Dear Parents,

Our Staff commissioning Mass last Sunday, and our beginning of the year Mass yesterday, both went very well. Thank you to students, staff and parents for your reverent participation yesterday. A particular thank you to Father John, for beginning our school year with some important reminders, and to our new Religious Education Leader, Mrs. Zeeta Andrew, for organising and preparing the liturgy so well.

It was great to see the happy, smiling faces of our beautiful new Prep children as they arrived for their first day of school on Monday this week! The buzz in the air was electric, full of excitement and anticipation, for the many learning and fun adventures in the year ahead. I warmly welcome our current and new Prep families to St. Joachim’s, and pray that our children and families will have a long and happy partnership with our school.

This week, particularly in light of recent phone threats to schools, we have been practising our emergency evacuation procedures. Through the year we will continue to practice as a school responding to a variety of emergency situations. This is normal practice for all schools as part of the required emergency management plans. If a real emergency situation arises we will contact parents as soon as possible via Care Monkey.

Next Wednesday (10th February) is Ash Wednesday. As Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, this is a time devoted to reflection and renewal of our spiritual self. Lent is also an opportunity for us to take action through prayer, almsgiving and self-sacrifice. Some Lenten questions we ask our children to ponder: What are you giving up for Lent? How can we be more like Jesus? How are we the face of God to those we meet? All parents are warmly invited to join us for our whole school Ash Wednesday liturgy, which will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the hall next Wednesday.

A reminder that next Friday (February 12th) is a pupil free professional learning day for all staff. As such the school will be closed and staff will be working on preparations for our forthcoming school review.

Traffic Safety Issue! - A reminder to all parents that there is a **no right turn sign on Broderick Road** which expressly forbids right hand turns into the school during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times each day. Unfortunately a small number of parents are ignoring this and creating a traffic safety problem. I ask all parents to abide by this rule so that our school continues to be a safe place for all children and families.

Regards,

Paul Dwyer,
Principal
Next Wednesday, February 10th is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time of reflection and renewal of our beliefs and values.

St Joachim’s will be celebrating a special Liturgy on this day, in the school hall at 1:00 pm. As always parents are welcome to join us for the Liturgy.

During the liturgy, a sign of the cross is marked on the foreheads with ashes used from blessed palms, from the previous year’s Palm Sunday. These palms have been christened with holy water and scented with incense.

On Tuesday February 9th, many year levels have planned to cook pancakes in the lead up to Lent.

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Tuesday

The day before Ash Wednesday is known by many names: Mardi Gras, Carnival, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, Paczki Day, Pancake Day.

As we prepare for the season of Lent, we enjoy one last day of feasting. On this day, medieval Christians used up their eggs, butter, and milk—all of which were forbidden during their Lenten abstinence—by making pancakes and pastries.

Your family may like to enjoy some time together making pancakes this Tuesday. You may use your own favourite recipe, or you may like to use the one below.

Family Pancake Recipe

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 50g butter, melted

In a bowl mix flour and sugar.
Beat in the egg and then milk at little at a time until batter is smooth and lump-free.
In a hot pan or flat grill, brush butter over cooking surface and pour 1/4 cup measures for each pancake.
When large bubbles form on the surface, flip over and cook until lightly golden on the other side.

From Mrs Stewart
Irene Stewart
Deputy Principal
istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

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.
The education of our students is a shared responsibility.

The Staff at St Joachim’s recognise that parents have a particularly important part to play in the educating community.

We look forward to continuing to build positive relationships with our families and working with them to enhance student learning.

Paul Dwyer, Principal
Irene Stewart
Deputy Principal
Student Wellbeing & Student Services - Prep Coordinator
Caroline Hume
Reading Recovery Literacy Leader
Student Services Support
Sheridan Kellett
Administration
Sheryl Reed
Administration
Leonie Richardson
Administration
Library / ICT
Zeeta Andrew
Prep Teacher
Religious Education Leader
Renee Felmingham
Prep Teacher
Lorraine Nihill
Year 1 Teacher
(JHE)
Stef Edens
Year 1 Teacher
(JNE)
Erin Horman
Year 1 Teacher
(JEH)
Deb McWaters
Year 2 Teacher (JDM)
Junior School Coordinator
Sandra Ramos
Year 2 Teacher
(JRM)
Carla MacKintosh
Year 2 Teacher
(JRM)
St Joachim’s is having a Literacy Information Night at which the focus will be on:

- reading
- understanding how your child learns to read
- how you can support your child at home.

We invite you to attend this workshop to give you ideas for reading with your child; this includes the language that we use in the classrooms.

We will also answer any questions that you may have.

At St Joachim’s we use an app to communicate with our families.

Tiqbiz is a two way communication app

Parents are able to easily

- Notify the school of any student absences
- Connect to CareMonkey (used for medical and excursion permissions)
- Read the latest school newsletter
- Contact the school by email
- View and print the Uniform Order Form and Price List
- View the school website
- Organise your Parent / Teacher interviews

You’ll be notified of our

- News
- Messages
- Events
- & other communications.

Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

Search in your app store: tiqbiz

The app is available for Android Devices, Windows Phones and iPad & iPads (Apple users need to click ‘Allow’ notifications when asked.

Don’t have a smartphone or tablet?

Download tiqbiz on your PC or Mac at www.tiqbiz.com

Find and Tick

Log-in

Open Tiqbiz and register/log-in

Find

Click the ‘Find Boxes’ and type our name into the search bar. Select St Joachim’s from the results.

Tick

Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

Inbox

Click on the inbox icon.

This is where you’ll receive our instant messages, notices and calendar events.
**Choir News**

Jody Banks  
Performing Arts Teacher  
jbanks@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Helina Walker  
Visual Art Teacher  
hwalker@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

**SCHOOL CHOIR**

Auditions for the 2016 School Choir will be held during recess and lunch times next week.

Our School Choir represents the school in the area of Performing Arts, both at school and out in the community. Last year the Choir sang at school events throughout the year, at the Box Hill Town Hall to raise money for Oxfam, at Karingal Hub, at other schools, and lead the school Christmas Concert.

Students in Years 4, 5 & 6 who love to sing, dance and perform are invited to audition for the limited places available. Students will be selected to represent the school based on their singing and dancing ability, performance confidence, self discipline, and teamwork skills.

The School Choir rehearses every **Tuesday after school from 3.15pm-4.15pm** in the Performing Arts Room with Miss Banks and Miss Walker, and Choir members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. We look forward to hearing the children sing at the auditions next week!!!

**CHURCH CHOIR**

The Church Choir is open to all students in Years 1-4 who attend Mass at St. Anne’s Parish. The children will sing at the **Sunday 10.00am Mass once or twice a term**, and parents will be notified of the relevant dates in the next few weeks. Students from Years 1-4 will be asked in their Performing Arts lessons if they would like to be part of the Church Choir for 2016, and the parents of those students who are interested will receive an invitation on CareMonkey.

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**Coming in 2016 ...**

**Whole School Concert**

**Super Kids**

**Rock the World!**

Featuring all students across the school from Prep-6

**Thursday 23rd June, 7:00pm**

**Frankston Arts Centre**

Put it in your diary now...  
it’s going to be HUGE!!!

**More information to come...**

**The Bucket Fillers**

The Juniors have been looking at ways to be a Bucket Filler and not a Bucket Dipper as part of our social skills program in Start Up Week.
The students of JDM created Bucket Filling signs as part of being a Bucket Filler. Some of the ways we can fill someone's bucket are to be kind, helpful, pay someone a compliment, always share and remember to smile.

Mrs McWaters and the Class of JDM

Welcome to all our prep students & their families.

We have some fabulous photos which will soon be on display for all to see in our school office!

Drop in to the office later next week to see our display.
Sports Uniform

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on:

- The day of their Physical Education (PE) lesson and
- Fridays when their classroom teacher will take the class for some activity.

Term 1 Hats Outside!

Uniform Shop
Trading Hours

Wed 8:30 – 9:00am
Thurs 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Tracey Craddock  Uniform Shop Coordinator
tcraddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Or use an order form which is available on
- the Tiqbiz app,
- the school website

www.sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

... or can be picked up at the school office.

Facebook
Buy & Sell St Joachim’s Uniforms

St Joachim’s families are welcome to join the St Joachim’s second hand uniform Facebook page. Search for “Buy & Sell St Joachim’s Uniforms” and ask to join. – You may pick up a great bargain!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Inviting Year 7 Enrolments for 2017 and 2018

John Paul College
OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY
4PM & 7PM TOURS - 9784 0200
McMahons Rd Frankston
Ngargee Centre, Enter Gate 2
All families warmly welcomed
No RSVP required
CARRUM DOWNS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION NIGHT
Friday 12th February 2016
4.30 – 7 PM
at Wedge Road – REAR OVAL

Brand New playing surface for the 2016 season
State of the Art facilities to be built in 2017.
If you want to be part of this exiting new era – join us!

When does the season start?
10th of April to 31st July 2016
Finals series from 7th August to 28th August 2016 (GF)

Who can Play?
Player to have turned 7 years of age by 30th April 2016 can register and commence playing from Round 1

What do I need to bring to register?
Existing players – come along to update your details on file to register for the 2016 season
New players – please bring Birth Certificate/passport etc for proof of age

Fees
Annual fee is $120 – payment can be made on the night.
Family (max 3 players) $200
If you are a registered Carrum Downs Auskicker, the discounted rate is $90

CARRUM DOWNS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Where Young Bombers Learn to Fly
website: CDJFC.com.au or Smartphone App :CDJFC
WANTS YOU

Are you between 6 and 60?

Do you want to get fit, play a team sport, make new friends, be competitive and above all have fun......??

If the answer is yes then the YCW NETBALL CLUB is the club for you.

We are recruiting now for our 2016 season and we need players of all shapes, sizes, ability and age — we need YOU!!!!!!

REGISTRATION NIGHT: TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2016 6:30PM TO 8:30PM at JULIBEE PARK

CONTACT US

ycwnetballfrankston@gmail.com

www.ycwnetballfrankston.com
LIVING WITH AUTISM
FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASD AGED 6-11 YEARS

PROGRAM DETAILS
WHEN: 10th, 17th, 24th February, 2nd, 9th, 16th March
TIME: 9:45am-11:45am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School
Belar Avenue Frankston
VIC 3199
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton,
0499 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum aged 6-11 years?
Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:
• Meet with other parents to share ideas and strategies
• Develop skills to further support your child
• Find out about other resources and funding
• Take time to think about how to care for yourself and others in your family

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LIVING WITH AUTISM
FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASD AGED 11-18 YEARS

PROGRAM DETAILS
WHEN: 17th, 24th February, 2nd, 9th, March
TIME: 1pm - 3pm
WHERE: Woodlands Primary School, 10 Gum Nut Drive, Langwarrin, 3910
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
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REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum aged 11-18 years?
Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 4 weeks you will:
• Meet with other parents to share ideas and strategies
• Develop skills to further support your child
• Find out about other resources and funding
• Take time to think about how to care for yourself and others in your family

Sessions are FREE

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