St Joachim's Celebrates 25 Years
Dear Parents, Students and Families of St Joachim’s,

Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

Walking around the school last Saturday, one could easily feel, hear and see the stories lived and shared of all those who have been part of this wonderful community. The day, afternoon and evening celebrations are a credit to all involved. Everything about the day reflected our school’s motto, “Love and Unity”. What was achieved was simply a labour of love attained through the unity of staff and parents.

Words can barely describe the richness of memories shared and the sense of enthusiasm for a school that honours the hopes that each parent has for their child/ren.

Happy Father’s Day

To all our dads and the men who, through their commitment, care, love and support, provide our children with an example of what it is to be a father, we wish you a very Happy Father’s Day.

May the laughter of your children fill your heart with the pleasure of their spirit and the grasp of their hand in yours remind you of the gift of love you share with them.

The Industrial and Political Face Of Education....

St Joachim’s will be operating as usual this coming Wednesday. The Australian Education Union (AEU) that represents State school teachers has sought the support of all teachers in seeking a better wage deal for its members. The AEU is a union that opposes the funding of Catholic schools and is currently urging the Federal Government to implement, in full, the Gonski recommendations, which would cost Victorian Catholic schools $49 million.

Catholic school teacher wages are negotiated in parity with that of their State counterparts between the CECV and the I.E.U (Independent Education Union). It is worth noting that currently 54% of all new enrolments within the State of Victoria are to Catholic schools.

One of the outstanding features of a Catholic school is the commitment of its staff to go beyond what is expected. The staff of St Joachim’s are a great example of this and it is through their commitment, dedication and vocation that allows the school to have such a good reputation within the local community.

Currently, negotiations have been taking place regarding a new wage deal between the CECV and the I.E.U (Independent Education Union). As a teacher, my hope is that both parties, through their negotiations, recognise the work of staff in Catholic schools and are renumerated accordingly.

I hope that you will take a moment of time to read the letter written by our school’s founding principal, Mrs Shirley Buckley to better understand our history and why its foundations have ensured that this school can flourish and prosper both in good times and in hard, now and into the future.

The letter is located on the reverse side of this page.
Dear Des, Irene & Staff,

I feel so privileged to have been part of the 25 years’ celebration of St. Joachim’s School. How I could have contemplated not being present, I don’t know and I am pleased my husband and Irene pushed me to change my mind. They were right. As one mother reminded me yesterday, I said when I left that I wouldn’t return – but only because it felt so much part of my being. I used to have to remind myself sometimes that I also had another life.

At breakfast this morning Bill said, ‘I think that was the best organized function I have ever attended.’ I would have to agree and it is a credit not only to yourself Des but also to Irene, the rest of the staff, your students and no doubt some of your parent body. I hope the celebration of Mass was well attended and it was the finishing touch to a wonderful afternoon. The hall certainly looked interesting and ready for whatever had been planned. We tried to be home before dark and managed to reach Bass when darkness set in. However, we were home safely about 40 minutes later. Vision is the biggest health problem for both of us.

Do you know something? Three hours wasn’t long enough for me to see everything. However, I can appreciate all the time and effort that staff must have put into the displays of children’s work. Anyone can pin something on a wall, but it was the finishing touches where I could see a sense of pride and achievement.

Before I read the speech I had prepared, I said that I was overwhelmed by what I had seen that day and ‘overwhelmed’ was the right word for me. The last building I visited was the hall (for want of a better description) and I could not believe the size of it. I popped into the chapel and it is a credit to all involved – an area that just oozes peace and quiet. Can you imagine squashing 450 children into our multi-purpose area that is now your library/technology room? Parents were also welcome too, so I thank God that we didn’t have to evacuate that area in a hurry.

The covered outdoor play areas looked great and I hope the children enjoy this space.

The staff room was almost unrecognizable and I do hope those comfortable soft chairs are put to good use. And who made those scones? I’m not a successful scone cook.

I hope this room is a place where good decisions are made, great company is shared and friendships are established.

Since our very humble beginnings St. Joachim’s school has always been able to rally and provide a happy working environment for all and it moved me deeply to see that still in action yesterday. I received smiles and welcomes from those I knew and those I didn’t and thought Yes. It is still here. I was delighted to discover some staff members I knew and to receive warm hugs, but I also impressed by those who reached out and introduced themselves as well. I know how precious weekends are and yet so many gave of themselves to celebrate this important occasion.

Thank you also for the memorabilia presentation pack. It was and is much appreciated.

Finally … two words that cannot do justice to the joy I experienced, in a place I love, with people who mean so much … Thank you.

It was an afternoon I will never forget.

Yours gratefully,
Shirley Buckley
Dates for the Diary
14 October 1.30pm........ Confirmation

MASS TIMES
20th August – 26th August
Wednesday 9.30am - Holy Family
Saturday 6.00pm - St Joachim’s
Sunday 8.30am - St Anne’s Church
Sunday 10.00am - St Anne’s Church

Liturgy of the Word
Thursday 9.15 - St Anne’s Church
Friday 9.00am - St Joachim’s

Sacrament of Confirmation

Adult Sacramental Preparation Sessions
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 Confirmation.

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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. Another key date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is the weekend 8th & 9th September. 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. Please note that all parishioners are warmly invited to attend these Adult Education Sessions.

Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott on Sunday October 14th at 1.30pm.

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
1 Cor 1:26-31
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God has chosen what the world would consider weak.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen — those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God’s doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 32:12-13. 18-21. R. see v.12
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. From the heavens the Lord looks forth, he sees all the children of men. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. The soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. To him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation
Jn 13:34
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mt 25:14-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You have been faithful in small things, enter into the joy of your Master.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'A man on his way abroad summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he, "I heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Kilbreda College Enrolment Dates
Year 7, 2014

Kilbreda College Mentone is currently accepting Enrolment Applications for Year 7, 2014.

Enrolment Information Packs can be obtained from your Primary School or Kilbreda College

Enrolment Information Evening Year 7, 2014, will be held on Thursday 13th September 2012, commencing at 7.30pm. The Mary Dalton Hall will be open for registration from 7pm. Attendance is a prerequisite for enrolment into Year 7, 2014

College tours are available on Monday mornings at 9.00am or by appointment

To make a tour booking or for further information please contact the College Office on 9584 7766 or Mrs Melissa Dwyer on dwyerM@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

CDF Student Banking
Just a Reminder that Banking Day Is Thursday

Application forms for new accounts are available from the School office

Uniform Shop
Trading Hours

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Tracey Craddock - Uniform Shop
Coordinator
trcaddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Education Maintenance Allowance
The EMA Cheques have arrived and are now available from the school office.
Frankston City Events

Mayor's Family Picnic
Sunday, 9 September 2012
11:00am-3:00pm
George Pentland Botanic gardens (Gate 1)
BYO picnic and enjoy a family day in the park with free
entertainment, activities community, Council and food
stands.
For more information visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au or
phone 1300 322 322

Pets' Day Out
Sunday, 14 October 2012
10:00am-4:00pm
Ballam Park, Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Frankston
Bring your pet and the whole family for a fun day out with
entertainment, rides and pet stalls.
For more information visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au or
phone 1300 322 322

Party in the Park
Thursday, 25 October 2012
9:00am-12noon
Cruden Farm, Cranhaven Road, Langwarrin
Great for young families, enjoy kids activities and
entertainment in the beautiful surroundings of Dame
Elisabeth's Cruden Farm.
For more information visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au or
phone 1300 322 322

Frankston's Christmas Festival of Lights
Saturday, 24 November 2012
5:00pm-10:00pm
Save the date for the biggest and the best Christmas
Festival in Victoria. Experience the magic of Christmas as
Frankston welcomes in the festive season with family
entertainment and activities, plus the lighting of the
Norfolk Pine tree and a spectacular fireworks display.

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Book Club
Orders
due back to
school by
Mon 3rd Sept
OSHC NEWS

Welcome to another fantastic week of OSHC. I hope you all had a good weekend. This Sunday as you all know is father’s day and all the children have started making their father’s day cards and presents to show how much their Fathers mean to them.

The OSHC leaders are happy to announce the new star of the week is Tamsyn Radford.

Thank you
Jacinta, Teagan and Rohini.

REMINDEERS

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Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

This week we are getting ready for father’s day.

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