

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"

Dear Families

Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for the 2021 school year! I can't tell you how excited we are to begin the year with everyone at school – and with seven Foundation students beginning their primary school life with us! Welcome also to Miss Jessica Morgan, our new Learning Support Officer, who will be working across all classes and, for a short time each week, in the library. The children will call her Miss Jess. Please introduce yourself to her when you can.

As I am sure you are aware, Covid 19 is still having quite an impact on our operations. We are delighted that changes are coming and pray that cases will be kept to a minimum so that we can return to enjoying the community aspects of our school. It is very important that we all remain vigilant about Covid safe practices so please maintain the good health and safety practices of social distancing and hygiene that we established so strongly last year. Right now, we are still not able to get our whole community together but we are very hopeful that we will be able to invite groups of parents in to chat with their child's teacher, check out the classrooms and see our new garden area in the playground. Our first priority is getting the children back to school safely and settled in their new class groups. Many thanks for dropping them off at the front of the school. I understand that this can be tricky sometimes. Please don't hesitate to speak to a staff member if you require any assistance for yourself or your child.

Risk assessments of having parent meetings for classes are currently being undertaken. Teachers are really keen to catch up with you to find out about your hopes and dreams for your children in 2021 and to share information about class practices and expectations. Please keep your eye out for an invitation. Then we will look at inducting and including classroom helpers safely.

Approval to begin our swimming program on Monday was only obtained yesterday (impact of Covid 19 changes again!) Details will be included in a separate note today. **Please return the bottom section of these notes on Monday morning so that we know you have all the relevant information and are clear about arrangements for your child at the end of their swimming sessions. Keep the top section on display at home for easy reference each day.**

Please be advised also that Noelene is on leave for Term 1 so Julie is on her own in the office. It would be really appreciated if you could complete the administrative forms and bring them in to her. Thanks to those who were able to keep their appointments. **We must have current approvals and medical information so that we can keep your children safe. Please make sure that medical plans, e.g. asthma management plans are current.**

Kelly Hyslop, chaplain, is not able to return to school at the moment. Hopefully she will return in a couple of weeks. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her dad in his battle with illness.

Building positive relationships within classes and across the school is a particular focus at this time of year. Teachers will be noting your children's interests, talents and challenges and foster empathy and understanding as they assess your children's needs. Learning programs to set routines, foster inclusion and promote collaboration have begun today with students already engaged in quality learning tasks.

I look forward to catching up with you all. Please don't hesitate to ring me with any questions or concerns. Our school number is 5154 1289.

Kind regards
Marie Dodson

Dates to Remember

<i>Mon 1st</i>	2pm Swimming-Orbst Outdoor Pool
<i>Tues 2nd</i>	2pm Swimming-Orbst Outdoor Pool
<i>Thurs 4th</i>	10.15am-11.15am Journey of Hope Program 2pm Swimming-Orbst Outdoor Pool
<i>Fri 5th</i>	2pm Swimming-Orbst Outdoor Pool

Calm – Confident – Curious – Caring – Creative

Bridget Westaway



From all at St Joseph's

Welcome Back!



Administration Reminder:

If any families did not attend their 2021 administration appointment please call into the office and see Julie to update any necessary information for the 2021 school year and apply for any grants/fee rebates you may be eligible for asap. Thank you! ☺

Weekly Reminders

Lunch orders: are available on Friday from Rosie's Hot Bake.

Sports: Day to be confirmed.

Uniform Shop: Orders to be placed at the office.

Out of hours childcare/vacation care: Is offered on Monday to Thursday, coordinated through Orbost Primary School.

For bookings phone 0455 417 320



School Banking Details for Direct Payment

Account Name: St Joseph's Primary School, Orbost

Bank: NAB, Sale

BSB: 083-879 **Account No:** 69545 2766

PLEASE include your surname and/or family code if possible to help with online payment identification.

Prayer

Loving God, your son Jesus came to wrest us from the power of evil and sin. May we listen to him and open our lives and hearts to his transforming Spirit. May his Good News be the authority which we leads our lives. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.



