Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Joachim’s

Welcome back to all our students and families. It has been great to see how enthusiastic all our students are in returning to school from their Easter holidays.

We received wonderful feedback regarding the Good Friday service that was held here at St Joachim’s. Thank you to all our families that were able to attend. Your presence speaks volumes to your children as to what is of value and important to you.

As you can see by the diary dates, there is plenty happening. There are several dates that greatly need your assistance. Mother’s Day is one such day. There will be more in next week’s newsletter regarding this date and we hope that by bringing it to your attention now, we will get a great response this year.

I wish to bring to your attention a matter that is of serious concern to myself and our community. A concerned parent has taken the time to come into the school office to report that a parent from St Joachim’s is leaving two small children unattended in the car in a side street while they drop off their St Joachim’s student. Please, under no circumstance, should this be occurring. Could I ask that if you, as a parent observe this, please notify the office immediately.

On a positive note, we would like to inform our parents that we have now secured a new cleaning contractor for the school. We hope you will see the difference as the teaching staff have already commented as to the improvement throughout the school.

Looking forward to a great term ahead and another fantastic camping experience for our Grade 5 & 6 students next week.

With warmest wishes,
Mr Des Noack
Coordinating Principal

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FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2013

Diary Dates - Term 2

April:
24th - 26th Senior Camp Rumbug - Foster.
25th ANZAC DAY

May:
1st School Closure Day
   JPC Biannual Conference.
2nd SAC Meeting 7pm Staffroom
8th Running Club recommences
9th Mother’s Day Morning Tea.
10th Mother’s Day Stall
13th NAPLAN week begins
24th Senior Winter Sports begin–
   (Fridays 11:30 - 1:30pm)
28th F.D.S.S.A (Frankston District School
   Sports Association) - Cross Country
29th Sibling / School leaders Photo Day
30th SAC Meeting 7pm Staffroom

June:
10th Queen’s Birthday Holiday
19th Talent Show
25 & 26th Parent Teacher Interviews
26th End of Term 2 - 3:15pm Finish.
27 & 28th School Closure Days - Staff
   Professional Development.

Running Club Recommences
Wednesday May 8th

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Senior School Camp to
Camp Rumbug April 24 – 26

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Car Park - Senior Campers
Wed 24th am and Fri 26th pm

Please note that senior school students will be going to camp on Wednesday 24th April at 9am and will be returning to school on Friday 26th April at 3:30pm.

We encourage parents to park in the surrounding streets as the car park will be very busy on these days.

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First Eucharist

Just a reminder that if you enrolled your child to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist as part of the 2013 Parish Sacramental Programme, you should have received a letter from the Parish over the holidays.

Replies to these letters should have been returned to the Parish or the school already as the programme starts this weekend.

It will be necessary for parent/s to attend an Adult Faith Education Course in preparation for their child’s reception of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

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Please note that these sessions are planned for one and a half hour duration. Please be punctual for everyone’s convenience so that we can begin and finish on time.

Commitment to Eucharist Mass

Another key date for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is the weekend 20th & 21st April. Parents are asked to bring their child/children along to any of the weekend Masses to make a commitment to the preparation of this Sacrament.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons have resumed for our new School Choir and we look forward to their official launch later this term!!!

KEYBOARD LESSONS

After school keyboard lessons are available at school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and are held in the Senior learning block.

Anyone interested in their child having lessons, please contact the keyboard teachers directly:

Tuesday/ Thursday lessons:
Zeina Iskander 0413 836 049

Friday lessons:
Natasha Hagendorfer 0430 329 563

FOOTY TIPPING

Footy Tipping @ St Joachim’s!

Just an update on our Footy Tipping.
The photo below is a bit hard to read but, at the moment....

Sazster32 & MollyJ22
are sharing the lead on 22!

Monika22 21
Shea Murphy 21
Tigergirl100 20
DPJS 20
Cluble2205 20
Kealacoconut 20
Empeters 20
Jack’s Geelong 19
Student News!

School leaders met with Mrs Stewart this week and discussed the following....

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Points.**

We have decided to collect the Woolworths Earn and Learn points again this year.

Our school leaders will encourage students in all grades to collect the stickers and they will keep a class tally. They will also be recording how many points individual students bring in to school.

So start collecting TODAY!

**Extra Curricula Activities.**

We discussed the extra activities that are currently available to our students, for example art club, stamp and knitting club, running club, choir, basketball.....

The students recognised that many of these clubs were for middle or senior school students.

After some discussion (and some very good reasons) they decided that “Lego club” should then be introduced to the junior school children first.

The children thought it would be most fair to make Lego Club available to groups of students for a period of three weeks (Mondays and Fridays) so that many children could have a turn.

They believe that Lego Club will be extremely popular.

So, Lego Club will begin next Monday at lunchtime in the library.

Children from JRG will be invited first.

**Other news around the place....**

**New Computers:**

The students are very excited about our new computers in the computer lab!

**Check out our Mural:**

Mr Chris Griffiths has put up the tiles we created for our 25 year anniversary celebration.

They are displayed in the courtyard area near the Prep rooms.

**Anzac Day Service:**

Six of our Middle school students will be representing St Joachim’s by attending a ANZAC day service at the Seafood RSL next Wednesday 24th April.
Learning Resource Centre

Computer Lab

25th Anniversary
Tiles Are Up!

Last year lots of families got together and painted tiles in celebration of St Joachim’s 25th Anniversary. They are now a feature in our ‘Eating Area’ and they look fabulous.

Please take the time to have a look. I know that the ‘artists’ will be delighted to see their tile up on the wall!

Students are excited to be using the computer lab which has had a complete refurbishment with brand new, large screen computers being installed over the term break.

The computer lab is used by classes to word process, research, use the Mathletics and Spelleth programs all of which reinforce computer skills.

Parents are welcome to visit the Computer Lab (and Library) every night after school except Thursday.

Leonie Richardson – Library/ICT
This Weekend’s Gospel
Each week, our students learn about the coming weekends Gospel. It provides for them an insight into their journey of faith and the opportunity to understand the faith story of their family and parish community.

First Reading
Acts 13:14, 43-52
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are now turning to the gentiles.
Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talk with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 99:1-3, 5. R. v.3
(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
or
(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
   Serve the Lord with gladness.
   Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
   He made us, we belong to him,
   we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
   eternal his merciful love.
   He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading
Rv 7:9, 14-17
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation
Jn 10:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Jn 10:27-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.
Jesus said:
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'
This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John’s vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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WHAT MEN REALLY THINK ABOUT
Masculinity

Come and listen to a panel of three men talking about their personal stories of Masculinity.

Speakers will include:

Russell Robertson - Former Australian Rules footballer who regularly talks on Respect and Responsibility for the AFL.

Steve Bastoni - One of Australia’s most versatile and accomplished actors, credits include a Golden Globe nomination.

Lee Trew - Trained psychotherapist, bringing psychology and indigenous survival skills and bushcraft together.

DATE: Tuesday, 30 April 2013

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
(arrive 6:45pm for 7:00pm start)

VENUE: Frankston Art Centre – Rotary Room Davey Street, Frankston

COST: Gold coin donation at the door (supper included)

BOOKINGS: Contact Frankston City Council on 1300 322 322

Places are limited and bookings are essential.

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