On this day above all days we recall those who served in war and who did not return to receive the grateful thanks of the nation.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Joachim’s

On Wednesday, six of our Middle School students 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.

It was great to see Poppy Garner, Matthew Khorani, Lana Vargas, Lisa Randall, Sam Cronin and Kairthi Chandiliyan proudly and respectfully representing our school.

Thankyou to Ms Richardson and Miss Walker who went with them along with Sam’s Nanna, Sandy and Blake’s Mum, Melinda.

We also had an ANZAC Day lovely remembrance ceremony at school for the remaining students.

With warmest wishes,
Irene Stewart
Vice Principal

May
1st       School Closure Day *Wednesday*
           JPC Biannual Conference.
2nd       SAC Meeting 7pm Staffroom
8th       Running Club recommences
9th       Mother’s Day Morning Tea.
10th      Mother’s Day Stall
13th      NAPLAN week begins
24th      Senior Winter Sports begin–
           (Fridays 11:30- 1: 30pm)
28th      F.D.S.S.A (Frankston District School
           Sports Association) - Cross Country
29th      Sibling / School leaders Photo Day
30th      SAC Meeting 7pm Staffroom

June;
10th      Queen’s Birthday Holiday
19th      Talent Show
25 & 26th Parent Teacher Interviews
26th      End of Term 2 - 3:15pm Finish.
27 & 28th School Closure Days - Staff Professional
          Development.

Running Club Recommences Wednesday May 8th

The School Newsletter – Have you noticed the change?

Over many months, the newsletter has been taking a far more student centric approach providing our families with a better insight into all the activities that take place at St Joachim’s. We strongly encourage our families to access the newsletter on line, particularly if you have misplaced the newsletter or it has not been brought home.
ANZAC Day Incursion

On Tuesday, students in Grades 2 – Grade 6 were treated to a great incursion on ANZAC Day.

The presenters brought in an enormous amount of war time memorabilia including letters, postcards, cameras, first aid supplies, gas masks and uniform.

The children were quiet and interested as they listened to the presentation.

After the presentation, all students were given the opportunity to touch and look at many of the items up close and to try on hats, jackets, gas masks and lots of other services type clothing.

If your child hasn’t told you about the incursion yet, ask them – they’ll have lots to say.

Thank you to Wayne and Lyn McAliece who give up their time and generously share their collection with our students.

Building a Stronger Community

This week marks a new connection between the two schools of St Joachim’s and St Anne’s. Having both schools attend the same camp together has provided our students with the opportunity to build new friendships with students who will be attending the same secondary colleges in the coming years.

Camp not only provides new learning and life experiences but opportunities to challenge oneself, see another side of a person and work together in a team environment.

For our staff, the camp allows us to see your children in a different light, to see their strengths and weaknesses, and sometimes something we never knew about them.

We hope that the experiences they have shared these last three days will become wonderful memories for the future.

Camp Rumbug

Before Photos!

On Wednesday morning our Senior students were very excited as they arrived at school ... they were off to Camp Rumbug! We look forward to seeing lots of photos and hearing all about their adventures in next week’s newsletter.
‘This is me Dance’

From next week students at St Joachim’s will take part in a 10 week dance program (on Thursdays).

**SASH Entertainment** provides innovative, tailored, unique entertainment for children of all needs.

SASH Entertainment is a high energy, fun and fully structured program conducted by two fabulous SASH teachers who use age appropriate popular music.

The children will groove to their favourite hits learning original SASH choreographed dance moves, enjoy crazy dance games and experience the thrill and excitement of performance.

Regardless of age, gender or ability, ‘This is me Dance’ gives every child the opportunity to express themselves through the form of dance. By promoting teamwork, self-expression, self-esteem, and physical activity these classes are a perfect forum for children not only to improve their social and communication skills but also focus, discipline and co-ordination skills whilst having fun!

With extensive experience behind them, SASH teachers have a unique ability to connect with children, creating a special rapport between themselves and the children almost instantly. They will provide a fun, creative, safe and non-threatening environment where each child is encouraged to be proud of whom they are and nurture individuality.

Coming soon this term……

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn is Back!**

All classes are collecting stickers and keeping a tally. Please send your stickers to school so that we can get lots of free equipment.

Last year we were fortunate to get lots of great things for the children including lots of Lego.

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**SCHOOL CHOIR**

Rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons have resumed for our new School Choir and we look forward to their official launch later this term!!!

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**KEYBOARD LESSONS**

After school keyboard lessons are available at school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and are held in the Senior learning block.

Anyone interested in their child having lessons, please contact the keyboard teachers directly:

- **Tuesday/ Thursday lessons:** Zeina Iskander 0413 836 049
- **Friday lessons:** Natasha Hagendorfer 0430 329 563
Now that Term 2 has commenced, I would like to share with families some of the things that your children have been doing in Italian.

Preps
The Preps have only had a few lessons because they have Italian on a Wednesday and have only been coming full-time for a few weeks. However, even in that short time, they have learned to count to 10, have learned that Italy is shaped like a lady’s boot and that the flag is green, white and red. They have learned to say their name and hello and goodbye, and are starting to learn the colours.

This year is very much a foundation year in Italian. The students learn a lot of basic vocabulary and phrases, which they then use as a basis for further learning in the following years.

Juniors
The main unit of study this semester is clothing. We have played dress-up games, which have been a lot of fun, but the students have also been introduced to a bilingual dictionary (junior version). The Grade 1s can generally locate words with guidance, and the Grade 2s are already proving to be quite proficient in using the dictionary independently. This is a vital skill in language learning.

Students have also done some work on Italian vowel sounds and are constantly practising counting to 100 by ones and tens. They are enjoying the challenge of ‘translating’ quite difficult numbers.

Middles
Our unit, ‘Il mio alieno’ (My Alien), is going well. The students have done a lot of background work (some in English, some in Italian) on our solar system and are now beginning to learn the vocabulary needed to create their own alien.

We have also worked hard on correctly identifying Italian vowel sounds, which are quite different to English and so takes some practice. Students have completed a short quiz every week and it has been amazing to see the improvement. This activity teaches students to sound out new or unknown words and helps with both writing and reading.

Students also have a long list of useful, short phrases to learn over the course of this year. This is an activity they complete in their own time (eg if they finish their work early); they come to me for ‘testing’ when they feel they are ready.

Seniors
The focus of this semester has been on describing people, and soon the students will have to put their detective and witness skills to the test to help solve a crime – in Italian, of course!

Like the Middles, Senior students have done a lot of work on vowel sounds and also have a list of phrases to learn.

On top of this, all Seniors have been given a two-part individual project on famous Italians, which must be completed before the end of the semester.

Poetry Competition
Every two years, St Joachim’s participates in an Italian Poetry Competition with St Anne’s and St Joseph’s, Chelsea. Last time, St Joachim’s won the competition, with Jackson Bence-Collin (now in Grade 6), being judged the best overall student.

The competition will happen again at the end of Term 2, so both Middles and Seniors are now learning a poem as well.

Never let it be said that students ever have nothing to do in Italian classes!

Signora Larson

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Sibling / School Leader and Graduation
Photo Day
Wednesday 29th May

All children (siblings who have pre ordered a photo, school leaders, grade 6s) will need to wear their full winter uniform on this day.

Uniform Shop
Trading Hours
Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Tracey Craddock     Uniform Shop Coordinator
tcraddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
CDF Student Banking
Day is Thursday
if you are interested in opening a new student account forms are available from the office

Footy Tipping

Footy Tipping @ St Joachim’s!

Just an update on our Footy Tipping.
The photo below is a bit hard to read but, at the moment.....

Sazster32 is in the lead on 29!
Tigergirl 100 28
DPJS 28
KealaCoconut 28
Monika22 28
JacksGeelong 27
Olliepie 27
Legoboyfan 26
Lochiev 26
Natalia 26

School Office
Opening Times:
Monday to Friday
8.30am till 4.00pm

Free 2 pairs of Size 10 School Shoes
Please see Lisa in the Office

First Eucharist

Adult Faith Education Course in preparation for their child’s reception of the Sacrament of First Eucharist

Time 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Place Parish Centre Meeting Room
Dates Saturday 27th April and Saturday 4th May

Time 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Place Parish Centre Meeting Room
Dates Tuesday 30th April and Tuesday 7th May

Please note that these sessions are planned for one and a half hour duration. Please be punctual for everyone’s convenience so that we can begin and finish on time.

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.

First Reading
Acts 14:21-27
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.
Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they
commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading**

Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

1. John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**Food For The Soul**

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.