How is your Season of Lent going?

Have you made any changes to your life as you journey through Lent?

You still have a few weeks to make a change. During this time you can start or continue your journey through reflection, prayer, compassion and generosity.

To ev’rything (turn, turn, turn)
there is a season (turn, turn, turn)
and a time for ev’ry purpose under Heaven.
A time to build up, a time to break down;
a time to dance, a time to mourn;
a time to cast away stones; a time to gather stones together.

To ev’rything (turn, turn, turn)
there is a season (turn, turn, turn)
and a time for ev’ry purpose under Heaven.
A time of love, a time of hate;
a time of war, a time of peace;
a time you may embrace; a time to refrain from embracing.

To ev’rything (turn, turn, turn)
there is a season (turn, turn, turn)
and a time for ev’ry purpose under Heaven.
A time to gain, a time to lose;
a time to rend, a time to sew;
a time to love, a time to hate;
A time for peace, I swear it’s not too late.

— Words are from the Book of Ecclesiastes. Adaptation and Music by Pete Seeger.

April
24th
Prep 2013

It’s amazing to think that we are halfway through the term already. Our prep classes have now commenced full time school. Congratulations to them all on settling in so well - they are a credit to their family and teachers. We hope that they enjoy the rest of Term One.

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, I would ask that you contact the office as soon as possible.

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.
At St Joachim’s we have a successful buddy program. Children of different ages come together to participate in a range of fun and interesting activities. Our Senior and Prep buddies are already developing a strong bond with each other. Through the buddy experience our older children can look after, help and spend time with their younger ‘buddies’. Some of the great activities we help each other with are: reading, writing, computers, maths games, art, sports,
GRADE 5 & 6 CAMP

Camp Rumbug Foster

Parents of all Grade Five and Six students are advised that there will be a Camp Meeting this Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm to be held in the staffroom.

All Grades Five & Six students have received their camp forms today and these will be discussed at the meeting as well as a video presentation showing the camp and its activities.

Parents are welcome to view the website prior to Tuesday’s meeting at

www.rumbug.com

TEACHING & LEARNING

Debbie Mc Waters – Curriculum Coordinator

SCIENCE - LIVING & NON LIVING

In science all students from Prep to Grade Six are looking at ‘Living & Non Living Things’ through conducting experiments and have been engaged in their learning through the use of science journals where they are documenting their findings.

HISTORY - The whole school has been looking at History this term.

The Prep children have been looking at their own personal history and that of their family.

What is my history and how do I know it?

The Juniors are looking at Present and Past family life.

How has family life changed or remained the same over time?

The Middle school are looking at “First Contacts”.

Why did the great journeys of exploration occur?

The Seniors are looking at “Australia as a Nation”. Why and how did Australia become a nation?

WRITER’S NOTEBOOK

Throughout the first half of Term One, some of our middles and senior grades have been working to create a Writer’s Notebook.

Students use their notebooks to gather and explore information and ideas by writing, sketching and gluing artifacts. They plant seeds to invite new and deeper thinking.

The students have completed a range of activities focusing on ideas for writing a variety of text types and topics.

RUNNING/FITNESS CLUB

Wednesday Mornings
For Grades 5 & 6
8:00am – 8:25am
On the oval

Lisa Brooking – Fitness Coach

We had a terrific turn up this Wednesday morning and the children are really enthusiastic and seem to be enjoying themselves.

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.

A fruit snack is provided and is a welcomed treat at the end of the session.
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.

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 see attached flyer.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Leonie Richardson – Library / ICT

The Library is open at lunchtimes on Monday & Friday and After School on Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri

Last week I asked for help with covering the new books – the response was fabulous. Thank you to those parents who give their time so generously.

UNIFORM SHOP

Trading Hours

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Tracey Craddock       Uniform Shop Coordinator
lcraddock@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

PERFORMING ARTS

A Picture Speaks a Thousand Words
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!
Your family is invited to attend our Prep Family Pizza Night.

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

Have a night off cooking and join other Prep families for a social evening.

**Cost $10 per family**

**B.Y.O drinks**

**R.S.V.P.** via the slip below together with $10 by Friday 15th March.

Pizza varieties provided – Hawaiian, Bbq Meatlover, The Lot, Margarita and Vegetarian.

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Childs name: ____________________________________

No. of Adults _______  Children ________

No. of Vegetarians ________
longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 33:2-7, R. v.9
(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me,
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be ashamed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading
2 Cor 5:17-21
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation;
the old creation has gone, and now the new one
is here. It is all God's work. It was God who
reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us
the work ofhanding on his reconciliation. In other
words, God in Christ was reconciling the world
to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and
he has entrusted to us the news that they are
reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is
as though God were appealing through us, and
the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be
reconciled to God. For our sake God made the
sinless one into sin, so that in him we might
become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation
Lk 15:18
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against
you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your brother was dead and has come to life.
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking
the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say,
and the Pharisees and the scribes complained,
'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats
with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:
'A man had two sons. The younger said to his
father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate

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.

Sunday 10th March 2013
Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading
Jos 5:9-12
A reading from the book of Joshua
The people of God went to the promised land and
there kept the passover.
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the
shame of Egypt away from you.'
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept
the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the
month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the
morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of
that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears
of corn, that same day. From that time, from their
first eating of the produce of that country, the
manna stopped falling. And having manna no
that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

“When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

“Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

“The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.””

Food For The Soul

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God’s righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

Running Club

Another Picture that Speaks a Thousand Words