

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday March 19th, 2021

"Where Learning and Friendship Grow"

Dear Families

I hope that you are all still coping well as we approach the end of the term. Many of the children seem to be very tired at the moment. When we are tired we are more inclined to get cross and less inclined to see other people's points of view. This is the same for the children. It would be great if you could organise a few earlier nights to help them to cope with their busy days.

We are looking forward to catching up next week so that your children can share some of their learning with you and you can share your experiences of the start of the year and perhaps give teachers some feedback about your observations and wishes for your children. Please check the allocated times and call the office if you need to make a change. It is really important to your child that you do keep this appointment. They are more inclined to thrive when they know that their parents and teachers are working together to provide the best opportunities for them.

Drought relief funding and bushfire relief funding in the last couple of years meant that school fees for most families were almost totally covered. There is no extra funding available this year so many families will have received their accounts this week. Sorry if it is a shock. It is essential that you make arrangements for payment of these accounts. Call Julie in the office if you need assistance. Don't forget that my door is always open for a chat if your family is finding these

payments a struggle. We have a couple of options to lessen the burden if it would help.

Students from Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in Naplan testing this year, 11th - 22nd May. All assessments are online except Year 3 writing which remains a handwritten test. Students will complete assessments in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. If any parent is concerned about their child undertaking this assessment program, please contact me by Wednesday next week to chat about options.

Finally don't forget our Marlo Pub Raffles fundraising tonight, it is always a fantastic family night.

Kind Regards
Marie

Marlo Pub Raffles

Our Marlo Pub raffles fundraising night is tonight, starting at 6pm.

This is a great fundraiser for our school and always a fun social night for staff and families. We hope to see you there!



Dates to Remember

<i>Fri 19th</i>	6.00pm Marlo Pub Raffles.
<i>Mon 22nd</i>	9.45am Prep-Grade 3 - Nexus Arts Performance, Orbost Primary School 10.45am Grades 4-6 - Nexus Arts Performance, Orbost Primary School
<i>Tues 23rd</i>	Journey of Hope Program – whole school 3.30-4.30pm Collaborative Conferences
<i>Wed 24th</i>	9.30am Whole School Mass Kitchen Garden Program – Xavier Class 3.30-4.30pm Collaborative Conferences
<i>Thurs 25th</i>	3.30-4.30pm Collaborative Conferences

Calm – Confident – Curious – Caring – Creative

School Fees & Levies

Fee Statements have been sent home this week. We do offer a weekly or fortnightly direct debit, please come into the office to discuss this option, amounts as little as \$15 per week can be set up.

School Banking Details for Direct Payment

Account Name: St Joseph's Primary School, Orbost

Bank: NAB, Sale

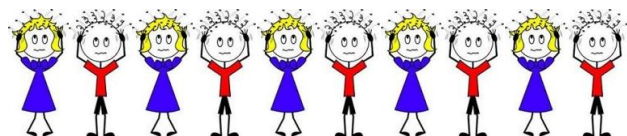
BSB: 083-879 Account No: 69545 2766

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

Head Lice Alert!



We have had reports of head lice at school. Please take some time on the weekend to check your children's hair and treat if necessary. We will only stop this problem if **every family** is diligent in monitoring regularly



Wanted

If anyone has any unwanted picnic tables at home they no longer have a use for, we would be very grateful to put them in our garden.



Weekly Reminders

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

Sports: Tuesdays.

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

Easter Raffle

We are organising an Easter Raffle. Could each family please make a donation of an Easter Egg?

If you are able to help, please send your Easter item into the office. Hopefully we will be able to have several prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon, \$1 each or 3 for \$2, buy what you want and send back any unsold tickets. Please return them by Tuesday 30th March. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 1st April. Thankyou☺



STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are requested to contact the office and explain student absences before 9.30am. After this time, we will initiate contact. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Prayer

Words cannot contain our desire for God but they help direct our minds and hearts towards God's love and express our needs.



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Digital Parenting Tips

Sharing:

A problem shared is a problem halved- especially for children navigating complex issues online. When you communicate openly with your child, listen carefully to their point of view and respectfully share your thinking, you set the stage for a strong protective relationship.

For more, visit: digiisocial.com

Storytime Cultural Diversity Week



Children's Storytime sessions this week will celebrate the many different cultures and faiths that call Victoria home

Since the traditional owners first inhabited the land, Victoria has been built on waves of migration. Today, almost half of Victorians were either born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.

Our diverse communities have made us prosperous and strong. And our differences don't divide us, they unite us.

The free Storytime sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, dancing and a craft activity.

Orbost Service Centre
Tue. 23 March 10.30 am

Bairnsdale Library
Tue. 23 March 11.00 am

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Tue. 23 March 11.00 am

Paynesville Service Centre
Tue. 23 March 11.00 am

Omeo Service Centre
Wed. 24 March 11.30 am

Mallacoota Service Centre
Wed. 24 March 2.15 pm



Easter Activity Session



Children of ages 5 to 12 are invited along to enjoy Easter stories, craft activities and Easter games

Monday 29 March
Paynesville Service Centre
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

Tuesday 30 March
Orbost Service Centre
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

Wednesday 31 March
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

Thursday 1 April
Bairnsdale Library
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm



Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.



Orbost Hockey Club



COME TRY HOCKEY & SIGN ON NIGHT
"Everyone Welcome"
Bower at Reserve Orbost
Tuesday 23rd of March

U11s, U13s and U15s 4pm start.
Ending with a feed of **HOT CHIPS**.
U18s, Women's and Men's from 5pm



Students making "Wolf Masks" in art classes

