Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

This weekend, we begin to celebrate with the families of the children named below, the receiving of their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience this most special time in their sacramental journey in faith.

The celebration of each Sacrament is an opportunity to remind ourselves as to why we belong to the Catholic community; what is it to be Catholic and why do we continue to want this for our children?

I encourage all families to take your child/ren along to Mass and give them the opportunity to participate in their faith community. In doing so, you reinforce that the Sacrament of Eucharist is essential in their journey of faith and that by participating in Mass we belong to a community. Being Catholic is about being in communion with both God and our fellow man.

First Holy Communion
Congratulations to the following students who this weekend will celebrate their First Communion. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family at this wonderful time.

- Joshua Bennett
- Daniella Chalupa
- Jessica Kurth
- Benjamin Mojwok
- Nicholas Stewart
- Lachlan Tisdale
- Julia Myall
- Ashlie Caia-Matthews
- Imogen Stokes
- Helena de Figueiredo

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 immediately? Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

Happy Mothers Day
To all our wonderful mums, grandmothers, aunties and sisters who have shared in the mystery of bringing life into the world. Your gift of unconditional love, care and kindness has made us, as children, who we are.

Your participation in our school, the time given to prepare your child/ren each day to achieve their best, is reflected in your children’s smiles, resilience, and joy for life and learning.

May this Sunday bring you moments of great joy, reflection and appreciation as to the gift you are yourself to your family. May in the hugs you receive, the touch of your child’s hand holding yours, see the gift of God within you, the gift of a mother’s love.
Free Dress Day

For the donation of a gold coin, all St Joachim’s students are asked to come to school in ‘Free Dress’ on...

Tuesday May 15

Why?

Being a Catholic school we are continually trying to raise an awareness in our children of the world outside their own.

As Australians we are truly blessed to live in such an economically sound country and enjoy such a safe schooling environment. We would like our students to become aware of how often we take such simple things as fresh food, water, shelter and a good education for granted as opposed to the high number of children in Cambodia for whom these things are scarce or not available.

Next week, James Moore, a 19 year old who works for the YMCA as a youth worker is off to Cambodia with the volunteer organisation Reach Out where he will assist in such things as the construction of new classrooms, improving the village’s sporting facilities and teaching English to children. The work of James and other volunteers will make a substantial difference in the living conditions of the families of Cambodia. Some homes are so damaged by monsoonal rains they have to be rebuilt from the foundations up. Others are in desperate need of new roofs or walls. James will also be spending lots of time interacting with the children at the local village school.

The gold coins that St Joachim’s students donate will go to Reach Out and will be spent on items such as:

- Classroom tables & chairs
- Vegetable and fruit baskets
- Portable gas stoves
- Writing and colouring equipment
- Pre-school learn-to-read supplies
- Sporting equipment
- Children’s toys
- Basic medication
- Water catchments, wells & tanks
- Toilets
- Jungle gyms
- Classrooms

Reach Out Volunteers - www.rovolunteers.com

Thanks to Jai McCoy for suggesting that we support this worthwhile cause.
Welcome St Joachim’s Catholic Primary School

The new website is at the same web address...

www.sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the new website.

The website is designed for parents and families who are already attending St Joachim’s as well as others in the community looking for a school to send their child / children.

The website has a number of headings:

Our School, Learning & Teaching, Enrolment Information, School Community, News & Events and Location & Contacts.

It is anticipated that our current families will become most familiar with the School Community and the News & Events tab.

- Communication
- Forms and Notices
- School Hours
- Term Dates
- School Uniform
- Uniform Shop
- Before & After School Care

- News
- Newsletters
- Events
- E-News
- Annual Report
- Monash Book Project

It is our intention for the St Joachim’s website to always be up to date. The weekly newsletter will be uploaded every Friday afternoon.

The website should meet your needs … we would love your input.

Leonie Richardson - lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
Thank you to all our families who supported the P&F by purchasing tickets for our Mother’s Day Raffle. Our lucky winner was Harshini Sekaran MCM.

MASS TIMES
MASS TIMES 14th MAY — 20th MAY

Wednesday 9.30am—Holy Family
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

May is KISS GOODBYE TO MS Month.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a disease that affects over 21,000 Australians. MS is the most common neurological disease affecting young adults. It affects three times more women than men and most people are diagnosed in their 20’s and 30’s.

There is no known cure YET

Please support MS Australia by purchasing MS merchandise from the office and library. Your generosity will help to find a cure for this silent, debilitating disease.

First Eucharist—Dress Code
Many parents have enquired about the dress code for their children for First Eucharist. The general rule for boys is a neat pair of trousers (no jeans) and a nice shirt (tie not necessary) plus a good pair of shoes (no runners). For the girls, it is not necessary to dress up in a white dress and veil. Girls may wear a nice dress, skirt or trousers with a neat shirt/top and neat footwear (no runners). Please contact the parish office if you require any further information.
UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

Friday: 18.05
- Class Mass: JJH

Yesterday St Joachim’s once again was able to assist our students in purchasing the perfect Mother’s Day gift for their mother. Each year we have a Mother’s Day Stall for all students which is organised and run by members of our P&F and others in our school community.

We would like to offer grateful thanks to all the women who helped by purchasing all the gifts, those that helped set up the day before and those that attended on the day of the stall and assisted the children with their purchases. You made many children smile and hopefully the mums will all be smiling on Sunday.

These types of events are wonderful to provide for our community and we invite all parents to help with these events. If you are interested please leave a message at the office for Veronica Wheeler (P&F President).
Important information for parents who use a vehicle to pick up and drop off their child/ren at school.

Each month, we receive a letter that informs the school as to how many parking infringements were handed out around the school. Statistically there are between 2 to 5 per month. Many parents are coming to speak to me as to their concern on receiving the parking fines, I have approached Frankston City Council to address the issue and identify what is creating this high level of infringement notification. It seems that many of our parents have been booked for waiting in a queue to enter the school grounds.

I ask that all parents who believe that they were fined for such a situation, write to the Frankston City Council so that you do not have to pay the fine.

Please note that vehicles stopped on nature strips, vehicles stopped in permit zones without a valid permit, vehicles stopped facing the wrong direction of travel, and vehicles stopped too close to an intersection will continue to be fined.

Dear Parents

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket. From Wednesday 9th May, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the school or at your local supermarket.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

For further information go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Kai Baldwin, PST
For always putting lots of effort into everything he does

Johnny Arulraj, PST
For the fabulous progress he is making with his reading

Lucas Carra, PRA
For being a great friend

Molly Stillman, PRA
For always trying her best and having a go

Larissa Gheorghe, JGC
For great writing and thinking about characters

Benjamin Stewart, JGC
For fantastic writing and planning his work

Lochlan Clarke, JGC
For fantastic ideas in our fairy tale discussions and his writing

Djana Pritchard, JGC
For super spelling effort and role play in fairy tales

Ruby Deeprose, JHE
For fantastic spelling in her recount writing

Joanna Foksa, JHE
For writing an excellent narrative about a little bird

Merinus Panadur Arachchige, JHE
For settling into his new school and always working to the best of his ability

Bianca Wright, JRG
For listening more attentively in Maths sessions

Jenaya Bartlett, JRG
For trying harder at writing independently

Verushka Jankos, JRG
For trying to answer more classroom questions in Maths sessions

Benjamin Traynor, JJS
For using Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check for his homework spelling words

Jack Broomhall, JJS
For explaining to the class which way a rocket will face when it turns left or right

Thomas Murphy, MCM
For being so helpful in assisting your peers with being independent

Joshua Balista, MCM
For focussing so hard when writing your persuasive piece

Bethany Tai, MCC
For always working to the best of your ability

Sam Cronin, MCC
For being an excellent role model in class and on the playground

Joshua Bennett, MTO
For his great contributions to class discussions

Daniella Chalupa, MTO
For always completing work to a high standard

Carley Douglas, SCP
For taking your responsibilities as a school leader so seriously

Kaitlyn Tai, SCP
For your excellent attitude towards completing your work

Hailey Cummins, SDB
For consistently handing in homework of a good standard

Sarah Brown, SDB
For consistently handing in her homework. It is always of a pleasing standard

Makayla Pratt, SDM
For consistently excellent questions to Topic discussion during group work

Abhikash Sivabalan, SDM
For beginning to use creative Sentence starters in Persuasive Writing

Reading Recovery

Cooper Booth, JRG
For being brave and having a go at trickey words

Keira Javier, JHE
For using a clear, loud voice when reading and trying to use some expression

Luke Megas, JHE
For listening to all the sounds in words and making his reading sound like ‘real talking’

Jenaya Bartlett, JRG
For finding small words in large words to help her work them out

Lachlan Kurth, JHE
For using great expression with his reading and making it sound like ‘real talking’

Logan Bowyer, JHE
For looking at the first letter in a word to work it out and using sensational expression
Junior School Fairytale Ball

The Fairytale Ball is to be held on Monday 18th of June for the Junior School. It will commence at approx 12pm in the Hall foyer and then dancing & display of children's constructions in the Hall. It will finish at approximately 1.30pm. All parents are invited to attend. Children and Junior School Staff will be dress up as their favourite Fairytale character.

This Weekends Gospel

Each week, our students learn about the coming weekends Gospel. It provides them an insight into their journey of faith and the opportunity to understand the faith story of their family and parish community.

First Reading


A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man after all!’

Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Jn 4:7-10
A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.
My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God’s love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

1 Jn 4:11-16
When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Second Readings and Gospels assigned to the Seventh Sunday may be read on the Sixth Sunday.

A reading from the first letter of St John

All who live in love, live in God, and God in them.
My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation
Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel
Jn 15:9-17
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

[Image]
Cornelius, Catholics and Love

We owe much to a Roman soldier. In fact, it may be said we are ‘Catholic’ because of the encounter between St Peter and Cornelius. Cornelius was a centurion. As the name implies, a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army. So he was a junior officer in the Empire’s armed forces and a pagan to boot.

And yet, St Peter found that this man was evidently graced by the Holy Spirit and therefore Peter could not deny him baptism. This incident helped resolve a major controversy in the first decades of the church. Would a pagan have to become a Jew, one of the Chosen People, before becoming a Christian? Peter concluded, on the basis of a vision and this incident, that God does not have favourites amongst the peoples of this world and that any person of any nationality who is in awe of God and lives justly could be baptised a Christian.

And thus the early church was able to break out of its Jewish confines. We were not to be a Jewish sect which accepted Jesus as the Messiah. We were to be truly universal (‘catholic’ in the Greek) able to embrace all those who acknowledge our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

So the great missionary endeavour began to every tribe, every ethnic group, speakers of every tongue throughout the earth. And there were two main messages.

First that Jesus of Nazareth had had the victory over death, and we are able to share in that victory. That is the faith of Easter which we have just celebrated.

The second great message involved understanding what ‘love’ really entails. The word ‘love’ in English covers such a multitude of experiences as to be devoid of meaning until we know the context. Does it refer to the passionate embrace of two lovers, or a preference for chocolate over nougat? Our Lord gives us the core meaning. ‘No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.’

I was reflecting on this in the context of Anzac Day. Why is Anzac Day the one day of the year on which we honour those who have served in the armed forces, particularly those who have died in such service?

Is it because Gallipoli represents the high point of unquestioning obedience to orders, even if issued by incompetent political and military commanders? No. Is it because hatred of the enemy (in this case the Turks) is evidently the best fuel for warriors? No.

I think we particularly focus on that event because the soldiers storming across the narrow beach and trying to clamber up unscaleable cliffs were mostly impelled by the sense that they had to secure some protective cover to save their mates, their comrades, their friends. And if that meant laying down their life for their friends they would do it.

We pay the highest military honours to commend those who engage in great heroism to save their friends under withering hostile fire. So there is something in Anzac Day which reverberates to the gospel message.

Of course, for most of us the closest experience consonant with that gospel is the experience of a parent at the bedside of a chronically ill or badly injured child who is dying. A mother or father would willingly substitute themselves for that child facing death. This is the true core meaning of ‘love’ according to Our Lord. Every other form of love grades away from this most perfect human expression of loving.

Of course Jesus not only preached this message, but lived and died it.

Though totally innocent of any crime or sin he took on all the horror of a tortured death as if he were a criminal or sinner, rejected by society, even experiencing estrangement from his Heavenly Father: ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’

He dared death to do what it does to us: a hope-less wrenching from life, a final loss of communion with God. He took this experience on himself and emerged the Victor, the conqueror of death on Easter Sunday, a victory in which we can share.

And he did so on behalf of us whom in today’s gospel He calls his ‘friends’.

‘No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.’

This is the reality, this is the message of the gospel for the peoples of every tribe, every nation, every language.

It is a message which has resonated and reverberated down the centuries from Cornelius to those gathered here.
School Visitors Policy and Procedures

St Joachim’s Primary School recognises that parents and families are valued partners in their children’s development and learning. It also seeks to create strong partnerships between community services, schools, business and the broader community who have an interest in improving educational outcomes for students.

Interaction between the school and the community inevitably leads to the presence of a range of visitors in the school. These may typically include parent and community volunteers; invited speakers; sessional instructors; representatives of community, business and service groups; prospective parents and employees; and local members of State and Commonwealth Parliaments. Others, including employees of relevant children’s services agencies, trades people, talent scouts for sporting and arts organisations, official school photographers, commercial salespeople such as booksellers and uniform suppliers may also be present in schools from time to time over the school year.

All personnel who are not regular employees of St Joachim’s Primary School can be regarded as visitors.

St Joachim’s Primary School clearly acknowledges there are potential risks in allowing visitors into the school, including visitors who are members of students’ families or members of the local community. The school accepts its responsibility to ensure the safety and privacy of students at all times.

Policy Guidelines:

- All visitors during class hours (9.00am – 3.30pm) are required to report to the reception desk and register their arrival at and departure from the school in the St Joachim’s Primary School visitor’s book. This includes printing their name, signing and recording the dates and times and purpose of the visit. Where it is impractical for visitors to sign in, e.g. school assemblies, music concerts, sports events, etc, it is expected that the Principal or their nominee endorses their presence and the purpose of their visit.
- All visitors will be issued with a visitors pass to be worn & visible at all times.
- Regular visitors to the school will be informed about school routines including the Emergency Management Plan. Visitors are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with those outlined in the St Joachim’s Pastoral Care & Discipline Policy.
- The Working with Children Act 2005 requires that all school visitors, including parents, working directly with children, hold a valid Working with Children’s Check of which a copy must be retained in the school office.
- No visitors will be allowed to photograph children without parental permission in accordance with the Privacy Act. This does not preclude parents photographing their own children at school events such as concerts, assemblies and sporting events.
- In allowing visitors to the school, the Principal shall determine the level of disruption to the function of the school in relation to the potential benefits the visitor provides the school.
- The Principal shall have the right refuse access to the school to any visitor who has the potential to cause controversy within the school or broader community.
MOTHER’S DAY ART!

All grades have been very busy in art making hand made Mother’s Day presents, from placemats, to felt magnets, to 3D tissue paper flowers and collage frames. Students had great time thinking about their designs. Here are a few pictures of our great artists!

Hope all the Mother’s enjoy their handmade presents 😊

Miss Helina Walker (Visual Arts Teacher)
OSHC NEWS
Welcome to another week at Camp Australia OSHC Club. Annette, Iwona and Rohini would like to say welcome all the new families who have started coming to before and after school care. We would love to have more new families, especially for our breakfast club. If anyone is interested in joining, please call the OSHC phone. If you have any queries, questions or concerns about your child or the program, or would like to give us feedback, please give Annette a call or come in for a chat. I would like to encourage any input into the program from parents and children, including interests, special events or celebrations or any other ideas. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
This week we have been focusing on things that fly. This includes animals, transport and mythical creatures. We have been using our imagination to design and construct our own things that fly.

OTHER NEWS
On MONDAYS during After School Care the children will be playing in the Hall. Could all children please bring their runners with them. Also please remember to give them a jumper or coat as the weather is getting colder. Thank you.

REMINDERS
How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au.

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

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.

Changing Bookings Permanent bookings need to be cancelled by parents online or by ringing Camp Australia. If you would like to change your permanent bookings by cancelling a day, it needs to be done online by the parent or by ringing Camp Australia. Annette is only able to cancel casual bookings. Bookings cancelled in less than 7 days will still be charged for. If your child is not going to be attending before or after school care and they are on the roll, please let us know as soon as possible.

Change of Details Please let us know as soon as possible if any of your details change such as phone numbers, addresses or authoritity to collect, so that you can be contacted in an emergency. Thank you.

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Happy Mother's Day to all our families