Dear Parents,

I would like to inform the school community that I will be departing at the end of Term 2 to take up the permanent position of Principal at St. Finbar’s, East Brighton at the beginning of Term 3. It has been an incredible, life changing experience for me at St. Joachim’s and the past two terms have been an extremely rewarding and enriching time for me.

I can’t express enough how wonderful St. Joachim’s community is and I would like to personally thank Fr. John Madden for entrusting the running of this great school to me, and my thanks also to Mrs. Carol Fleming (Parish Manager St. Anne’s) and Mr. Roderick Shaw (Principal of St. Anne’s) for their support and encouragement. Thank you also to the amazing staff at St. Joachim’s who are the most dedicated team I have ever experienced in an educational setting, my particular thanks goes to Mrs. Stewart who has helped guide me and advise me when making important decisions.

Just a reminder that there is a working bee on this Monday 25th May after school. We will be tidying up the veggie garden area in readiness for our 4 guests of honour (chooks!) who will be arriving on Tuesday 26th May. Thanks to our staff Environment Team for making this happen.

What a wonderful experience our Year 5 & 6 Rumbug camp was! It was great to see staff and students from St. Joachim’s and St. Anne’s mixing and having a great and muddy time. Thank you to the staff who attended camp, and to Mrs O’Callaghan for her expert organisation. It is a massive commitment for them to be away from their own families providing 24 hour care for our amazing students and I would like to publicly acknowledge this. The feedback from parents about our TiqBiz app was phenomenal! Being able to see the children enjoying the activities was much appreciated by all.

The state government has just launched a new initiative enabling families who qualify, access to funding for camps, sports and excursions – $125 per primary school child and $225 for secondary students. More information can be found at:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csefschools.aspx#link 22

Peace and blessings,

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

Deputy Principal

"Come Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them
The fire of your love".

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is fifty days after Easter Sunday and when the Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles to do great work in spreading the Good News throughout the world. They did not stay in the room keeping what they had been given for themselves. They went out to tell the world how much God loves everyone and that he wants everyone to experience that love.

Through our Baptism and Confirmation we have received the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to enable us to bring God’s love to our world. Today it is our challenge to continue this work. We are called to use these gifts to benefit others in God’s service.

*We pray for love, especially in families, so that parents and children grow together in peace.*

*We pray for joy, especially when a baby is born so that new life will remind us of the wonder of creation.*

*We pray for peace, especially in countries where there is continuing war.*

*We pray for patience, especially where there is slowness to understand and learn.*

*We pray for kindness, especially for people who grow old and find it difficult to care for themselves.*

*We pray for the goodness, especially in the minds and hearts of people who make and protect the law.*

*We pray for faithfulness, especially in the lives of those who promise love and commitment.*

*We pray for gentleness, especially for those who care for those who are sick in body and mind.*

*We pray for self-control, especially when we are angry of hurt.*

Jesus send us your spirit.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

**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**

St Joachim’s

DRESS IN RED DAY.

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

On Friday May 29th all students can come dressed in red and bring a gold coin donation. We are helping raise money for people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Harrison and Emmitt Carbis and their family will be participating in the MS Walk and Fun Run on 31st May to support their uncle who has MS.

They are trying to raise as much money as possible so that the Australians living with MS can be provided with the services and support they need.

It’s not too late to register and join the walk or run if you would like to be involved. Alternatively you can donate by following the link below.

We Walked to School!
Friday 22nd May.

Lots of families took the opportunity to walk to school today.

Mr Berlingeri and many of our staff met in the Woolworths carpark and walked to school together.

Special thanks to our two wonderful lolly pop ladies who helped us stay safe while crossing the roads. Our lolly pop ladies are there every morning and afternoon in all kinds of weather and are always cheerful and friendly!

Working Bee - Can you help us?

Monday May 25 at 3:30pm

Our kitchen garden needs some TLC. Everyone is welcome: parents, uncles, aunties and grandparents. Please bring your gloves and any gardening equipment you might have.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Miss Jessica Welsh
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

It’s getting close!!

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Best of luck this week! Go Pies!!

Library News

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday May 27

The 2015 National Simultaneous Storytime book is:

Parents’ Association News

(formerly Parents & Friends)

Tuesday, June 9

In the staffroom

Meetings held 2nd Tues of the Month

We value your opinions and ideas.

All Welcome!

Subway Lunch Day

At Joachim’s students are having a special treat organised by the

St Joachim’s Parents’ Association

on Friday May 29th (Wear Red for MS Day)

Simply complete the order form and return it to your child’s teacher by

* 9:00am Tuesday May 26th *

In a clearly labelled envelope with

$5.00.

We are unable to accept late orders!
This semester, all students have been very busy in Italian classes, learning new things and consolidating previous knowledge.

In Foundation, students have had fun learning how to say hello and goodbye, formally and informally, and how to say their names and ages. They have learnt to count to ten and are becoming more proficient every week in saying their Italian prayer. They have also learnt several songs, including the hello song, the happy birthday song, the counting song and the old favourite about the sleepy bell-ringer, Fra Martino. Students should now be able to recognise the shape of Italy and say the colours of the Italian flag in the correct order and in Italian. They are also beginning to recognise that speaking Italian means using your hands in certain ways!

At Junior level, we have been learning about ‘La Famiglia’ (Family). We began by discussing different types of family groups that can exist in both Australia and Italy, and spent some time learning how to say the Italian words for members of the family. We had a lot of fun practising this by playing Tombola (Bingo) using family words. Students then drew ‘photos’ of the main members of their own family before being introduced to simple sentences stating who the person is and what they are like. Grade 1 students were given a list of adjectives for their sentences, while Grade 2 students looked up Italian adjectives in the Junior bilingual dictionary. We practised sentences orally and in writing before finally writing the relevant ones under each ‘photo’. As well as working on the main theme, students also continued to revise colours, classroom directions and numbers, particularly numbers 11 to 20, which are quite difficult.

At Middle level, we began to formalise knowledge of Italian pronunciation, concentrating mainly on the vowels. Students have completed a number of vowel quizzes, listening to Italian words and filling in the missing vowels. Some students are still in the beginning stages of recognising the difference between, say, the sound of ‘e’ in Italian as opposed to English, but many are progressing well, with some students so proficient at it that I have been forced to give them ‘Super Quizzes’ as a challenge! This vowel practice links with the poem that all students are learning, with a view to being chosen as a finalist in the Poetry Competition (see below). The main theme of this semester, however, is ‘Che tempo fa?’ (What’s the weather like?). We began by learning the names of the season in Italian and a series of weather phrases, which was reinforced by playing Tombola (Bingo). Students have also completed a number of written activities focussing on describing and/or translating weather reports in Australia and Italy and are now in the process of writing their own weather reports in the form of a role play to be performed for the class.

The Seniors have revisited the pronunciation of Italian vowels, completing vowel quizzes of varying levels of difficulty, including ‘Super Challenge’ ones. They are all working on learning an Italian poem (see Poetry Competition below), while also learning about what life was like in Ancient Roman times. You might like to ask your child to tell you about public toilets or about the twins raised by a wolf or one of the many other ‘facts’ they have learned. They have written a personal profile in Italian and are currently completing a research project (in English), both of which lead in to a short story about a (fictitious) Roman family - lots of political intrigue, some tear-jerker moments and, of course, a love story! They will then write a profile for one member of the family.

Students from Grades 1-6 continue also to complete Challenge Activities, when they have finished set work, to gain points for their Italian team, Montessori or Da Vinci.
**Italian Poetry Competition**

Every two years, St Joachim’s participates in an Italian Poetry Competition, open to students in grades 3/4 and 5/6. The competing schools, apart from St Joachim’s, are St Anne’s in Seaford, St Joseph’s in Chelsea and St Augustine’s in Frankston. Students choose one of two poems (different choice of poems for Middles and Seniors), which they then practise and eventually recite for the class. However, six students from each level are chosen to represent the school at the Competition, which will take place this year on August 13th at St Anne’s. Learning a poem can be challenging at any time and to do it in another language, with appropriate expression and gestures, is a huge task. However, it is well worth it. It’s always exciting to see how far students can go; even those who do not make it into the Competition usually show a massive improvement, not just in reciting the poem but in their understanding of Italian pronunciation, intonation and expression. I will continue to keep you posted.

_Signora Larson_

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**Senior School Camp**

What a fun few days our students and staff had at Camp Rumbug!

_Some students in SFT have told me..._

I liked the flying fox because it went over a massive lake off a massive hill.

_Chris_

I adored the scare bear because I just love heights.

Camp was one of my second favourite things I’ve ever done in my life!

_Owen_

We did lots of activities and everyone enjoyed them because they were muddy.

_Ethan_

I liked the archery. I hit the bulls eye but the arrow fell out. The food was very nice and we got very muddy and I slipped like twenty times!

_Ben_

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I liked the nitro crossing because my group had the rope on top of the mud and everyone fell in!

_Angelina_

And from Katy Kelly

I loved watching the kids enjoy getting wet and muddy!

_It was a very exciting time for all involved._
St Joachim’s used the Tiqbiz App to send updates to parents about the activities. You can get the app from the app store.

Assembly

Every Thursday at 2:30pm
Parents Welcome

Thank you to the students of MSR who ran this week’s assembly. Thank you to PZA for the wonderful presentation.

This week’s photographer was Joshua.

Assembly Awards

Grace PRF
For including more detail in her writing.

Thomas PRF
For doing an outstanding job comparing the weight of items in our magazine hunt.

Nevington PZA
For a fantastic job in estimating and measuring the length and weight of objects around the classroom.

Alexis PZA
For making an amazing progress in recording the sounds she hears in words when writing.

Denver JNE
For writing an interesting sorry letter to a giant from Jack.

PZA’s Rainbow Fish
Leonie JNE
For completing a beautifully presented “What Coin Am I? booklet

Ezra JLG
For a beautifully written narrative about a princess who tripped everywhere she went! Outstanding work Ezra!

Noah JLG
For working hard to make good choices in all your learning.

Jayla JDM
For a very persuasive letter to Goldilocks from the three bears.

Benjamin I JDM
For a clever persuasive letter to Goldilocks from the three bears.

Jacob JRE
For writing a wonderful, persuasive letter from Jack to the giant!

Sienna JRE
For using strategies when re reading and finding smaller words inside bigger words.

Manas MSR
For behaving appropriately during our class Mass.

Akashton MSR
For doing challenging problems in Maths.

Luke MMH
For effectively using a simile to describe the appearance of a character.

Manav MMH
For writing a detailed description of the characters from the book Fire Engine Lil.

Brayden MJW
For independently writing an interesting narrative about a wagon.

Dermit MJW
For always being a supportive and compassionate friend.

Blake MJW
For including powerful adverbs in his writing.

Ethan MRN
For getting along with others when playing team sport.

Angelina MRN
For confidently sharing her understanding of fractions.

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

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.

Head Lice
Once a week take a peek!

Families please check your child’s hair for Head Lice each Sunday before they return to school. Please treat immediately if head lice are found. Head lice numbers would be reduced if this quick check happened every week.

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 there 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