NEWSLETTER NO.7
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2013

March
17th St Patrick’s Day
19th Parents & Friends 9:00am
21st Harmony Day – Wear a touch of orange and bring an Easter egg.
20th Prep Family Pizza Night
27th School Photo Day
28th Lightning Premiership Year 6
28th Holy Week Liturgy 9:00am
Term 1 Dismissal 3:15pm

School breaks up for the Term One holidays on Thursday March 28th at the normal time of 3:15pm. Term Two commences on Monday April 15 at the normal time of 8:45am.

2014 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are now taking Prep enrolments for 2014. It is essential that families seeking a placement for their child at St Joachim’s, call into the office and put their name down soon as possible. Like 2013, we will only make available 52 places and with 45 families already asking to be placed on the application list. If you are an existing family, it is essential that you still apply prior to the closing date of Friday 31st May as beyond this date we may not be able to guarantee you a placement.

GRADE 5 & 6 CAMP
CAMP RUMBUG FOSTER
April 24 - 26
www.rumbug.com

Have you looked at the newsletter on our website?
The pictures are so much better in colour!

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Our School’s Vegetable Garden Needs Some Love

We greatly need the support of some parents to give life back to our vegetable patch. It has been great to watch our students eat many of the fruits of their labour but it has now come time to replant and prepare for the next growing season.

We’d love for a couple of families to treat the vegetable garden as their own and use the vegetables grown for their own home use.

For those interested, could you please send an email to principal@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au to express your interest.

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Smart Policy was discussed at last night’s School Advisory Committee meeting and will be published in next week’s newsletter.

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Footy Tipping

Footy Tipping comes to St Joachim’s!

We are running a ‘student only’ footy tipping competition throughout the 2013 season. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

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Prep Family Pizza Night

All Prep families are invited to attend our Prep Family Pizza Night.

Wednesday 20th March, in the school hall 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Please ask at the office if you’ve misplaced your form.

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Harmony Day

Everyone Belongs

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

On Harmony day children are encouraged to come to school wearing ‘something orange’. It could be as simple as wearing an orange ribbon or orange tee shirt.

Please remember that all clothing worn should be appropriate for school and that includes wearing closed in shoes - no thongs or sandals.

Each level will be organising a special activity for students during the day.

On this day, all students are asked to bring an Easter Egg to school to help make up our Easter Egg hampers for our Easter raffle.

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Lost Property

Lost property is situated just inside the Library Door, and parents are welcome to come and search for their child’s belongings.

We ALWAYS have a number of unnamed items – Please ensure that your child’s jumper and hat are clearly labeled with their name.
We Have A New Pope!

Argentinian Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected Pope during the third voting session of the conclave. He is the first ever from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a thousand years.

Francis is the first pope to choose an original name since John Paul I in 1978, who was the first to do so since Lando, elected in 913. He is also the first Jesuit to become pope.

His decision to go by the name Francis is seen as highly significant. He draws on the legacy of St Francis of Assisi, the 13th-century founder of the Franciscan Order and a symbol of self-discipline.

As Pope Francis prayed for us and offered us a blessing, he also asked for our prayers for himself, and for retired Pope Benedict XVI. Let's all follow his request and remember them both in our prayers.

Profile of Pope Francis

Pope Francis – the first Jesuit pope – has spent nearly his entire career at home in Argentina.

The former Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, reportedly got the second-most votes after Joseph Ratzinger, the last pope, in the 2005 papal election.

He has long specialised in the kind of pastoral work – overseeing churches and priests – that some say is an essential skill for a pope.

In a lifetime of teaching and leading priests in Latin America, which has the largest share of the world's Catholics, Bergoglio has shown a keen political sensibility as well as a self-effacing humility, according to his official biographer, Sergio Rubin.

His personal style is humility.

Bergoglio is also known for modernising an Argentine church that had been among the most conservative in Latin America.
Assembly Awards

Lenny Linares, PRA
For following all instructions and being a helpful class member

Tayla Pick, PRA
For always putting lots of effort and doing her best during working time

Daniel O’Leary, PST
For trying very hard with his writing and always following instructions

Mia Warakagoda, PST
For working really hard to finish all her school work

Zali Chapman, JHE
For excellent reading with Mrs Hunter

Duncan Van Drie, JHE
For writing as an excellent procedure for ‘Frog in a Pond’

Heidi Spratt, JRG
For always trying to complete all tasks

Archer McNeal, JRG
For always trying hard to complete all tasks

Jacob Tisdale, JRE
For helping his friend to complete their writing tasks

Lachlan Kurth, JRE
For working hard to improve his handwriting

Verushka Jankos, JZA
For showing enthusiasm and working cooperatively with her team while investigating ‘The Life Cycle of a Turtle’

Arpitha Ummanatha, JZA
For always making excellent and thoughtful contribution to group and class discussions

Chelsea Maloney, MTO
For always completing her work to a high standard and putting in effort

Alexa Philp, MRN
For great participation in the class Mass

Matthew Khorani, MMH
For always listening carefully and contributing to class discussions

Lisa Randall, MMH
For being a fantastic role model in our class and consistently following school rules

Christopher Megas, MCN
For ignoring inappropriate behaviour to ensure he learns the best way he can

Rhiann Rodrigues, MCN
For the care and effort she puts into her homework producing excellent results

Karen Raukura, SDM
For being able to identify the relationships between characters in a book using sociogram

Jamie Wilson, SDM
For deepening his understandings of feelings or issues in a text through double-entry journals

Josh Bennett, SDB
For his great acting in our role play at Mass today

Lachlan Tisdale, SDB
For great acting in our role play at Mass today

Cooper Joyce, SCP
For checking that you are completing your work correctly and to a high standard!

Uniform Shop
Trading Hours
Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:30pm
Tracey Craddock Uniform Shop Coordinator
tcraddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

School Office
Opening Times:
Monday to Friday
8.30am till 4.00pm

CDF Student Banking
Day is Thursday
if you are interested in opening a new student account forms are available from the office
Extra Curricular Activities
@ St Joachim’s

Art Club

Wednesdays at Lunchtime
for Middles & Seniors
Helina Walker – Creative Arts Teacher

Middles and Senior students are invited to come to the art room and make some creative art pieces during Art Club.
There is a limit to 30 students each week to come with ideas to create and make under the supervision of Miss Walker.
It is a first in best dressed basis each week.
Hope to see you there!

Art Club is Lot of Fun!

LEGO Club! Coming Soon to the Library...
Stamp Club

Tuesdays at Lunchtime

Angela Roberts - Stamp Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime Angela is joined by the many members of Stamp Club. As well as collecting stamps, the group design some of their own!

The Stamp Club welcomes any donations of stamps.

Knitting Club

Thursdays at Lunchtime

Angela Roberts

This year we are doing sewing as well as knitting. We have lots of beginners and they are very keen to get started on their projects.

We are always grateful for donations of
- clean 8 ply wool
- scraps of material, especially felt,
- Stuffing for pillows
- Buttons etc.
- Cotton including embroidery cotton.
Choir

Our School Choir is up and running for 2013

Jody Banks

Our School Choir is up and running for 2013 and the 24 students from Grades 4-6 representing the school have made a great start in learning their first few songs. We are hoping to officially launch the new School Choir to the whole school early next term!

Library

Monday & Friday Lunchtimes

Leonie Richardson

The Library is a great place to visit all the time but especially on Mondays and Fridays at Lunchtimes.

Not only do we have 11,000 books in the school library, we have been acquiring lots of board games including chess, snakes & ladders, connect four, a barrel of monkeys etc. and the children are able to play these during the open lunchtimes.

We have also acquired lots of LEGO so we will be setting up a LEGO Club very soon! Is anyone interested?

The Library is open After School on Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri

We have a number of students who come to the library after school to change their books. Some afternoons it is very crowded - not that I’m complaining! Parents are very welcome to come as well.
**Basketball**

Reagon Haines - PE

Round Robin

Lunchtimes on Wednesdays

Teams play off in Round Robin style until there are two finalist teams.

Winners receive medals and the remainder of contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

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**Running / Fitness Club**

Wednesday Mornings

For Grades 5 & 6 8:00am

Lisa Brookings - Fitness Coach

Well done to those Grade 5/6 children who joined in the club on Wednesday.

Everyone did really well and I think it was enjoyed by all. The idea behind the club is to improve your fitness no matter what level and to have some fun. It will also provide some extra training for those children who are representing the school in the cross country.

I provide a fruit snack straight after the session so the children are not ‘starving’ when they have finished. Thanks to the Mums who have also provided fruit for the runners. Looking forward to next week..
Prep Pizza Night:
March 20.
5:30—7:00pm
For catering purposes please complete the Pizza R.S.V.P which was sent home again yesterday.

Harmony Day
March 21
Children will be encouraged to come to school wearing “something orange”. Our focus is “We Belong”. Children will bring an Easter egg for our Easter Egg Raffle on this day.

Easter Egg Raffle
Raffle tickets for the Easter raffle have been sent home (with the Harmony Day flyer).
Remember: You’ve got to be in it to win it!
Please make sure tickets (cut up) and money are returned A.S.A.P.
There will be a raffle in each class so please return tickets to your child’s class and not the office.

March 21 Harmony Day
Children bring an Easter egg to donate.
Raffle tickets / money returned.
March 26 Parents to make up Easter hampers.
March 28 Raffles drawn in classrooms.

Any queries do not hesitate to contact Irene Stewart
97852633 or istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Lost Property.
Julie Van Drie and Sarah McCoy have checked lost property! Labeled clothing / hats have been returned, however there are lots of tops with no names. Unfortunately we are unable to return new items if they are not labeled.
If anyone needs a second hand jumper / bomber jacket, Parents are welcome to check out the sizes.
Please make sure all your child’s clothing etc is clearly marked.

Next Meeting.
March 19 in the Staffroom at 9am
All Welcome!
FOOTY TIPPING COMES TO ST JOACHIM'S!

ALL ST JOACHIM'S STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN!
This competition is just for school students and will be administered by Irene Stewart

YOU CAN TAKE PART BY LOGGING ONTO http://aflschoolstipping.com.au

REGISTERING IS EASY!
All you need is your
  - Name,
  - Age and
  - An email address. (Ask Mum or Dad if you need to use their email address!)

Make sure you nominate our school:
ST JOACHIM'S P.S. CARRUM DOWNS

There are some very exciting PRIZES that you could win through the AFL site!

WE WILL HAVE WEEKLY UPDATES IN THE NEWSLETTER
and at the end of the season there will be some great prizes.

Stay tuned for more information about the St Joachim's prizes next week!
Preps have been learning to sing simple tunes and action songs, as well as a chant called “Engine Engine” where they have been focusing on understanding and experiencing the music element beat.

Students in the Junior and Middle school have also had “Performance Time” opportunities where they sing in front of their class a song that they have prepared on a mini stage in the Performing Arts room, encouraging confidence and self expression.

The Junior classes have been introduced to untuned percussion instruments such as tone blocks, guiros, claves, maracas, bells, cymbals, triangles, cow bells, tambourines and castanets. They have also started to find their ‘singing voices’ through singing the roll at the start of each lesson and listening to So-me interactive music stories, introducing students to sol-fa pitch (do, re, me, fah, soh, lah, ti, do).

The Middle classes have been learning about the music element pitch through playing up and down a major scale on boomwhacker tuned tubes and through singing the roll at the start of each lesson. They have also started to learn to play the recorder including how to hold, blow, and play the notes B, A and G.

Our School Choir is up and running for 2013 and the 24 students from Grades 4-6 representing the school have made a great start in learning their first few songs. We are hoping to officially launch the new School Choir to the whole school early next term!

All students from Grades 1-6 have been practicing liturgical songs for this year’s school masses. Ask your children if they can show you the 9 songs they have learnt, including all the actions!!
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
Is 43:16-21
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,

jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 125. R. v.3
(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading
Phil 3:8-14
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet; I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation
JL 2:12-13
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel
Jn 8:1-11
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don’t sin any more.'

Food For The Soul

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God’s own personal name, bringing them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven’t seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

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END OF TERM MASS – FOCUSING ON HOLY THURSDAY

In preparation for Easter, on Thursday, 21st March, the whole school will be attending Mass in the hall at 9:00.

The Mass will be reflective rather than celebratory as we will hear the Readings for Holy Thursday.

The Gospel recounts the wonderful story of Jesus teaching that the role of leadership is to serve with humility, not to be served. He did this by washing the feet of the apostles. Therefore, during the Gospel, Fr. John will wash the feet of several students and they will assist him in washing the feet of others.

The Mass will be quiet, reflective and prayerful. It will involve periods of silence and the music will be peaceful and lead us to focus on the Readings and what is unfolding before us.

We would love for you to share this Mass with us.
St Joachim's Primary | 13th February 2013

Welcome back to another week of OSHC. I hope all you parents and children have had a great long weekend and have enjoyed the warm weather.

This week at after school care show and tell has been quite popular. The children been excited being able to stand up in front of the room to share their stories and show their wonderful toys it was great listening to the children tell stories about what they did over the long weekend.

Last week the children and staff members made jam doughnuts it was enjoyed by all the children. It was great seeing the children work in a team to get the ingredients prepared.

For arts and crafts the children have had a paper chain competition to see who could make theirs the longest it was amazing! Sponge painting has been a great hit with the children its great seeing the children paint all kinds of different pictures.

At Before school care the children have been creative making Dream catchers, smoothies and more

Also we are pleased to announce Pancake Day will be on every Tuesday YUM!

If you child has a particular interest, please let us know and we can include it in our program.

It would be wonderful if you could bring a spare hat for the children to leave at the service, as they often get left behind in the class room.

If you child is not going to be in attendance on the day, please notify the service on 0423 793 628. This will ensure the service knows the whereabouts of your child.