Dear Parents,

This week, on Tuesday and Thursday, we worked as a staff with Mrs. Maree Xuereb, our School reviewer, on looking at a variety of data and making plans for ongoing school improvement at St. Joachim’s. Thank you to our parents who contributed to the parent focus group, and to students who provided their perspective as well. The next stage of our review is for our reviewer to write a report, detailing recommendations for our school to implement, as part of our school improvement plan for the next 4 years. Mrs. Xuereb will present her report to staff and the School Advisory Board on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 17th May.

Congratulations to all students and staff for your reverent participation and reflections during our Easter meditations this week. Thank you to our REL (Religious Education Leader), Zeeta Andrew, for her organisation of this.

It is lovely to be finally experiencing some cooler autumn weather! As winter approaches, a reminder to parents that all students are expected to be in full winter school uniform, by the first week in May.

Our enrolments for Prep next year are now full. Thank you to all families who have enrolled younger siblings for next year. It is great to see that we have a large number of siblings of current students enrolling for 2017, as well as a number of new families from the parish.

Best wishes to our senior students as they compete in a variety of sports as part of the Frankston District lightning premiership competition next Tuesday.

Next week, at level assemblies on Thursday (21st April) we will celebrate a commemorative prayer for ANZAC day, which is a public holiday on Monday 25th April. All parents are invited to attend level assemblies. ANZAC badges are available to purchase from the school office.

A reminder that our next School Advisory Board meeting will be held next Thursday (21st April) at 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom.

I look forward to hearing about the learnings of Middle school students when they return from their excursion to the Botanical Gardens next Friday.

Paul Dwyer, Principal
To celebrate the wonderful event of Jesus’ resurrection, the children participated in a guided meditation that took them on a journey to the empty tomb.

Adam: My meditation picture of the empty tomb shows talking to Jesus.

Alysia JD: My meditation picture of the empty tomb shows looking for Jesus.

We used the symbol of the candle to remember that Jesus is alive and is with us. The children used their imagination to visualise the empty tomb and the symbols of a hollow Easter egg to remind them of presence of Jesus.

On returning to their classrooms the children reflected on this experience and responded in creative ways. Here is a sample of the children’s work.

Waihanea JDM: My meditation picture of the empty tomb shows walking towards the tomb.

Caitlyn JDM: My meditation picture of the empty tomb shows watching the empty tomb.
From Mrs Stewart
Irene Stewart
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Keep the Date Free
You are invited...

Invitations will soon be sent home asking the special women in our student’s lives – mums, grandmothers, aunties, women who are like mums to attend a…

“Mother’s Day” Morning tea
After Mass
at 9:45am on Thursday May 5
As per tradition, there will be a special performance by our “Prep” students.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mother’s Day Stall
Friday May 6
See future Newsletters for more information

School Uniform
We are currently transitioning into the winter uniform but understand with our changing weather that it may still be appropriate to wear the summer uniform over the next couple of weeks. By April 26 all students are required to be wearing their winter uniform which is outlined below.

If you haven’t already purchased your child’s winter items, please do so as soon as possible.

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

Download a Uniform Shop Order Form and Pricelist

Girls’ Winter Uniform
- School pinafore with inverted pleats front and back. (Prep to Grade 6)
- School skirt with inverted pleats front and back. (Grade 3 to 6 only)
- Pale blue skivvy or polo shirt with logo (Short or long sleeves optional)
- Navy blue tights or socks (Knee high)
- Black leather school shoes or T-Bar sandals
- School colour hair ties
- Navy long pants (Leggings not permitted)
- Bomber jacket with logo / and or navy windcheater with logo

Boys’ Winter Uniform
- Grey long pants or grey shorts
- Pale blue skivvy or polo shirt with logo (Short or long sleeves optional)
- Grey socks (Ankle socks not permitted)
- Black leather school shoes
- Bomber jacket with logo / and or navy windcheater top with logo

Sports Uniform
- Navy tracksuit pants
- Navy sport shorts and top with school logo
- Pale blue sports shirt with navy collar and school logo (Short or long sleeves optional)
- White sports socks (ankle socks not permitted)
- Runners

Girls
- Navy rugby knit shorts/or Navy netball skirt/or navy skort

Boys
- Navy rugby shorts

Preschool Story Time
Every Friday at 3:00pm in the library there is “Story Time” for our pre-school friends.
This story time is open to all of our siblings who are coming to Prep at St Joachim’s next year.

AFL Footy Tipping
Currently we have
Edel Saintcat & Chelsea V equal first on 19!
Edel Saintcat picked all 9 winners in Round 3!
The Boon Wurrung Family School Partnerships (BW FSP) cluster is a cluster of 8 schools in and around the Frankston area working together to strengthen links with families, the local community and each other to improve student learning and wellbeing outcomes.

The current priorities of this cluster are:

- Establish and nurture an educational family F-12 (though could go further 0-12)
- Establish connections with external community which support parents
- Each school establishes true relationships with parents

Why should schools engage families?

- High performing schools have high levels of family and community involvement
- This holds equally true for “high poverty” schools as it does for middle class schools
- In fact research has shown, family participation in education has been found to be twice as predictive of students’ academic success as family socioeconomic status
  - Greatest impact in areas of highest disadvantage
  - Holds true across ALL levels of education – all ages, all stages

“Family participation in education is twice as predictive of students’ academic success as family socioeconomic status” Epstein, 2005

Joyce Epstein a key researcher in parent engagement defined 6 key types of involvement for parental partnership activities in schools that receive funding under the US Government’s No Child Left Behind legislation. These defined types of involvement have since been adopted by both DEECD and CEM for family engagement work in Victoria and subsequently are used to guide the work of the Boon Wurrung Family School Partnerships Cluster. These 6 types of involvement are:

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Further reading:

- Catholic Education Melbourne Family School Partners
- Parental Engagement in Learning and Schooling Bureau
- Strengthening family and community engagement in student learning

And don’t forget to ‘Like’ the Cluster Facebook page and visit our webpage. On the website you can find out more details and register for this event. You will also see the topics of other forums we intend to launch throughout the year, as well as information about our cluster and a page of useful resources.

http://boonwurrungfspcluster.weebly.com/

Up Coming Parent Seminars

See Flyers at the end of this newsletter

The Boon Wurrung Family School Partnerships cluster welcomes

Michael Grose

to speak about "Building Resilience". April 19, 7:30pm at John Paul College

Living With Autism

6 Sessions commencing Wed April 20

Parents Building Solutions

Dealing with Challenging Behaviours

6 Sessions commencing Tuesday May 3
Literacy News  
Caroline Hume  
chume@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Parent Pipeline

CAFE Strategy: Tune In To Interesting Words

When children learn to tune in to interesting words, they build word awareness and the understanding of words. This leaves them with “thinking power” in their brain to comprehend and make meaning of what is read.

Have you ever heard a new word, looked it up, and then repeated it often to remember it?

Students who tune in to interesting words expand their vocabulary by focusing on these new words and their meaning. By looking for words that are interesting and unique, children not only increase their vocabulary, but they also enhance their comprehension. A child must have multiple exposures to a word in order for it to become a part of his/her vocabulary.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Ask your child to tell you about his/her word collector at school. The word collector is a form that allows your child to keep track of interesting words found in books he/she is reading. Create a word collector at home to hang on the refrigerator or to keep in a special place.

2. When your child is reading or you are reading to your child, ask your child to find three interesting words. Have your child write these words down and talk about the meaning of these words. See if anyone in your family is able to use the words in a sentence. Add these words to your family word collector.

3. Encourage your child to find interesting words when watching TV or in daily conversation. When tuning in to an interesting word, help your child understand the word and then add it to the family word collector.

4. As always, modelling is a wonderful way to spark interest in children. When you are reading a magazine, newspaper, or book, tune into an interesting word and discuss it with your child. Explain that even adult readers tune into interesting words to better understand text.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser

Written by: Allison Behne  @www.thedailycafe.com

Library News

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The Library Resource Centre is open every Monday & Wednesday lunchtimes for the following extracurricular activities:

- Computer Coding (Scratch Club) ..........Seniors
- Computers ....................................Seniors
- Chess..........................Middles & Seniors
- Lego ........................................Juniors
- Drawing ......................................Juniors
- Reading .......................................Whole school

The Library is open for borrowing Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday for After-School Borrowing

Parents are most welcome!
Fun Family Maths Challenge

Thank you to all the families that completed the Fun Family Maths Challenge over the school holidays.

The winners will be in next week’s newsletter.

In MJW

we have been multiplying two digit numbers by ten.

Here are some examples of students using MABs to demonstrate and record their understandings.
Performing Arts News
Jody Banks
Performing Arts Teacher
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Comming this Term... …
Whole School Concert

Super Kids Rock the World!
Featuring all students across the school from Prep-6

Thursday 23rd June, 7:00pm
Frankston Arts Centre
Concert updates will be in the newsletter each week!

Don’t forget to start getting your costume organised as described in the Care Monkey notice sent home to all families last term 😊

See Feb 12 Newsletter for more details including ticketing information.

Meet the Cast
The ‘Super Kids”

• Gab as “Jerome the Leader”
• Tom as “Sandon the Athletic One”
• Tayla as “Riva the Smart One”
• Seth as “Dizzy the Technological One”
• Millie as “Paige the Fashion One”
P & F News
Parents and Friends

Simple everyday ways in which YOU can help the school fund raise.

Masters

Simply spend $30 or more in store and place your receipt (the store will give you a duplicate receipt, if requested) in the St Joachim's fundraising bin located at the store exit. At the end of each term Masters calculates the amount spent and gives back to the school 5% of the amount spent after the first $300.

Ritches/IGA

Nominate St Joachim’s on your community rewards benefits and every time you shop 5% comes back to the school. Cards can be picked up in store or from the office.

P&F Meeting dates

1st Tues each month at 8.45am in the staff room.

- May 3
- June 7
- August 2
- September 6
- October 4
- December 6

We Love New Faces!
All parents are warmly welcomed to attend.

At St Joachim’s we use an App to Communicate with our Families

Tiqbiz

Tiqbiz is a two way communication app

Parents are able to easily

- Notify the school of any student absences
- Connect to CareMonkey (used for medical and excursion permissions)
- Read the latest school newsletter
- Contact the school by email
- View and print the Uniform Order Form and Price List
- View the school website
- Organise your Parent / Teacher interviews

You’ll be notified of our

- News
- Messages
- Events & other communications.

The Instructions can be found on our school website.

Assembly

Every Thursday at 2:30pm
Parents Welcome

A whole school assembly is held in the school hall every fortnight. Level assemblies are held on the other week.

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours

Wed 8:30 – 9:00am    Thurs 2:45pm – 3:30pm
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No Right Turn

Reminder to parents that there is No Right Turn into the school grounds before and after school -this also includes the Staff Car Park.

Girl Guides

Friendship, fun, challenge and achievement!

CARRUM DOWNS Guides welcomes girls aged 6-14

Meetings are at the
Lyrebird Community Centre,
Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:05 pm

Our units are open to new members at any time. You are welcome to visit a unit to see how you like it. Adults are also welcome as members & volunteers in a number of roles.

Contact: District Manager, Deb Abbs 9787 5709
Bernette Stubbins 9786 8917 or 0438 587 858
Email: frankston@guidesvic.org.au

Girl Guides Website:
www.guidesvic.org.au

Helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.
Thanks to Arek Rejman for these fabulous sports night photos. Here's a link to Arek's Facebook.
LIVING WITH AUTISM.
PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AND AGED 6-11 YEARS

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum aged 6-11 years?
Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:
- Meet with other parents to share ideas and strategies
- Develop skills to further support your child
- Find out about other resources and funding
- Take time to think about how to care for yourself and others in your family

WHEN: Wednesday 20th and 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May
TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School
        Belar Avenue Frankston
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton, 0499 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided

Cost: FREE of Charge

1300 984 011 | anglicarevic.org.au
PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS
DEALING WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGE 5 - 12 YRS

IS YOUR CHILD:
• TALKING BACK?
• NOT LISTENING?
• HAVING MELTDOWNS?
• AGGRESSIVE?
• OUT OF CONTROL?
• ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!
Join us in a free 6 week program to share parenting ideas and strategies for dealing with children’s challenging behaviours. Morning tea provided.

TOPICS INCLUDE:
• GETTING KIDS TO LISTEN
• DEALING WITH ANGER (THEIRS AND YOURS)
• RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
• AND MORE

WHEN: Tuesdays, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May and 7 June (6 sessions)
TIME: 9.30am to 11.30am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School,
Belar Avenue, Frankston
COST: FREE of Charge
Bookings are essential.
Receive Certificate of Participation

BOOKINGS:
To book or for more information contact Barbara on 9781 6787 or 0458 750 754

03 9781 6787 | anglicarevic.org.au
An Evening with Michael Grose

Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

A trailblazer in the parenting education scene Michael is the founder of Parenting Ideas, Australia's leader in quality parenting education for parents and schools. Come and join us to share in his insights and ideas.

Parenting for Resilience

Suitable for families from Grade 3 - Year 9

Adolescence is an exciting stage, but it's also a time of change and challenge. It's a time that tests kids' resilience as well as that of parents. Resilience, like character, is an essential trait that will help kids succeed in school and beyond. In this presentation you'll learn practical strategies to help you develop a sense of resilience in kids as well as ideas to help you stay in the game with young people!

Awesome! You wowed them again Michael!

Kathy Brier, St Thomas PS, NSW

Boon Wurrung Family School Partnerships Cluster

7.30pm 19 April 2016
Venue: John Paul College

Bookings: boonwurrungfspcluster.weebly.com
Alternatively please contact your child's school.

Start your learning now!!


parentingideas.com.au