Dear Parents and Children,

Every four years Catholic schools are required to participate in a formal review process which allows the school to reflect on their progress over the previous four years, and to establish the basis for a new School Improvement Plan which will determine the school’s direction moving forward.

The review process draws upon a range of evidence in a bid to measure the school’s growth set against targets. One form of evidence used are the annual surveys which are provided to a random group of parents, all year 5/6 students and all staff. The results obtained from these surveys assist the school in not only measuring improvement, but also identifying the areas of need. This is valuable information particularly for the school leadership, as it assists the school in being more strategic when making decisions pertaining to learning & teaching, staffing and resource allocation.

Staff and students have begun to complete their surveys and last week 150 families were provided with a survey package. In order for the survey data to be reliable, we need to have as many parent surveys completed as possible. If you were one of the 150 families who received the survey pack, please assist us by completing the 15 minute survey over the next few days.

Enjoy the rest of your week,
Craig Carlin
On Saturday 8 August, we celebrate the feast of Australia’s first saint – St Mary of the Cross. We remember the determination and courage of Mary MacKillop to ensure education was accessible to all children...

"I am not a bit discouraged, and what is more, so clearly see the hand of God in all that is now happening to us. I do not pray more, nor indeed as much as I did, and that never was much, but feel calm and tranquil and so near our dear good God”

Mary MacKillop 19 Sept 1871

**Family Holidays**

Please note that it is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training (DEET) that when students are on extended family holidays parents must put in writing the dates and the reason for the leave and either give them, or email them to the classroom teacher.

**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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Come on guys he’s catching up!!!

**Every Day Counts**

At St Joachim’s we aim for our students to get a great education and this begins with students coming to school each day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future. A student who misses one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks of school in one year. By the end of Year 10 that student will have missed more than 1 year of school. Coming to school every day is vital but if your child must miss school.
Book Week

St Joachim's will be celebrating Book Week 2015 throughout the week of Monday 24 – Thursday 27 August. (Friday is a school closure day)

St Joachim's staff have many exciting activities planned and these include ...

Book Character Dress Up Day!

For Prep to Year 4

Wed 26th August

Children and staff from Prep to Year 4 are to come dressed as a favourite book character from any book they choose.

Dress up ideas

Kings and Queens: are always popular. Children can wear black long johns, leggings or tights, black ankle boots, black t-shirt, red king's cape made from a piece of fabric, gold crown from the $2.00 shop. Stuff the tummy with a pillow if you choose.

Charlie Bucket: no sewing at all, just a golden ticket required. Cut out rectangle shapes from a cardboard box and spray-paint them gold, add wording with a black pen. Make two holes in the cardboard box for the string to thread through so he could wear the 'ticket' like a tabard."

Fantastic Mr Fox: all you need is some brown clothes for the body, and perhaps a dashing red jacket or waistcoat accessorized with a red neckerchief (he is rather dapper, after all). Face paints can achieve suitably foxy features, while some cardboard ears stuck onto a hairband and a tail made from a length of brown furry fabric and pinned to your child's back completes the look.

Witches: simply add stick on 'warts' - or dress in old, grubby clothes, adding long messy hair, a walking stick and 'facial hair' to become Mrs Twit!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar: dress your child in coloured stripy tights and top and make antennae from a headband and tin-foil. Finish off with a painted face or dress them in a green top and trousers, stick pictures of all the foods to the top and make a little hat for the caterpillar's face.

Peter Rabbit: how about using brown trousers/leggings/tights and brown top, blue waistcoat, bunny ears and whiskers pencilled on!

Ruby Red Shoes: any pretty dress, bunny ears and of course red shoes!

Puss in Boots: cat ears and tail, plain clothing, waistcoat and not forgetting the boots.

A Dalmatian from 101 Dalmations: white t-shirt with black spots, black trousers, face paint.

Tiger / Lion: inexpensive fake tiger fur from Spotlight.

Tin Tin: popular choice for older boys and it couldn't be easier to recreate the look of the Belgian super-sleuth, all you need for this costume is some plain brown shorts, a white t-shirt and a light blue jumper, add some knee-length white
socks, finish the look off with some hair gel to create Tin Tin’s trademark quiff!

**Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz:** dad’s old shirt, glue on patches, then put an old broom handle through back, with string tied around the wrists. Complete the look with brown trousers.

**Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz:** red shoes are a pre-requisite (the shinier the better - or you could jazz up old shoes by adding red sparkly bits) but aside from that all that’s needed is a blue dress, pinafore-style if possible. Add a wicker basket, plaited hair and ribbons.

**Thomas the Tank Engine:** paint a large cardboard box in the same blue as Thomas. Put on straps for child to step into so they can wear the box over their shoulders. The child then dresses as an engine driver or fat controller.

**Alice in Wonderland:** a nice dress or skirt and top, add an apron and Alice band and for props carry a soft toy rabbit or a bottle with the label ‘Drink me’

**The Cat in the Hat:** make a big hat out of cardboard and paint it with red and white stripes. Your child can wear black leggings, a long-sleeved top and some little white gloves. Cut a red bow out of card and put two slits in it, and then use red ribbon to tie it around the neck. You can even put a small toy cat under the hat and carry an umbrella.

**Angelina Ballerina:** make mouse ears from cardboard or stick ears to a headband. All that’s needed then is the faithful ballet outfit and face paints to add whiskers and other mouse features or make a mask from either card or foam. (suggested by Nic R)

**Where’s Wally:** stripy t-shirt (or use fabric paints on a white t-shirt), cane and a Christmas hat, adding a red pom-pom if you have time!

**Harry Potter, Ron and Hermione.** Harry Potter is a firm favourite and has so many great characters that are easy to find or make costumes for. You need a black gown or cape (from material, trawl the charity shops or even make one out of a garbage bag) then add glasses and a face paint zig zag scar for Harry, curled hair and a soft toy cat for Hermione and a red wig and a soft toy rat for Ron. Twigs make convincing wands for all three.

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**Book Week 2015**

**Pyjama Party!**

**Wed 26th August**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Commencing in the Hall**

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**Wear your pyjamas and bring your teddy**

**We’re having a pyjama party... so get ready!**

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Dear Parents,

To help celebrate Book Week we are having a night of fun and reading, providing a variety of experiences for children, their parents and the staff! Activities will involve song, story, art and drama.

The Pyjama Party (Family Literacy night) will be held on Wednesday 26th August at the school from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We know it’s an early start but we want everyone home in bed at a reasonable time!

To create a comfortable, warm atmosphere everyone is asked to come in their pyjamas and bring teddy if you want.

The night’s activities will commence in the hall then will be on a rotation with families visiting about four activities of about 20 minutes each.

Activities will be based on new books and old favourites.

We look forward to seeing you and your teddy on the night!
Subway Lunch Day
Tues 25th August

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

St Joachim’s Parents’ Association

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

* 9:00am Wed 19th Aug *

In a clearly labelled envelope with $5.00. We are unable to accept late orders!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

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#link22

Application forms are available here or at the school office. Completed forms will be accepted at the school office until the end of Term3.

Level Newsletters

Don’t forget the St Joachim’s Level Newsletters are on the website.

A link to the Level Newsletter page can be found here and was also sent home to all families via the Tiqbiz App last week.

www.sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Other easy links on the webpage:

Administration of Medication Form – any student needing medication to be given at school needs to have one of these forms filled in by their parent. An adult is also required to bring the medication to the office.

Uniform Shop Order Form

Middle Level Assembly

This week was very well lead by MSR with Miss Erin Horman who teaches them on Thursday & Friday each week.

Over the previous week students in MSR prepared a number of questions to ask their peers during the assembly. They then did some short role plays on ways to behave in the playground.

Junior Level Assembly
On the 6th August MJW and some other classes met some people from Monash University. We did a lot of fun things like word finds; we went to the chicken pen and talked about our favourite places around the school. I loved this day and I can’t wait till next Thursday.

Jude MJW

Today some students came to visit us. We had a little walk to the chickens. The students in the group were Jude, Blake, Zahra, Olivia and me. The leaders were great! Thank you.

Marley MJW

Many thanks to Jude and Marley for writing these reports at home last night.

Student teachers from Monash University will be visiting St Joachim’s on Thursdays for the next five weeks. They will be talking to our middle school children about things such as:

- How will we incorporate sustainability into our everyday practice both at home and at school?
- How can we meet our current needs without infringing on the ability of future generations to meet their needs?
- What can we do to embed sustainable practices into our everyday activities and how can we become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment?
**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!**

Harshini as “Stepmother”

Stepmother treats Cinderella as her personal servant. She is unkind, vain, bossy and makes her stepdaughter do all of the work around the house while she totally spoils her own two daughters. Stepmother is so excited when she hears that she and her two daughters are invited to the Prince’s ball, but of course she forbids Cinderella to go....

Samra & Tara as “Stepsister 1 & 2”

The “Stepsisters” are spoilt, arrogant, selfish and incredibly vain. All they care about is being mean and teasing Cinderella, and they love to wear the latest fashion in clothes and accessories. They look down on all of the other villagers and their favourite saying is “I know, right?”

**Earn & Learn**

St. Joachim’s are once again taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. If you shop at Woolworths you will get 1 Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 you spend. Stick your stickers on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet which you can pick up from your local Woolies or [download one here](#).

Once you’ve filled your sticker sheet, send it to school with your child who can then give them to the classroom teacher. If you don’t have a sticker sheet, it’s ok, we’ll stick them on at school.

**Kilbreda College**

Year 7 2017 Enrolment Information Evening

Enrolment applications for Year 7/2017 are now being accepted. Enrolment Application packs are available from Kilbreda College or from your Primary School.

**Enrolment Information Evening Year 7, 2017**

Tuesday 1 September 2015, commencing at 7.30pm

The Mary Dalton Hall will be open for registration from 7.00pm. Attendance is a prerequisite for enrolment into Year 7, 2017. College tours are available weekly. Please check the Kilbreda Website www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au for times and dates.

Tours can also be arranged by appointment.
YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Mayor’s Family

PICNIC

Sunday 13 September 2015

11.30am – 3.30pm
Entry and parking via Cranhaven Road

Cruden Farm,
Langwarrin

More information 1300 322 322
or frankston.vic.gov.au

BYO picnic, or grab a sausage or hamburger from our local community food stalls whilst enjoying free entertainment, activities and face painting for the kids. Learn more about your local community groups and businesses or stroll around the market stalls.

Join this free fun day out with your family and friends!