Dear Parents and Children,

It is with a great sense of excitement that I join the community here at St. Joachim’s as Acting Principal.

This is the first opportunity I have had to work in a school in the southern region having formerly been Principal of St. Peter Chanel Deer Park and St. Bede’s Balwyn North. Currently I work as a Principal Consultant for Catholic Education Melbourne, supporting schools in Melbourne’s northern suburbs.

As a parent of five children, I recognise the privilege that has been bestowed on the staff here at St. Joachim’s by you as families who have chosen to entrust your children to our care. My focus whilst in this role, will be to work with the staff to support and further enrich the great work currently taking place here at St. Joachim’s.

I would like to thank Fr. Madden for the opportunity he has provided me with and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Craig Carlin
From Mrs Stewart
Deputy Principal
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St Anne & St Joachim's Feast Day.

Sunday July 26 is the Feast Day of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

Today, our Parish Schools: St Anne’s and St Joachim’s celebrated this special occasion by sharing a Parish School’s Mass at St Anne’s Church.

As we know, St Anne and St Joachim were Mary’s parents, therefore Jesus grandparents. The Mass today acknowledged and celebrated the important role grandparents play in the lives of children.

Students, staff, parishioners and grandparents all took part in the Mass. Children from Year 6 down to Prep spoke about what they especially loved about their grandparents. Congratulations to all these students for speaking so well in front of such a large audience.

Congratulations and grateful thanks to grandparents Pam Dyson (grandmother of students at St Anne’s) and Keith Horner (grandfather of Pippa and Celeste, both in Year 1 at St Joachim’s) who spoke about how special it is to be grandparents.

After Mass, the St Joachim’s students had their morning tea and recess time at St Anne’s school and took part in some activities with our St Anne’s buddy classes before returning back to school by lunchtime.

More Feast Day News;

Mass Choir – this Sunday!

This Sunday July 26th our new Church Choir (made up of students from Grades 1-3 who attend Mass at St. Anne’s Parish) will be singing at the 10.00am Mass.

There is no special uniform required; singers can wear what they would normally wear to attend Mass.

Please arrive at 9.45am so we can get the children organised before Mass begins.

Let’s lift up our voices in song and “Praise the Lord”!
Uniform Reminder; to all Parents & Students

Socks!

Our uniform policy states that plain white socks are to be worn with the sports uniform. No students permitted to wear ankle socks or socks with brand names showing.

Nail Polish!

Nail polish is not to be worn to school. Students who do wear will nail polish will be asked to remove it.

We thank the parents in supporting us in ensuring all students come to school each day in correct uniform.

Assembly

Next Week will be a Whole School Assembly in the hall.

This Semester we continue to encourage and welcome parents to join us for "Assembly" on a Thursday afternoon.

It was a great start this week to the level assemblies with the students responding well and understanding their responsibilities.

Whole school and level assemblies will take place on alternate weeks.

Wk 3 – Thurs July 30 – Whole School Assembly
Wk 4 – Thurs Aug 6 – Level School Assembly
Wk 5 – Thurs Aug 13 – Whole School Assembly
Wk 6 – Thurs Aug 20 – Level School Assembly
Wk 7 – Thurs Aug 27 – Whole School Assembly
Wk 8 – Thurs Sept 3 – Level School Assembly
Wk 9 – Thurs Sept 10 – Whole School Assembly
Wk 10 – Thurs Sept 17 – Level School Assembly

Prep / Junior Level Assemblies will be held in the Hall. Middle School Level Assemblies will be held in the Performing Arts Room. Senior School Level Assemblies will be held in the Chapel.

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.

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“Slow and steady wins the race”

Soccer Tournament!

On Wednesday 22nd July a group of enthusiastic senior students travelled to Dallas Brooks Park in Mornington to compete in a soccer tournament against other schools in the Northern Peninsula Division.

St Joachim's was off to a fabulous start, winning our first match convincingly, 5 goals to 2. Our following match was a tough battle against a very skilled Langwarrin opposition. Unfortunately we lost 2 goals to 1, which means that we do not progress to the next round.

A special thanks to Seth and Noah’s father, Ghan, and Ethan’s father, Richard, for coaching the boys on the day. Thank you also to the wonderful parents, Francis and Kristinne Gallego and Teresa Nissanka who drove the team to the venue and supported them throughout the afternoon.

All players tried their best and worked extremely well as a team. Mr Haines would have been very proud of the performance and attitude of all players.
Coming this term...

St. Joachim’s Senior School Production 2015

Cinderella

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th September @ 7.00pm
Carrum Downs Secondary College Theatre

Meet the Cast!

Georgia as “Cinderella”

Cinderella is the heroine of the story; a poor girl who has to live with her bossy stepmother and spoilt stepsisters. Will her dreams of having an adventure come true?

Mariana as “Blue Fairy”

The Blue Fairy is filling in for Fairy Godmother who is on long service leave. She changes the story a little to make it more exciting, adding in new characters and plot twists...but you know what they say; don’t mess with something that already works!

Mijowk, Aliai, Rhiann & Kirralee as “The Sapphires”

The “Sapphires” are the Blue Fairy’s ‘soul sisters’ who help her get Cinderella ready for the ball. They are a singing group who are the main entertainment at the Prince’s Ball.
La Festa Artisica

La Festa Artisica will be a celebration of Art & Italian!

All parents are invited to come and help plan our La Festa Artistic (Art Festival) which St Joachim’s will be having in November. We are having two initial planning meetings for parents to come along and offer your help and suggestions!

We loved the parents’ help in planning and implementing our wonderful Community Arts Program last year.

We are running two meetings - both on Wednesday July 29,

3:30 pm straight after school in the staff room. Miss Banks will look after the children.

5:30 pm for parents who cannot make the earlier meeting.

Your attendance is only required at one of the meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact...

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or Helina Walker
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...with any questions

visual arts news

Helina Walker, Visual Arts Teacher
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The Artroom is on the hunt for some supplies that are found around the home. If you can, please collect and bring in: rolls/tubes (from gladwrap and paper towel), stockings and meat trays.

Please send these to school with your child who will pass them on to their classroom teacher. Much appreciated!

Sustainability Team News

Helina Walker
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The Sustainability Team are looking for 4 litre ice cream containers to place under the drinking taps to collect water.

If you have any would you please send them to school with your children to pass on to their classroom teacher.

Book Club!

Leonie Richardson, Library
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Lamont Book Club is Australian owned and contains a great selection of products at affordable prices and, best of all, every order supports our school!

All Lamont Book Club orders are to be placed online using their fast and easy website - www.lamontbookclub.com.au.

There is no need to return the order or cash to the school.

Each issue will have a cut-off date printed on the back so please make sure that your order is submitted by that date.

We hope our families enjoy the easy way of ordering and paying for our Book Club books.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding Book Club or the Library.

Lost Property is located in the Library
The car I drive: Kia Rio
Interests outside school: Theatre, going to the football to see the Saints!
Best part about working in a school: Spending time with the children
Favourite team: St Kilda
Favourite holiday destination: Anywhere sunny
Favourite food: Thai
Favourite TV show: Friends
Favourite book: Magazines
Favourite film: Old fashioned movies
Favourite artist/singer: Fleetwood Mac
Three people I’d invite to dinner: Karl Stefanovic, Nick Riewoldt, George Colambaris
If I didn’t work in a school, I’d be: a Flight Attendant
If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? Robert, my husband, Amy my daughter, food and sunglasses.

Summer Basketball
(Term 4 and Term 1 2016)
This is a call out for boys born in the years 2007 and 2006 interested in playing Saturday morning basketball.
For more information, please contact Alesha Llinares
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Lunchtime clubs

Angela Roberts,
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Stamp Club
Stamp club is very popular with the year 2 and 3 students. It is held at lunch time on Tuesday in the junior shared area. It’s nice to see so many enthusiastic children wanting to learn all about stamp collecting. We are designing our own stamps and learning all about collecting, swapping and trading our stamps.

Don’t forget to collect your stamps and drop them in to the office and they will pass them on to me!
They are very valuable to us as you can imagine they are scarce these days. I have an ex parent who often still gives me stamps when she sees me - this is wonderful.

Knitting & Sewing Club
Knitting & Sewing club is held on Thursdays in the junior shared area at lunch time for the year 4, 5 and 6 students. We are having a great start to the year with lots of different things on the go.

We are always grateful for any wool (especially 8ply), any scraps of material, ribbon or any sewing bits and pieces.
We will put them all to good use.

Other Clubs are:
Computer Lab, Lego & Drawing which are held in the library on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunchtime.
The whole school were treated to a visit from MarketFresh last Friday.

The MarketFresh Schools Program is designed to teach students about the importance of eating fresh fruits and vegetables every day as part of a healthy balanced diet.

It was great to see the students enjoying the fresh healthy food.

Many thanks to the wonderful parents who gave up their time to prepare and serve the fruit and vegetables.

If you’d like to look at the MarketFresh website it is www.marketfresh.com.au