Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all of our newly appointed environment leaders across all of the classes at St. Joachim’s. The first job assigned to them through my meeting with the Year 6 environment leaders was to tidy up the garden beds out the front of the chapel. Thank you to all of the parents and environment leaders who have done a tremendous job clearing up this area, the garden looks fantastic! There are many more exciting initiatives coming from our environment team such as: work done on the Eco Centre preparing for our new chickens, and an exciting new enterprise involving the ‘I Sea I Care’ Ambassadors program run by the Dolphin Research institute.

I am sure the Year 5 & 6 footballers will enjoy the new goal posts that are being installed on the oval next week. These goal posts in addition to those already there. After seeking feedback from the students and Mr Haines, it was decided that these extra goals would help ease congestion with the Year 3 & 4 footballers and our junior footballers.

Congratulations to all of our senior students who competed in the Summer Lightning Premiership yesterday which was carried over from last term. Thank you to MMH for running assembly this week you did a wonderful job!

Well done to the Year 4 students who attended the ANZAC ceremony at Lyrebird Community centre on Wednesday. ANZAC Day is an incredibly important time when we remember the sacrifice our soldiers made to keep our country safe and for future generations of Australians to enjoy the quality of life we have today, not only at Gallipoli but in all armed conflicts across history and present day.

Thank you to the senior teachers for being present at our camp information evening last Wednesday night, in particular Mrs O’Callaghan who prepared the information for the session. I am getting very excited about going on camp in a few weeks’ time.

Please keep Mrs Jen Hunter in your thoughts and prayers this week as her father passed away on Wednesday night.

Peace and blessings,

Pat Berlinger
Principal (Acting)
St. Joachim’s Catholic Parish Primary School
From Mrs Stewart
Deputy Principal

Congratulations

To Sandra Ramos, her husband Elder and daughter Anastasia on the safe and happy arrival of beautiful Amelia.

Mrs Ramos (MSR teacher), currently on maternity leave, will be returning to St Joachim’s at the start of term 3.

Mothers’ Day Morning Tea

Thursday 7th May
9:45am following Mass

All St Joachim’s mothers and grandmothers are invited to attend our Mothers’ Morning Tea to be held on Thursday 7th May at 9:45am in the staff room.

As well as a yummy morning tea the Preps will sing a couple of songs to keep everyone entertained.

All visitors are welcome to attend Mass in the Chapel beforehand (commencing at 9:00am) or visit classrooms which will be open to visitors throughout the morning.

An invitation confirming the exact details will be sent home closer to the date.

ANZAC
Ceremony at the Seaford RSL

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day

Today our Grade 6 SRC Leaders attended an ANZAC Service at the Seaford RSL.

St Joachim’s was one of several schools represented at this community event that honours the men and women who fought for our country.

We thank Taine, Aidan, Samra and Diviya along with Mrs Simpson and Mrs Roberts who represented St Joachim’s and laid a wreath.
Environment Leaders

Parents & Friends News

News from the last meeting held on 21st April 2015

At this meeting the P&F thought about possible fundraising events that may be organised for the 2015 school year.

These suggestions include:

- Walk a thon (date to be confirmed)
- Biggest Morning Tea (DTBC)
- Mother’s Day Stall – Friday May 8th
- Fair Trade fundraising – More information to be provided by SRC
- Father’s Day Stall (September)

P&F Meetings 2nd Tues of the Month

In 2015 the Parents & Friends meetings will be held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during the term. These meetings are held at 8:45am in the staffroom.

The primary role of the St Joachim’s P&F is to build community spirit, and to support the staff by assisting with the organisation of special events.

We love to see new faces.

Attendance at these meetings is a great way to meet other parents and find out what’s going on around the school. Don’t worry; your attendance at the meetings does not lock you into helping at our functions, unless you want to.

We value your opinions and ideas.
All Welcome!

**dance pop**
every Friday throughout this term.
for grades prep – 6
students are required to wear their sports uniform

On the last day of term parents will be invited to view a “show case” of what the students have been learning. Sessions times for each level will be published closer to the date.

Reminder
to all Parents & Students

Our uniform policy states that plan white socks are to be worn with the sports uniform. No students permitted to wear anklet socks or socks with brand names showing.

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.

Parents are welcome to join us and tea and coffee will be available for parents in the library kitchen.
Footy Tipping

Blakester .................... 20
Lady Irene .................... 20
SUPER NOAH ................. 20
TS2015 ........................ 19
Betty Boo ...................... 18
Mystery Man ................. 18
Willy 568 ...................... 17
JackG2614 .................... 17
Tombags ...................... 17
Natalia’s superkick .......... 17

Best of luck this week!

Senior School Camp
Camp Rumbbug

(may 18 – 20)

For those families that were unable to attend the Camp Information Night, the information presented can be found here.
ANZAC Incursion

Matthew Wood STO
This Saturday, 25th April is ANZAC Day. It is a day set aside to remember those who went to war to fight for our country's freedom.

It is a day to show respect for the sacrifice and courage of the soldiers.

On April 21st, Lynne and Wayne came to our school to show us some wartime artefacts and to teach us a little bit about them. Many of the artefacts have been passed down to Wayne from his family and they have collected others over time. We saw uniforms that soldiers wore, gas masks, cameras, medals and lots more. Everyone had a chance to dress up as a soldier so that we could experience how soldiers felt, wearing heavy wool on a hot day.

We also learnt lots of interesting facts, for example:

- many young soldiers lied about their age so that they could fight in the war.
- soldiers urinated in a container connected to the gas mask to block chemicals from coming up to them. This meant that they didn't have to breathe dirty gas in through the mask.
- covers were made for the soldiers' watches so that light did not reflect off them. This meant that their watch did not accidentally attract the attention of the enemy.
- There was a gas rattle to alert the soldiers about bad gasses. This would alert the soldiers to put their gas masks on so they wouldn't have to breathe in the horrible gasses.

Lest We Forget
**Assembly Awards**

**Kesean PRF**  
For recognising all the letters in the alphabet and the sounds the letters make.

**Cooper PRF**  
For concentrating on completing his work.

**Veer PZA**  
For making an amazing progress in his letter formation and using finger spaces when writing.

**Lena PZA**  
For recording the sounds she heard in words in her weekend recount story.

**Darcy JRE**  
For showing great enthusiasm when practising number patterns.

**Mahathi JRE**  
For fantastic reading and using the ‘go back and reread’ strategy effectively.

**Ezekiel JNE**  
For a detailed and amazing spaghetti picture.

**Kiarah JNE**  
For using the back up and re-read strategy when reading.

**Melanie JDM**  
For a reflective Think Board on her thoughts about ANZAC Day.

**Dakata JDM**  
For an interesting reflection on her thoughts about ANZAC Day.

**Sahara JLG**  
For completing a thoughtful Think Board about ANZAC Day.

**Blake JLG**  
For working hard to make good choices. Well done!

**Archer MRN**  
For always staying focussed on his tasks.

**Amber MRN**  
For clearly and confidently reading her prayer at the class mass.

**Ryan MSR**  
For displaying appropriate behaviour during the Gr4 excursion at the Lyrebird Community Centre.

**Bella MSR**  
For being a respectful representative of our school at the Lyrebird Community Centre for the ANZAC Day commemorations.

**Kai MJW**  
For explaining the main idea from his book.

**Alyssa MJW**  
For trying hard to master the concept of summarising.

**Jack MMH**  
For confidently reading an extract from a soldier’s letter at the Lyrebird Community Centre.

**Shea MMH**  
For representing our class by respectfully carrying and placing the wreath during the Lyrebird ANZAC celebration.
Every Thursday at 2:30pm
Parents Welcome

Thank you to the students of MMH who ran this week’s assembly.
This week’s photographer was Joanna

Assembly

The happiest of birthdays to our students who have had birthdays this week.

An Interview with Mrs Kelly

Mrs Angela Roberts & Mrs Katy Kelly

- The car I drive is a Nissan X-Trail
- Interests outside school: walking my dogs and reading
- Best part about being a teacher is: seeing how happy children are when they achieve something they’ve been working on
- Favourite Team: Saints
- Favourite holiday destination: Paynesville on the Gippsland Lakes
- Pets: 3 dogs and 2 cats
- Favourite food: Indian food
- Favourite TV show: Google Box and Seinfeld
- Favourite book: The Negatees
- Favourite film: Sleepless in Seattle
- Favourite artist/singer: Michael Bublé
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Ricky Gervais, Dawn French and Hugh Jackman
- I became a teacher because: I love working with children
- If I weren’t a teacher I’d be: An office manager
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? Fresh water, books and cheese and crackers
Italian Club
Lunchtimes on Tuesdays

Bingo with Signora!

School Fee Reminder
The 1st Instalment of the 2015 Family Fee, $431.00, was due on 27th March 2015.

Don’t Forget to Keep Your Child’s Details Up-To-Date!

CareMonkey makes it easy for families to keep their children’s details.

Any profile that indicates a medical condition such as “anaphylaxis” or “asthma” is required to have a current plan attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact Irene Stewart or Sheridan Kellett if you have any questions or require any assistance.

new books
The library has lots of new books all waiting to be covered.

Can You Help?
The books can be covered at school in the library or taken home.

John Paul College & Partner Parish Primary Schools
Biennial Conference 2015
Parent Information Evening
Monday May 4th 6.30 - 8.00pm
rsvp: email casr@jpc.vic.edu.au by Thursday April 30th
Venue: (tbd) - either Ngargee Centre or Kealy Centre - dependent on numbers

Mental Health & Wellbeing
Michael Carr-Gregg presents
"The Ten Most Important Things you Should Tell your Children to Build Resilience and Happiness"

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists who specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. He sits on the Board of the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre and is the Parenting expert for Channel 7’s top rating Sunrise and Morning Show, a columnist for Girlfriend Magazine and Psychologist on 3AW’s Morning Show. Michael founded the world’s first national teenage cancer patients support group, CanTeen. He was a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying. He has worked in private practice as a family therapist, child psychologist and adolescent clinical psychologist, and as an academic and researcher.
Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program – Building Emotional Intelligence

Join Michael Grose for our 4-week online parenting course Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program

Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.

Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program is the first in a series of online courses to teach you how to develop emotional intelligence in your kids:

- Mood Meter is a practical tool developed by the research team at Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence
- Gives parents and kids a common language to talk about feelings
- Empower kids to recognise and then respond to how they feel
- Teach kids self-awareness and put them in control of their emotions
- The Mood Meter is great for kids that are visual learners, particularly boys
- Suitable for all age groups

The 4-week Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program starts on 3 May.

Join now for $57 to take advantage FREE access to Parentingideas Club before the course starts on 3 May.

Or why not join Parentingideas Club for $179 annual membership and get access to Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program plus the CLUB plus other courses planned during the next 12 months.


Or contact the Parentingideas team 03 59831798
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