St Joachim’s Catholic Parish Primary School

St Joachim’s Newsletter

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Friday 8th May 2015

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful morning it was on Thursday here at St. Joachim’s with our Mother’s Day morning tea. It was so nice to see all of our mums and grandmothers sharing a cuppa and scones. The highlight of the morning was seeing our beautiful prep children perform two songs for the group. Thank you to all of the people who assisted with the preparation and organisation of such a lovely event.

The staff and Year 5 & 6 students have completed the Catholic Identity surveys, now it is up to the parents to ‘get on board’. 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. I would ask all families to please complete the survey online before the closing date of 19th June.

The NAPLAN timetable for next week four our Year 3 & 5 students are:

- Tuesday – Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday – Reading
- Thursday – Numeracy

Can I please ask all of the Year 3 & 5 families to ensure you are at school by 8:30am on these days to ensure a smooth calm start to the morning.

On Thursday night we held our School Advisory Board meeting (SAB). Some excellent initiatives coming from this group have been the payment of the new junior blinds and split cycle heaters and coolers in the Year 1 classrooms. A new Facebook page for second hand uniforms has been established for St. Joachim’s families, it is for buying, selling, swapping and donating school uniforms. This is a membership only site and is available to all St. Joachim’s parents. There are rules for participation in this site which can be found as a ‘pinned post’. Please note this is not a social site, users who do not abide by the group rules will be removed/blocked for participation in this site.

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- St. Joachim’s School is a NO SMOKING site and it is illegal to smoke within 4 metres of any school entry. http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoforms/
- The car park directly in front of the school reception is for staff parking and the coffee van on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A number of parents have begun to park in this area and it is becoming unsafe for our junior students who enter and exit the school via this area.
- Everyone who parks in the middle area of the car park MUST use the pedestrian crossing – no exceptions.
- Please ensure that when you are lined up on Broderick Road waiting to enter the school grounds you are patient and do not ‘push in’ or ‘cut’ people off.
- Please be patient with new users of our school express pick-up and drop off area. Sometimes we have grandparents and new prep parents who are learning how our system works.
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Thank you to everyone for your understanding in these matters.

Peace and blessings,

Pat Berlingeri
Principal (Acting)
St. Joachim’s Catholic Parish Primary School
Loving God,

You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives.

Amen.

Wishing all our St Joachim's mothers a fabulous Mother's Day.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

A MESSAGE FOR ALL 2015 FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS

As outlined in the Parish Sacramental Policy a key component of the Sacramental Programme is the attendance of parents at an Adult Faith Education Course prior to their child’s reception of any Sacrament.

Last month, for parents who could not attend the Adult Education Sessions for Reconciliation, a second catch up round was offered so their children could still be eligible to receive the Sacrament as part of the 2015 programme.

Unfortunately, due to diary constraints, this is not possible for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. This means if your child is scheduled to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist during the month of June and you cannot attend all three sessions of the Adult Faith Education Course for First Eucharist your child’s reception of this Sacrament may need to be postponed until later in the year.

While I am aware that parents have many demands on their time I ask that you make attending this Adult Faith Education Course a priority. There needs to be a serious valid reason for missing a session. This is because each session builds on the previous one giving a clear understanding of the Eucharist and its meaning. Anyone who does miss a session will be obliged to make an appointment to see Fr. John before they can be exempt and each situation will be viewed individually and on its merit.

The alternative is to wait and enrol your child for the same Sacrament next year when, as a family, you may be able to participate more fully in the Sacramental Programme.

**Adult Education Dates**

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**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**

We had a fabulous turn out at our Mothers’ Day Morning Tea yesterday.

Many mums and grandmothers enjoyed the delicious scones and were well entertained by our delightful prep students.

Thanks to the senior students that assisted at the morning tea by showing everyone where to go, serving the scones, cleaning up and doing the dishes as well as taking all the great photos.

Keep reading until the end of the newsletter to see just a few of the photos taken.
The St Joachim’s Parents’ Association once again was able to assist our students in purchasing the perfect Mother’s Day gift for their mother at the St Joachim’s Mothers’ Day Stall.

Thanks to all the mothers 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 I’m sure the mums will love their gifts.

Parents’ Association News
(formerly Parents & Friends)

This Tuesday, May 12
In the staffroom
Meetings held 2nd Tues of the Month
We value your opinions and ideas.
All Welcome!

Mothers’ Day Raffle

Thank you to all our families who supported the Parents’ Association by purchasing tickets for our Mother’s Day Raffle.

Our lucky winners were:
1. Brayden MJW
2. Denver JNE
3. Sajeev JLG
4. Christian SVT

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.

Senior School Camp
(May 18 – 20)

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

Footy Tipping

Blakester.........................31
Lady Irene.....................30
SUPER NOAH...............30
TS2015..........................30
Willy 568.......................29
Mystery Man...............29
djana22.........................28
Mr Berlingeri.................28
Natalia’s superkick.....28
Betty Boo......................27

Top ten is getting very close!
Glad to see you up there Joe!
Best of luck this week!
Go Pies!!
**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.

**Do you have an old iPhone sitting in a drawer?**

We’d love to use it in our classrooms.

Some classes have been using iPhones as part of the Daily 5 Literacy Program. It has been brilliant to see the students so engaged in their learning.

We are looking to connect as many children as possible. If you have an old iPhone that you no longer need, you are invited to donate it for our students to use in their learning. These can be left at the office.

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**facebook**

Buy & Sell St Joachim’s Uniforms

A Buy & Sell St Joachim’s Uniforms Facebook page has been set up to enable St Joachim’s families to sell or give away uniforms in good, clean condition that their family no longer need.

The group is a closed group and posts are moderated by the admin team. If you would like to join this group, please apply at

https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjuniform

For families that don’t have a Facebook account but would like to sell or giveaway free school uniform items, they can contact Maria Jaskula who will post to the group on your behalf.

Maria Jaskula on 0414593100 or email Mariamaria@y7mail.com

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**Golf Tournament**

On Monday 27th April, I played in the Victorian Primary Schools golf tournament at Sandhurst Golf Club.

I played in a group with 2 other people, Harrison and Indy. Harrison is 7 years old and Indy is 11 years old.

It was my first ever game without playing with my family. I had to choose my own clubs and my Mum was my caddie. The weather was a little wet, but that didn’t stop me from having a good round of golf and good fun.

_Harrison Carbis._

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!
An Interview with Miss Banks

- The car I drive is a white Hyundai Elantra
- Interests outside school: singing, shopping, writing stories
- Best part about being a teacher is: seeing children allow their talents to shine
- Favourite Team: Hawthorn! Go Hawks!
- Favourite holiday destination: New Zealand
- Favourite food: Dark chocolate
- Favourite TV show: The Voice
- Favourite book: The Magic Faraway Tree
- Favourite film: Lord of the Rings
- Favourite artist/singer: Whitney Houston
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Patrick Jackson, John Williams (film composer) Julie Andrews
- I became a teacher because: I love to see children believe in themselves.
- If I weren’t a teacher I’d be: Author or a journalist.
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? iPod, Bible and my ukulele

Performing Arts News

Excitement is building across the school as our talented students prepare for the following upcoming events:

- School Choir

Our amazing School Choir are rehearsing their repertoire of songs every Tuesday after school in preparation for their upcoming performances:

- Thursday 18th June- Performance at St. Paul Apostle South School (Endeavour Hills)
- Tuesday 23rd June- Choir Show in our school hall @ 2.15pm-3.00pm
- Saturday 18th July- Performance at Karingal Hub- Centre Court @ 2.00pm
- August (Date to be confirmed)- Performance at Oxfam Music Festival for Schools, Box Hill Town Hall @ 7.00pm
**Talent Show**

Students in Grades 3-6 have been rehearsing for the annual school ‘Talent Show’ in the following categories: Singing, Dancing, Instrumental, Magic Show, Comedy Acts, Jokes/ Poems, Beatboxing/ Rap every Monday recess time in the Performing Arts room.

Auditions will be held next Monday for the 20 item places available to fit into the 2 hour timeframe.

The Talent Show will take place on Wednesday the 24th of June from 11.30am-1.30pm in the school hall.

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**Senior Production**

Senior students have started rehearsing for this year’s production “Cinderella” during Performing Arts lessons in preparation for their performance next term. Cinderella will be performed on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th September at Carrum Downs Secondary College, 7.00pm.

**Music Incursion**

Students in Grades 1-4 will be treated to a fantastic music incursion next Friday the 15th of May, with two professional Melbourne trumpet players coming to present a musically educational and entertaining show featuring brass instruments.

*Miss Jody Banks Performing Arts Teacher*

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**My Granddad Marches on ANZAC Day**

To commemorate ANZAC day, the students in MJW read the story ‘My Grandad Marches on Anzac Day’. We decided to create our own portraits of the soldiers who gave their lives to fight for Australia’s freedom.

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**Assembly**

**Every Thursday at 2:30pm Parents Welcome**

Thank you to the students of SFT who ran this week’s assembly. Thank you to STO for the wonderful presentation. This week’s photographer was Angelina.

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**The Tech Team**
Kalina PRF
For doing a fabulous job estimating and measuring items around the classroom using unifix.

Chris PRF
For writing a sentence independently about the book we read. Super job Chris!

Georgia PZA
For phrasing and using wonderful expression when reading.

Sahra PZA
For using strategy of matching the initial sound to the picture in reading.

Marco JNE
For always being fully engaged in his learning.

Estelle JNE
For always persisting to complete her work to the best of her ability.

Adelina JLG
For completing a brilliant poster on Addition in Maths.

Shayarna JLG
For working hard to complete all her tasks on time.

Lydia JRE
For her fantastic automatic recall of friends to 10!

Kye JRE
For always taking the time to listen, think and respond to questions during class discussions.

Lily JDM
For blending sounds, stretching and re-reading to read words accurately. Well done!

Amrish JDM
For locating and using new and interesting words in “Word Work”. Well done!

Lauren MMH
For giving clear and concise instructions to the class on how to make an origami heart.

Asvin MMH
For writing a fabulously descriptive acrostic poem.

Hayden MSR
For displaying good behaviour in the classroom and for being a good friend to his classmates.

Larissa MMH
For completing some excellent research on explores for our history topic.

Amy MRN
For being a polite and caring member of the class.

Noah MRN
For trying his best with all his tasks.

Molly MJW
For trying hard to master addition equations involving decimals.

Lucas MJW
For writing an excellent persuasive piece about cats vs. dogs.

Rachel SFT
For working hard on her reading strategies and using expression when reading aloud.

Chris SFT
For working independently on his creative perimeter task and setting an example for others.

Lisa STO
For always being a polite and courteous member of STO.

Tyson STO
For successfully applying multiplication and division strategies and his focus on Maths tasks.

Jessica SDB
For including great ideas in her persuasive writing.

Angelina SDB
For working hard on her persuasive writing.

Taine SVT
For managing behaviour well on many occasions.

Angel SFT
For her thoughtful writing on “Love One Another”.

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