Dear Parents and Friends of St Joachim’s,

May I assure you that the staff worked intensively over the two days on analysing data to identify our achievements and future challenges as part of the cycle of improvement that we are consistently engaged in.

The highlight for myself was to observe each team working collaboratively, respectfully and very professionally in putting together their specific area of review.

I am now seeking the assistance of a team of parents willing to give up a day to work with the school’s leadership in reviewing the “School Community” sphere as part of our review. If you would like to be apart o this process, could you please contact the office or email me on principal@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Parent Education Sessions

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During Mass Fr John will call all the children who are enrolled to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist to go to him on the steps in front of the altar and make their public commitment to receive this Sacrament.

Parent education session dates:
Saturday 28th April
Saturday 5th May

ANZAC Day

On Tuesday 24th April, our School Leaders took part in a School ANZAC Service at the Seaford RSL.

The Service began at 10:30am. and was very well attended by 15 of our school leaders in uniform together with many other students out of uniform. Our thanks especially go to the many parents who were able to ensure that their child/ren could attend this special occasion.

School Advisory Committee Meeting

Our next Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd May at 7.00pm in the staff room

A New Web Page

Next Friday, the school will have a new webpage. The current webpage has served us very well and Leonie has done an excellent job in keeping it up to date with news, information and photos. A further notice will go home early next week giving families more information regarding the site.

2013 Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments are coming in rapidly. Can I please ask that parents who currently have children enrolled in the school and are seeking to enrol another sibling for 2013, please do so as soon as possible. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

With my kindest regards,

Desmond Noack
Principal
Parish Parent Education Sessions - Eucharist

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MASS TIMES
23rd APRIL — 29th APRIL
Wednesday 9.30am—Holy Family
Thursday 9.15am—St. Anne’s Church
Friday 9.00am—St. Joachim’s
Saturday 6.00pm—St. Anne’s Church
Sunday 8.30am—St. Anne’s Church
Sunday 10.00am—St. Anne’s Church

KILBREDA COLLEGE ENROLMENT DATES
Year 7/2013 Transition Evening - 23 Aug 2012
Year 7/2013 Orientation Day – 30 Nov 2012
Year 7/2014 Information Evening – 13 Sept 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Saturday: 28.04
➢ Feast of St Peter Chanel
➢ Sacrament of Eucharist - Adult Education
Sunday: 29.04
➢ World Day Of Prayer for Vocations
➢ 4th Sunday of Easter

Monday: 30.04
➢ School Assembly: 2.30pm
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ Senior School Excursion

Tuesday: 01.05
➢ Footsteps Dance Program

Wednesday: 02.05
➢ Feast of St Athanasius
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ Parish School’s Staff Meeting – Mathletics. St Joachim’s: 3.45 till 5.00pm

Thursday: 03.05
➢ Feast of Saints Philip & James
➢ School Advisory Committee: 7.00 – 8.30pm

Friday: 04.05
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ Class Mass 9.00am: SCP

Saturday: 05.05
➢ Sacrament of Eucharist - Adult Education

Sunday: 06.05
➢ 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: 07.05
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ Liturgical Singing: 2.30pm

Tuesday: 08.05
➢ Footsteps Dance Program – Whole School

Wednesday: 09.05
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ General Staff Meeting: 3.30 – 5.00pm

Thursday: 10.05
➢ Mother’s Day Stall

Friday: 11.05
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ Class Mass: MCM
➢ Mother’s Day Morning Tea.

Saturday: 12.05
➢ Sacrament of the Eucharist Masses

Sunday: 13.05
➢ Sacrament of the Eucharist Masses
➢ Mothers Day
➢ 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: 14.05
➢ Feast of St Matthias
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ School Assembly: 2.30pm
Tuesday: 15.05
➢ NAPLAN: Grade 3 & 5 – Language Conventions and Writing Test
➢ International Day of Families
➢ Footsteps Dance Program – Whole School

Wednesday: 16.05
➢ NAPLAN: Grade 3 & 5 – Reading Test
➢ Coffee Van 8.10am
➢ Parish School’s Staff Meeting – Moderation of student writing. St Anne’s: 3.45 till 5.00pm

Thursday: 17.05
➢ NAPLAN: Grade 3 & 5 – Numeracy Test

Friday: 18.05
➢ Class Mass: JJH

Italian News

This semester, we have all been as busy as we ever are in Italian. Here is a summary of some of our exciting work and activities!

Preps
Students have been learning basic words and phrases. They know how to say their name in Italian and are learning to say their age too. They can count to ten and have learnt five colours so far. They can say hello and goodbye, they know that Italy looks a bit like a lady’s boot and the colours of the flag (in the correct order, which is better than some adults!). They can also say a short Italian prayer and can sing ‘Happy Birthday’ in Italian.

In the next few weeks, they will learn songs, more colours and numbers, and some more cultural ‘facts’.
It has been wonderful watching these little ‘sponges’ at work and it never ceases to amaze me how much they learn with bucket-loads of enthusiasm!

We have been reading the story ‘Cappuccetto Rosso’ (Little Red Riding Hood). The students have not only become quite proficient at reading along with me, they have been playing lots of noisy and exciting word and sentence games. Currently, they are creating their own version of the story book, by re-ordering the jumbled pages.

Middles
We have all been having a marvellous time learning about dinosaurs. Students know many dinosaur body parts in Italian and have recently been sketching and labelling their own dinosaur; in the next few weeks, they will be writing a paragraph in Italian about their chosen dinosaur.

They have put a lot of effort into reading and deciphering some quite tricky sentences, using an extensive word list; for example, they have learnt the Italian terms for a biped and quadruped (bipedo, quadrupede) and for a herbivore and carnivore (erbivoro, carnivoro). They have learnt that most dinosaur names ending in ‘saurus’ in English, end in ‘sauro’ in Italian, eg Tyrannosaurus -> tirannosauro.

They have also discovered some interesting facts. Did you know that a ‘pterodactyl’ was in fact not a dinosaur, but a flying reptile? Or that the blue whale that inhabits our oceans today is much, much bigger than any dinosaur ever was? Or that most dinosaurs were herbivorous?

Seniors
Students have been very busy training as Time Detectives, prior to being sent on a Mission to Ancient Rome. The Mission is top secret, so I cannot give any details at this stage; the students themselves don’t know exactly what it is yet.

At this stage, they have been completing extensive training and preparation work,
including some detailed research on life in Ancient Roman times. They will also be going on an excursion on Monday, 30th April to the Roman Exhibition at Docklands, which will assist them even more when we all finally time-travel back to complete the final stages of the Mission.

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**This Weekends Gospel**

**First Reading**

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

*or:*

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

**Second Reading**

1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

*We shall see God as he is.*
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.’

**Food For The Soul**

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled ‘Come-Passion’. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo’s Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn’t a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word compati meaning to bear or suffer with. It’s not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is
about ‘fellow-feeling’. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn’t liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let’s pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.
EASTER ART COLOURING COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The art room was flooded with an overwhelming response to the Easter Art Colouring Competition last week. With over 100 entries from the students at St Joachim’s!!! WOW! Congratulations to all who have entered, they will be receiving a Certificate of Participation very soon for their excellent efforts. There were 31 students who received a small prize for their ‘Outstanding Achievement’ in this competition. Well done to the following outstanding students:

Zali PST          Alyssa PRA          Janis PRA          Jarred PST          Shevan JRG          Jessica JLL
Bella JRG        Josh JRG           Akashtan JRG       Danica JGC          Logan JHE          Zaquain JRG
Hayden JRG       Chloe JHE          Poppy JGC          Oliver JL           Andrew JLL          Jordan MCM
Taylah MCM       Sheridan MCM       Cooper MCC          Natalie MCM         Daniella MTO        Melissa T SMH
Oshini SMH        Danielle SDB       Ishika SMH          Emily Bacon SCP     Molly SMH
Kaitlyn T SCP    Winson SCP         Makalei SDM        

[Image of children holding their prizes]
Instrumental music lessons at St Joachim’s

20/4/2012
Dear Parents,

There have been many enquiries from parents regarding learning an instrument at St Joachim’s. We are offering private instrumental music lessons to students from Prep to Year 6 on a Tuesday, with the possibility of another day if we have enough interest. Instruments include piano/keyboard and guitar. The lessons will be held after school.

This program is user pays and the fee rate will be $25. Group lessons are also possible at a reduced rate. Please complete the slip below and return to school. We hope you will support this wonderful opportunity to give your child the gift of music.

Gill Carr

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Instrumental Music : Expression of interest,
Term 2 2012

Name : ____________________________ Class : ______

Preferred instrument (circle one or more):
keyboard   guitar

I am / am not interested in group lessons (please circle).

'Places filling fast'!!