

# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"*

Dear Families

As we farewell a very difficult year, I would like to thank you for the support and encouragement you have given students and staff. We celebrate many achievements. We note the amazing persistence and resilience of our students and congratulate them on their efforts and successes. We congratulate our families for managing a multitude of tasks for a very long time, in trying conditions and still coming with a smile and a cheery word at the end of each day.

My congratulations and thanks to our wonderful staff for their professionalism and integrity when faced with unique challenges. It is a credit to you all that our students were still happily engaged in their learning right till the end of the year. Special thanks to Jill and the students for writing and recording our Christmas radio play providing a highlight with a difference this year. I hope you all enjoy listening as much as I did!

Many thanks to those who were able to celebrate Graduation with us today. Thanks to Father Michael and Sister Madeleine for continuing to offer spiritual and pastoral support. Thanks also to Therese Kearney from Catholic Care who has been working closely with staff and community members of St Joseph's during the year. We will be delighted to welcome Therese back in 2021.

Finally, I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas filled with God's blessings and quiet relaxing holidays.

Best wishes

Marie

## Christmas Mass Times

St Colman's, Orbst  
Christmas Day: 9:00am Mass



## 2021 Back to School Dates

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff Return for 2021 Year
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Planning Day Administration Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Students Return for 2021 Administration Day Parents Morning Tea 9am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	First Swimming Lesson for 2021
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First School Assembly



*Calm – Confident – Curious – Caring – Creative*

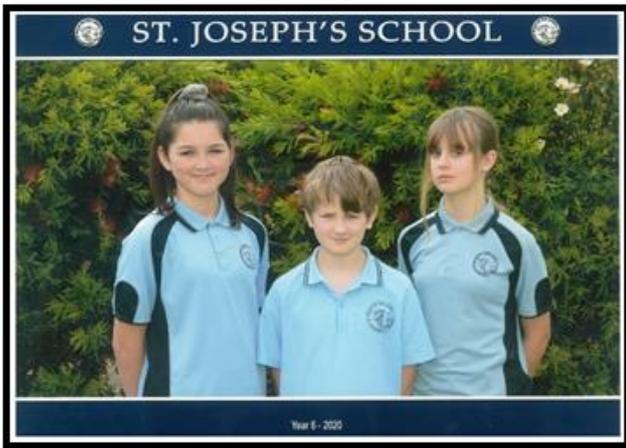


## PRAYER

Loving God, your desires for the human race go far beyond all that we could hope or imagine. As we contemplate the wonder of your love at work in Mary, may be inspired by her faith and follow her way of faithful love whenever you call us out into the depths of your love. We ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear us.

## **GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

Congratulations to **Shyer, Ramona & Angus** on completing your Primary Education at St Joseph's, Orbost



The staff of St Joseph's would like to wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas and best wishes for the holiday period - travel safely, and we look forward to seeing all of you again next year.



## **EAST GIPPSLAND LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Children aged 5 - 12 are invited to take part in East Gippsland Shire Library's free Summer School Holiday Program.



Bookings are essential for all events and can be made in person at the library, by phoning 5152 4225, or by emailing [library@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@egipps.vic.gov.au) Due to COVID-19 room capacity limits, parents/carers may be unable to stay with their children for the duration of the session. Please consider if your child is comfortable being unaccompanied before booking in.

There are six events running over the January School Holidays:

- Wildlife Show - Black Snake Productions
- Paint a Library Bag - Activity Session
- Mulan - Movie Screening
- Drawing Characters with Leigh Hobbs
- The Secret Garden - Outdoor Family Movie Screening
- Mulan - Outdoor Family Movie Screening

## **School Holiday Intense Swimming Program**

**Cost - 5 lessons for \$55 - Book Online, (you will be contacted regarding lesson times)**  
**One week program. One group lesson each day.**

Incentive for swimming in this program are:

- Having a lesson each day for a week enhances confidence and ability in swimming.
- Lessons will be same time each day.
- Child/children will be grouped into age/level ability.
- During swimming lessons, teachers work on numerous safety skills alongside general technique of strokes.
- Program is Swim and Survive program.

Enrol online:  
Find a form  
Recreation Centres  
Swim Lesson Enrolment Form-Orbost  
[eastgippsland.vic.gov](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov)



## Class Awards, Term 4, 2020



<b>Colman – Peter May</b>	
Alfred Bady-Campbell	Completing a two-page typing.com test
Zenn Cain	Improving my typing skills
Lachlan Carey	Improving my running speed
Chase Cullinan	Learning how to play more games in PE
Holly Cummings	Learning to play tunes on the recorder
Taylah Curry	Being kind to my friends
Maddison Free	Making new friends and trying hard in sport
Hayley-Jade Martin	Adding and subtracting thousands
Layla Millard	Building my resilience and improving my reading by not giving up
Asha Milliken	Completing my work tasks, especially in maths, within the allocated time
Zachary Owen	Being helpful in MacKillop class when it is my turn
Beau Power	Solving problems using division
Tyran Walker	Using paragraphs and punctuation in my writing
Indigo Westaway	Being a good sport in PE
Aza Wilkinson	Keeping my fingers on the home keys when typing
<b>MacKillop – Sophie Reichelt</b>	
Charlie Cullinan	Using technology to improve my typing skills
Mia Cummings	Reading and editing my stories
Isabella Derbyshire	Making a beautiful Christmas tree in Art
Amara Martin	Learning calming strategies in Collective Calm
Harper Milliken	Publishing my writing on the computer
Ocean O'Neill	Improving my running and throwing in PE
Damian Strickland	Creating music on an iPad
Charlie Derbyshire	Completing typing tests on Typing.com
<b>Xavier – Jillian Dunphy</b>	
Ramona Bady-Campbell	Improved my flexibility greatly
Jasmine Edwards	Improved understanding of fractions and descriptive writing
Shyer Milliken	Learning to be a good leader

Ashley Perlado	Improved ability to use decimals and fractions
Lucas Shanahan	Improved understanding of words
Angus Sparkman	Being more sociable
Jasmine Westaway	Having a go at mosaics in Art
Dominic Preston	Using number lines
Jovi Beruldsen Shefford	Finding out about hypotheses by learning to make elephant toothpaste

### Fun day at the beach

