Dear Parents,

Earlier this week envelopes were sent home to all families regarding participation in the Catholic Identity Survey. I would ask all families to please complete the survey online before the closing date of 19th June. Participation in the survey is not compulsory but the information gathered from the survey is invaluable for us as we plan for the future of our Catholic school. All information collected is completely confidential. The staff of St. Joachim’s will also undertake the survey and the Year 5 & 6 students next week during their I.T. sessions, if you do not wish your child to participate in the survey can you please let the office know early next week.

NAPLAN testing will begin on the week starting Monday 11th May for the Year 3 & 5 students. It is important that all students participate in this national testing scheme so their data can be tracked over the course of their primary and secondary schooling. As reported to the school community last term, St. Joachim’s school performed extremely well in student NAPLAN gains from Year 3 to Year 5.

It was wonderful to be a part of the school assembly time this week and to share the successes and learning going on at St. Joachim’s school. Some things that are happening at the moment are: Dance Pop, school sports, cross country preparation, choir rehearsals, and our up and coming Year 5 & 6 camp at Camp Rumbug in Foster.

Peace and blessings,

Pat Berlinger
Principal (Acting)
St. Joachim’s Catholic Parish Primary School

Mothers’ Day Raffle Tickets 50 cents each
From Mrs Stewart
Deputy Principal

Please keep the following students, who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, in your prayers.

Loving God,
Pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of Sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love. Amen.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Adult Education Dates
Saturday 16th May 4.00pm – 5.30pm Thursday 21st May 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Saturday 23rd May 4.00pm – 5.30pm Thursday 28th May 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Saturday 30th May 4.00pm – 5.30pm Thursday 4th June 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Rehearsal for students who are receiving Eucharist for the first time in the church on Saturday 30th May at 10.00am

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.

The invitation sent home with students yesterday, can be found here.

Mothers’ Day Raffle - Friday May 8
Tickets 50 cents each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday May 8 at 11:00am!

Good Luck!

Mothers’ Day Stall Friday May 8
St Joachim’s will be having a Mothers’ Day stall on Friday May 8th at which all students will be given the opportunity to buy their mother a gift.

Olivia
Stephanie
Johnanton
Kai
Chase
Kane
Lucas
Kane
D’Angelo
Brayden
Samuel
Layla
Louis
Jack
Isabella
Nina
Ben
Jarred
Jude
Shevan
Christian
Georgia
Tanaya
Blake
Harry
Timena
Molly St
Molly Sc
Duncan
Scott
Jenna
Bethany
Marc
Ethan
If parents wish their child to buy a gift they should send $5.00 in an envelope (clearly marked with the child’s name and class) on the day of the stall - Friday May 8th

Parents’ Association News (formerly Parents & Friends)

Meetings held 2nd Tues of the Month
We value your opinions and ideas.
All Welcome!

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

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Hope your team wins this week!

Senior School Camp

CAMP RUMBUG
(may 18 – 20)

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

**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.

We Celebrated 30 Years of Reading Recovery!
Chapel Garden Clean Up!!

Matthew Wood STO

Last Friday the Environmental Leaders and representatives from each of our classes brought gardening gloves to school for their first official job - cleaning up the chapel garden.

Special thanks to Mark who came to help along with mums: Maria and Andrea!!!
Assembly Awards

Charlie PRF
For creating fantastic patterns using colours.

Gabbi PRF
For her well-presented “show and tell” about her unicorn toy.

Charlie PZA
For an excellent effort to create and explain her own pattern.

Harley PZA
For a fantastic effort in recording the sounds he hears in words when writing.

Ryan JDM
For being well organised and a fantastic classroom helper. Well done!

Aidan JDM
For making excellent progress in his personal reading. Well done!

Pippa JNE
For working hard to improve her hand writing.

Aidan JNE
For focusing to make sure that his work is always his best.

Grace JLG
For outstanding effort in her reading!

Tania JLG
For always being organised in all that she does!

Cruz JRE
For a fantastic reflection on the ANZACs!

Danielle JRE
For making huge progress to read with expression and fluency!

Kane B MMH
For working well with a Maths partner during problem solving.

Victoria MMH
For taking her role as Environmental Representative very seriously and using her free time to collect litter.

Alyssa MJW
For speaking confidently at our Middle School assembly.

Duncan MJW
For always being a supportive and wise member of MJW.

Jack MRN
For using his maths strategies to solve problems.

Chris MRN
For using persuasive language when writing his persuasive texts.

Mario MSR
For working hard to solve division problems independently.

Keira MSR
For writing an excellent Open Minded Portrait for a character from a Goosebumps novel.

Kiraalee SVT
For good sportsmanship at our Lightning Premiership.

Matthew SVT
For good sportsmanship at our Lightning Premiership.

Matthew STO
For being helpful and always willing to share his technology expertise with students and teachers!

Photos by Harrison – Well done!

William STO
For his enthusiastic participation in our ‘Hands-On Science’ Incursion!

Nadisha SFT
For working hard to self-monitor her reading rate & use expression when reading aloud.

Diviya SFT
For always offering her answers in numeracy lessons and working hard to solve more complex multiplication problems.

Alex SDB
For trying hard with short multiplication sums.

Thomas V SDB
For trying hard with short multiplication sums.
Thank you to the students of STO who ran this week’s assembly.

This week’s photographer was Harrison.

The happiest of birthdays to our students who have had birthdays this week.
An Interview with Mrs McWaters

Mrs McWaters with Mr McWaters

- The car I drive is a Black Honda Jazz
- Interests outside school: cooking and watching live theatre / shows
- Best part about being a teacher is: seeing the potential in each and every child
- Favourite Team: St Kilda
- Favourite holiday destination: Port Douglas
- Pets: a bird – cockatiel Max and a black Labrador dog, Shylo.
- Favourite food: Thai Beef Salad
- Favourite TV show: My Kitchen Rules
- Favourite book: The Water Diviner
- Favourite film: The Notebook
- Favourite artist/singer: Bruce Springsteen
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Fifi Box, Hosier and Julia Bishop
- I became a teacher because: My love of learning and sharing this with the children
- If I weren’t a teacher I’d be: A nurse
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? Coffee maker, hair straightener & perfume

Sports News

Basketball Grand Final Fever strikes at St Joachims.

R. Haines, PE Teacher

Week 9 signalled the culmination of the seniors’ basketball league at St Joachim’s.

The games have been played at break time. I would like to commend all the players on their commitment, sportsmanship and teamwork witnessed over the past 7 weeks.

Thank you very much to the referees and score keepers for a fantastic job.

The league was closely contested:

League Table Positions:
- First:..............Red Flaming Bulls on 8 points.
- Second:..........Blue Bandits on 6 points
- Third:............Green Toxic Ferns on 5 points
- Fourth: .........Yellow Bananas on 5 points

The grand final promised great things and it lived up to everyone’s expectations. It was the clash of the Titans: Nathan K vs Mojwok. The Red Flaming Bulls lead by MVP Nathan K were deserving of their win. The Blue Bandits fought back strongly in the second half but the Red Flaming Bulls held on resolutely. The final result: Red Flaming Bulls (22) vs Blue Bandits (18)

Seniors Basketball Lunch-Club Competition Term 1 – 2015

*Games are played every lunch-time from week 3 to week 8. Grand final held in week 9.

Blue Bandits: Runner’s -up

1. Manager: Mojwok SFT
2. Coach – Ezra STO
3. Charlie SDB
4. Alexander SDB
5. Alexa SVT

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.
Congratulations to all the people who played in the Lightning Premiership. Go St Joachim’s Jets!

By Gabriel (STO)

Boys Second Basketball

Good job for the boys’ second basketball team.

On the 23rd of April we took part in the Lighting Premiership. Congratulations to the other teams we played. Some teams were easy, some teams were hard.

Thank you for all the parents and refs. who helped us along on the day. We didn’t win most of the time, but we had fun and used team work which is great.

By Taine, Matt, Sean and the rest of the team

Girls Basketball

SWISH! The ball went flying through the net. Last Thursday the girls’ basketball team went to Frankston Basketball Centre. We played 6 teams from different schools, they were all very challenging.

We all had heaps of fun. Unfortunately Daania got hurt but she still had a good time at Lightning Premiership.

By Alexa, Breeana, Mariana, Kirralee and Samra

Softball

For the past few weeks at Interschool sport we have been playing Softball. On the day of the Lightning Premiership we were split into two teams—the grade 5’s and the grade 6’s. Overall we won 3 out of 4 games. We all loved playing against all the other schools. We weren’t given a place position at the end of the day, but we did really well.

By Tara and Lana

Green Toxic Ferns

1. Manager: Tyson STO
2. Captain: Nathan D SVT
3. Oliver SDB
4. Thomas SDB
5. Daniel SFT
6. Diviya SFT
7. Millie SVT
8. Sean SVT

Red Flaming Bulls (Winners)

1. Manager: Matthew W STO
2. Captain: Nathan K STO
3. Poppy STO
4. Thiviru STO
5. William STO
6. Nyamijowk SDB
7. Samuel SDB

Yellow Bananas

1. Coach: Sean SVT
2. Captain: Jordan SDB
3. Gabriel STO
4. Taine STO
5. Angel SVT
6. Patrick SDB
7. Thomas B SDB
8. Daania SFT

Lightning Premiership Boys Basketball

Last week, the A team basketball boys went to Frankston Basketball Stadium to play basketball in the Lightning Premiership.

We won every game and smashed Banyan Fields 30-2 in the semi-finals. We lost the grand final to Rowellyn and won runners up.

By Tara and Lana
Volley Stars

On the day of Lightning Premiership the volley stars team went to Flinders to play volley ball against other schools. Team A won against Banyan fields but it was a close one. Team B won against St Joachim’s Team A. It was a great experience and we had heaps of fun with the other teams. We made lots of friends with other schools.

By Larissa & Amritha

Cricket

On 23rd April we played cricket in the Lightning Premiership at Banyan Fields reserve. There were nine schools in the competition and we came third overall.

Tom M was our captain and he organized our team so we all had a chance to bat and bowl. In between games we even practised.

Some of our parents came to help and cheer us on. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and it was a terrific day.

By Ben, Chris and Ethan

Congratulations

Two weeks ago I went to Mt Eliza to complete in the district trials for football. It was very hard because I had to play 3 games of 4 x 10 minutes quarters. There were a lot of great players there and most of them were much bigger than me. I kicked one goal, 45m out. We ended up losing all of our games but the scores did not matter. It was a fantastic day and I was proud that I got into the district team. Hopefully I have a good crack at the state team.

By Nathan K

Congratulations

On the 22nd April I went to district soccer trials and played soccer matches to try to get selected for entry into the next set of trials. I made it into the next set of trials and I am proud of my achievement. They picked only 11 kids out of 50 people and it was the hardest thing in the world, but I tried my best and made it!

By Noah K

Congratulations

Also to former St Joachims Student

Jack Lonie

Now playing for St Kilda in the AFL.

Last week Jack kicked two goals!

We love to hear great successes! Email Leonie Richardson with any great news to go into the newsletter to be shared with the St Joachim’s community!