year.

Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer
**First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to Henry who celebrated his First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.

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**Assembly Awards**

**MacKillop:**
- Sally Shanahan for knowing all her yellow words.
- Nicholas Hill for working well in Maths rotations.

**Colman:**
- Chelsea Janson for working exceptionally hard in Reading Eggs.
- Shona Brunt for creating terrific Pippi Longstocking pieces of work.

**Xavier:**
- Bridget Jones for always sharing her great general knowledge with the class.
- Jessica Young for demonstrating her ability to be a good school captain and leader.

**PE Award:**
- Joel Strickland for his excellent listening skills and stamina in team sports.

**Japanese Award:**
- Jayde Light for writing ‘Japan’ beautifully using calligraphy.
- Kia Fitzgerald for finding the difference between the different ways of writing in Japanese.

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**Xavier’s Weekly Snippets**

**Welcome to another week of Xavier’s Weekly Snippets.**

St Joseph’s Day Mass was on Wednesday 20th March, thank you to all the parents that came along to support us and we hope you enjoyed your morning tea.

The class captains this week in Colman are Markiesha and Jake. Congratulations.

We are looking forward to Mr Hamer coming back on Monday from a conference in Melbourne.

Thursday of next week is a very busy day at school. We will be having our Holy Week Liturgy followed by our GOLDEN HONOUR CARD ASSEMBLY. We will then be having an open time for parents to come into our class rooms and see what we have been doing during term one. The boys have been working very hard on their Marble Timers and are excited about sharing them with everyone. After play we will be having tabloid sports and also Thursday 28th is the last day of school for term 1. School will finish at 2.15pm.

In MacKillop, Hayley Stewart has learnt how to read and she likes doing art. Connor has learnt how to write and he likes playing with the new preps. Oliver has learnt how to write on lines and he likes having free play.

By Jayde Light

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

Semester 1 EMA cheques have arrived at the office, please drop into the office to collect/pay over your cheque.

**REMINDER**

Next Thursday the 28th March last day of term one, school will finish at 2.15pm.
Xavier’s Weekly Recipe

Berry and Mango Buttermilk Muffins.

2 ½ cups self-raisinig flour
⅓ cup caster sugar
1 ½ cups buttermilk
¼ cup olive oil
1 egg
200g frozen mixed berries
1 small mango, peeled, sliced

• Step 1
Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced). Line a 12-hole, ⅓ cup-capacity muffin pan with paper cases.

• Step 2
Combine flour and sugar in a bowl. Whisk buttermilk, oil and egg together in a jug. Stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture until just combined (mixture should still be lumpy). Fold in berries. Spoon into prepared muffin tin. Top with mango.

• Step 3
Bake for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre of 1 muffin comes out clean. Stand in pan for 5 minutes. Place on a wire rack to cool.

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
- Out of hours childcare/vacation care:

    For bookings phone Bev Cameron on 0409 953 175

THIS WEEKEND’S MASS TIMES:

Palm Sunday
Saturday: 23/3 St. Brendan’s LE  6pm
Sunday: 24/3 St. Brendan’s LE  9am
Orbost - Cape Conran  Midday

East Gippsland Interschool Gymkhana

Chelsea competed at the East Gippsland Interschool Gymkhana in Bairnsdale last week. She received many ribbons including a third in the team event with Newmerella. Well done Chelsea!

MacKillop’s reports about Emperor Penguins

Emperor penguins live in Antarctica. They are black and white with clawed feet and flippers. They eat fish and krill. They are born in eggs.

By Oliver
They live in Antarctica. They lay eggs. They eat fish and krill. They have black and white feathers.

By Connor
Gospel Snippet
This week we hear the story of the Passion of Christ. We are told this story as we prepare for Easter. We hear of Christ’s giving of himself for the needs of others. How do we give of ourselves to others in our families and wider community?

ORBOST SNOWY ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC

AUSKICK SIGN ON
APRIL 15th & 22nd 5pm - 6pm
$60.00 PER CHILD
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT www.aflauskick.com.au

ADDITIONAL SIGN ON DAY WEDNESDAY 27th
MARCH 5pm - 6pm
Thank you
John Welsh
Secretary

ORBOST BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Modified Basketball Competition
8 years or under
Cost: $45 (insurance and club fees)
Where: Orbost Community Stadium
Starts: Friday 19th April 4pm

Sensory Gardens Orbost Celebrating 20 years
Orbost Garden Club along with Landcare East and the East Gippsland Shire Council invites everyone to join in celebrations at the Sensory Gardens, Forest Road, Orbost.
There is to be music, poetry and an historic re-enactment along with a free sausage sizzle for all to enjoy. It is a celebration to recognise the community input that has cared for this public space over the past 20 years.

DATE: Wednesday 10th April 2013
TIME: 5pm – 7pm
VENUE: Sensory Gardens, Forest Road, Orbost.
All Welcome

Net-Set Go Netball Registration
Monday 15th April
At the Orbost Snowy-Rovers Football Netball Club Ground
5:00pm until 6:00pm
Net-Set-Go is aimed at girls aged 5-12 years olds
Commencing Sunday 28th April at 9.30am
$60.00 ($33 Insurance, $20 backpack, $7 Orbost Netball Ass Subs )
Contact – Belinda Borley 51541224 or 0427 541 848

Junior Netball Registration
Monday 15th April from 5pm – 6pm
Sunday 21st April from 10:30 – 11:00
At the Orbost Snowy-Rovers football Netball Club Ground
Commencing Sunday 21st April at 11:00am
$45 – 11 and under
$55 – 12 and over
Contact – Larissa Murray 0427 611 381

A meeting will be held on Monday 25th March at 6pm at the Orbost Community Stadium. All parents interested in being involved in any way in the running of Junior Netball or just hearing about our plans for 2013 are welcome. Contact Larissa Murray on 0427 611 381 for more information.

Orbost Library
Film Screening - BRAVE

FREE ADMISSION
CORDIAL & POPCORN

Date: Thursday 4th April 2013
Time: 1:00pm – 2:45pm
Phone 51524225
or book in person at the Orbost Library

East Gippsland Shire Council