Dear Parents and Children,

In today’s newsletter you will find information from the school relating to an exciting new innovation being introduced at St. Joachim’s aimed at supporting and enhancing the provision of quality learning and teaching.

St. Joachim’s with the support of Catholic Education Melbourne has been preparing to launch a new online platform called Google Apps for education (GAFE). Some of you may be aware that the staff throughout 2015 have been transitioning across to Google tools using these as part of their provision of learning and to support administration tasks. As a result of this preliminary work we are now in a position to commence providing students with access to GAFE.

An Integrated Online Catholic Network (ICON) is currently being developed by Catholic Education Melbourne. This common platform will in time significantly improve the provision of technology to all Catholic schools. ICON in conjunction with GAFE, will see the introduction of Google communities, Google Sites and Google Drive. The introduction of these and other related tools will provide schools with a greater opportunity to collaborate within and across schools, for learners to have greater access to their work and a broader range of tools to develop knowledge and skills.

Our ICT team have prepared an information flyer which is on the following page in today’s newsletter which I would encourage each family to read. Prior to providing students with GAFE access privacy legislation requires the school to seek the permission of each family. To facilitate this we ask that each family read and sign the ‘St Joachim’s Privacy Policy’ which will be sent home to families via CareMonkey later today and respond to the request by Monday 24 August.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Craig Carlin
Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of an exciting new innovation in teaching and learning at St Joachim’s Catholic Primary School. Since the beginning of the year the staff at St Joachim’s have been working hard to engage with a new online platform called Google Apps for Education (GAFE). We are now beginning the gradual process of introducing GAFE to the students across the school.

GAFE will provide students with access to a range of tools that promote the development of vital collaboration and communication skills. GAFE is a web-based service; meaning students can access these tools both at home and at school.

The tools currently available to all students include:

- Gmail: a monitored e-mail account within the St Joachim’s Domain ie: student@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
- Google Drive: a file storage and organization service.
- Google Docs: a word processing application that allows multi-user access and editing.
- Google Slides: a presentation application that allows multi-user access and editing.
- Google Sheets: a spreadsheet application that allows multi-user access and editing.
- Google Sites: an application that allows multi-user access to a class website to support the sharing of learning resources and promote discussion.
- Google Classrooms: an application that enables teachers and students to share activities.
- Plus many more useful applications that have educational potential.

Our primary reasons for introducing GAFE are:

- To give students practice in using current applications and tools.
- To provide students with a platform to access activities to support their learning.
- To provide adequate long-term storage space for students.
- To strengthen the connection between home and school.
- To help students develop their ability to work collaboratively.
- To prepare students to be responsible digital citizens in our changing technological world.

The use of Google and its applications is a new and developing skill for both students and teachers. Children may be very eager to show you the work they have been completing in class. It is important for you to understand that the work contained within your child’s Google Drive are not portfolio pieces/published work or pieces of work that have been extensively checked and edited by teachers. At this stage the focus is on developing students’ skills in navigating and using the various applications. In addition, it is also important to note that the age of the students will dictate their level of GAFE use. For example, Foundation students may not even access GAFE in their first year of primary school. We encourage you to ask your child about this exciting new addition to their learning and have them demonstrate to you how it works.

We appreciate your support as we work to implement this new platform.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Craig Carlin, Acting Principal

Kind regards,

Lisa Garnaut,  
on behalf of the St Joachim’s ICT Team
In September Fr John celebrates his Silver Jubilee of Ordination. This is a very special occasion for Fr John and for our parish and calls for a huge parish celebration.

The date of this celebration will be Sunday 13th September and will begin with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10.00am. Everyone in the parish is then invited to join Fr John in a parish gathering for refreshments from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St. Anne’s School Hall.

Lots of help from the parish is needed to make this day a success and an occasion to be remembered by Fr John. Our parish schools have already agreed to assist with the catering on the day. St. Anne’s school will run a sausage sizzle for the children and St. Joachim’s school will make slices and cupcakes, host a tea & coffee station and coordinate the desserts on the day. Our Filipino community are providing fruit platters and the Bereavement Support Group will conduct a huge sandwich making exercise on the day. The St. Vincent de Paul team have offered to run the kitchen so we are shaping up well. Another parishioner has agreed to coordinate the purchase of soft drinks and under great duress I have agreed to do the Dan Murphy run (I love wandering around Dan Murphy’s so it really isn’t a hardship).

As you can see there is a lot to do to ensure the success of the day. What we still need is a team to set up the hall on Saturday afternoon, a team to clean up after the event and lots and lots of food. Fr John loves a good curry so we are looking for people to make curries, casseroles, finger food such as sausage rolls, mini quiches and any other dish that can be warmed in the oven. We need lots of yummy desserts and also volunteers to assist with serving the drinks. It would be great to have many people help out to ensure that we can all enjoy the day.

Below is a cut off slip that can be returned via the collection baskets, dropped into the parish centre or left at the school office. This will help us coordinate the day and work out what we still need to provide.

Please join me in making this a fantastic celebration for Fr John. I have already been asked by some parishioners if we are going to present Fr John with a gift, on behalf of the parish, for his silver jubilee. Given the fact that Fr John has called our parish home for the past 10 years of his 25 years as an ordained priest I think a gift on behalf of us all is a great idea. If you would like to contribute towards a gift there are envelopes discreetly hidden in the foyer (once again not for Fr John’s eyes). Envelopes can be dropped into the parish centre or placed in the collection baskets at weekend Masses. This will be a great celebration for Fr John & for us (the best parish in the archdiocese).

Carol Fleming, Parish Manager

Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Contact phone number: _____________
I would like to help with Fr John’s silver jubilee celebration by making / helping with: _____
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On Saturday we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

In our Catholic tradition we honour Mary with many feast days and many titles - Mary Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Good Counsel, just to name a few.

On the Feast of the Assumption, 15 August, we celebrate Mary being taken into heaven body and soul. This is a holy day of obligation where the church asks us to come to Mass to honour Mary.

At Assembly this week the students acknowledged the Feast of the Assumption through song and prayer.

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.
An Interview with Sheryl Reed

- The car I drive is a Toyota Corolla.
- Interests outside school: AFL, gardening and spending time with family.
- Best part about working in a school: the children and the friendly staff.
- Favourite team: Mighty Sydney Swans!
- Favourite holiday destination: Palm Cove, Europe.
- Favourite food: Roast lamb and apple pie.
- Favourite TV show: House Rules, Reno Rumble.
- Favourite film: Pretty Woman.
- Favourite artist/singer: John Farnham.
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Paul Kelly, Brett Kirk and Jude Bolton.
- If I didn’t work here I’d like to be a kindergarten teacher or an air hostess.
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? My grandchildren, food and a good book.

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 Term 3.

Assembly Awards

Amelia SDB
For handing in her homework and completing it to a good standard.

Patrick SDB
For trying really hard with his homework.

Sam SDB
For an excellent Information Report about himself.

Cassidy SDB
For including interesting details in her Information Report about herself.

Breeana SFT
For using her strategies to improve her reading comprehension and for excellent results in spelling.

Nadisha SFT
For working hard to apply her mathematical knowledge to problem solving.

Keira STO
For her hard work and persistence in Maths when working with fractions, decimals & percentages.

Lochlan STO
For his effort and hard work in Maths when working with fractions, decimals & percentages.

Alexa SVT
For improving her daily mental maths score.

Taine SVT
For writing a detailed information report and publishing it.

Sharelle MSR
For writing numerous very creative and interesting pieces.
Monash Students &
Middle School Students

sustainability

On Thursday 20th August, the middle school children together with a group of Monash University students will be creating a gumboot herb garden in the middle playground. Each child will be planting herbs into a gumboot. To assist the students, we are asking for donations of the following.

1. Old children's gumboots
2. Cuttings of herbs/saplings from your own gardens
3. Soil (not potting mix)

If you have one or all of these items, please place them in the glasshouse next to the chicken coup.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,
Jessica Welsh
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!
Oliver as the “Baron”

Nathan as “Dirken”
Noah as “Chaswick”
Will as “Sid”

Dirken is the leader of the burglars who work for the Baron. He is often frustrated with Chaswick and Sid who are completely useless and are constantly distracted from the task the Baron has given them. Chaswick and Sid are the comedy characters of the story and are guaranteed to make the show hilarious!!!

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.

The Baron is the King’s brother and is the villain of the story. He secretly plots to take over the kingdom by stealing all of the royal treasure from the hidden vault within the palace. He sends his 3 thieving burglars Dirken, Chaswick and Sid on a search to find and steal the golden key that opens the vault.
St Joachim’s will be celebrating Book Week 2015 throughout the week of Monday 24 August to 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. Please see last week’s newsletter (on the school’s website) for dress up ideas.

**Book Week 2015**

**Pyjama Party!**

**Wed 26th August**

6:00pm — 8:00pm

Commencing in the Hall

wear your pyjamas and bring your teddy

**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!

**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!
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!

Frankston Events
FRANKSTON Y.C.W CRICKET CLUB

BE A STONECAT CRICKET PLAYER IN 2015/2016
FRANKSTON YCW CRICKET CLUB ARE LOOKING
FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS THIS SEASON.

The Stonecats are a cricket club on the rise of champions. This season we will be fielding sides in the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association in Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s Teams.

Our home base is Peninsula Reserve in Frank Street, Frankston East.

We are proud to provide the best A grade facilities, high level coaching, and a great opportunity to get involved in a club with a real focus on its junior players.

Boys and girls all welcome to play.

Age requirements:
Under 10s – Born on or after 1/9/2005
Under 12s – Born on or after 1/9/2003
Under 14s – Born on or after 1/9/2001
Under 16s – Born on or after 1/9/1999

Training commences early September for all teams.

Contact Rob Duncan (junior Coordinator) 0458994080 or find us on Facebook.