Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to National Science Week!

Yesterday our school was buzzing with our students working in partnership with students from Monash University in the area of science and sustainability. It was wonderful to see and hear the level of discussion taking place, with so many ‘why’ questions being asked.

A colleague of mine, who is a grandparent, was discussing with me earlier this week the exhausting level of curiosity he witnesses with his own pre-school grandchildren. “Pa why is the sky blue?” “Pa why did that lizard’s tail fall off?”

Our discussion centred on how science helps answer so many of the questions being asked, leading us to then ask why children as they get older move away from studying science, particularly girls.

The benefits of learning about science for young children are enormous, as science involves a lot of talking and listening to others; it develops patience, perseverance, problem-solving and researching. Children learn that not everything works the first time, some experiments fall in a heap and you have to find out what went wrong, and try again.

Science encourages children to think about what could happen, to create a hypothesis in their mind and to form their own opinions rather than taking those of others for granted. Science encourages students to seek out a range of information sources from different people, experts, teachers and not to just default to Googling for the answer.

Science can be great fun and great learning at home, be it planting out a new vegetable patch to discussing natural events such as a rainbow. As parents and teachers we don’t need to have all the answers, just a willingness to be co-learners with our children.

Keen to give science a go over the weekend? Then here’s two links which might help.

National Science Week - Official Site - www.scienceweek.net.au

Enjoy the rest of your week,

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

Hot Chocolate Friday

Hot chocolate drinks are available, from Barrie our coffee man, to students on Fridays before 8:30am. Students are to be supervised by a parent and remain in the area in front of the office.

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.

STOP!

Before the White Line

Footy Tipping.

Blakester.........128
TS2015..........124
Saint Cat.........123
djana22..........122
Lady Irene.........121
Mr Berlingeri........121
Betty Boo.........118
breezerB.........118
Z-man...........118
Natalia’s superkick........117

Good luck to everyone this week
I hope that your team wins.

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.

A Visit from Author / Illustrator

Adam Wallace
Italian Poetry Competition

Last Thursday (August 13th), after many months of class time and lunchtime practices, the Italian Poetry Competition was held at St Anne’s Primary School, Seaford.

I am proud and pleased to report that our students were outstanding in every way. They behaved impeccably and were flawless in their performances. In fact, while it was a relatively easy job for the judges (of which I was one) to choose the first, second and third prize winners for the other schools, it took us a long time to decide the St Joachim’s winners. Why? Because they were all so good!

Making the decision eventually came to rest on the fine pronunciation of individual words or the use of gesture and expression; it was almost impossible to ‘split’ our students based solely on their ability to say the poem correctly or on their overall performance. While that made the judges’ job a little harder, it made me extremely proud!

Congratulations to the winners from St Joachim’s:
1st – Harshini in SVT
2nd – Akashtan in MSR
3rd – Rhiann in STO.

All their hard work paid off and they fully deserved their prizes.

However, I would also like to recognise Matt in MRN and Jude in MJW. These boys were the only Grade 3 students in the entire competition and they did an amazing job.

Well done too to Josh in MSR and Angelina in SFT. They were our ‘understudies’ and, although none of our finalists was absent, they were invited to perform and did so, making themselves and me proud.

Finally, I must extend a big thank you to Matt in STO, who came as our official photographer and did his job with great enthusiasm and skill.

It was wonderful to see all our students being respectful and supportive of each other and all the other performers; indeed, one of our students was publicly praised by another judge for his verbal support of an upset student from another school. It was also fantastic to watch them participating enthusiastically and positively in the ‘getting to know you’ activities and to see them pitch in and help with the final clean up.

Bravi!

Signora Larson
Coming this term...

St. Joachim’s Senior School Production 2015

Cinderella

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

Tickets on sale from Mon 31st Aug.
$5.00 per ticket

Meet the Cast!
Nathan as the “Prince”

The Prince does not want to have a ball for his birthday....he wants to go on an adventure! His father the King thinks that he is old enough to have an adventure of his own, but his mother the Queen does not like this idea. She promises him that he can go on an adventure if he finds a girl at the ball who likes to go on adventures as much as he does. The Prince becomes suspicious of his uncle the Baron who is acting very strangely in the palace...

Seth as “Ernest”

Ernest is the Prince’s personal servant and best friend. Unlike the Prince, he can think of nothing worse than going on an adventure as he is afraid of trolls, dragons, and dangerous quests. He is very excited about the ball and is trying to get the Prince ready for his big birthday celebration.
Congratulations to all members of our School Choir on their fantastic performance at the Oxfam Schools Music Festival at the Box Hill Town Hall last Tuesday evening. Our Choir were the second school to sing on the night, singing “Go Higher, It’s the Choir”, “Tomorrow”, “Age of Reason” and “I’ve Got the Music in Me” in front of the large audience. Our students were also able to watch and listen to other choirs, orchestras and instrumental groups from schools across Melbourne.

Well done St. Joachim’s Choir; we are very proud of you all!
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 prerequisite (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 of 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.

Pyjama Party!
Wed 26th August
6:00pm —8:00pm
Commencing in the Hall

We look forward to seeing you and your teddy on the night!

Subway Lunch Day
Tues 25th August

Orders are now closed.

You can REGISTER NOW for Milo In2Cricket at the Carrum Downs Cricket Club!!

Eleven 1-Hour sessions from 4:30pm-5:30pm each Monday starting on the 9th November.

$85 gets your child a Milo cricket kit consisting of a bat, ball, drink bottle, hat, shirt and a backpack. At the end of each session we provide cordial and a sausage sizzle at no extra cost. All kids aged 5-10 Welcome!

Our programme focuses on increasing a child's knowledge and awareness of the game of cricket in a fun way. We incorporate fitness, ball and bat handling skills, hand eye coordination and team work into fun activities which vary week to week. Depending on numbers we aim to provide a more advanced programme for older or more skilled kids. All participants will receive a trophy/medal upon completion of the programme.

To join up today contact Daniel Bechaz on 0418 573 183 or dbfloor@bigpond.com.

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're having a pyjama party. . . so get ready!

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!

Pyjama Party!
Wed 26th August
6:00pm —8:00pm
Commencing in the Hall

You can REGISTER NOW for Milo In2Cricket at the Carrum Downs Cricket Club!!

Eleven 1-Hour sessions from 4:30pm-5:30pm each Monday starting on the 9th November.

$85 gets your child a Milo cricket kit consisting of a bat, ball, drink bottle, hat, shirt and a backpack. At the end of each session we provide cordial and a sausage sizzle at no extra cost. All kids aged 5-10 Welcome!

Our programme focuses on increasing a child’s knowledge and awareness of the game of cricket in a fun way. We incorporate fitness, ball and bat handling skills, hand eye coordination and team work into fun activities which vary week to week. Depending on numbers we aim to provide a more advanced programme for older or more skilled kids. All participants will receive a trophy/medal upon completion of the programme.

To join up today contact Daniel Bechaz on 0418 573 183 or dbfloor@bigpond.com.
YOU ARE INVITED TO
The Mayor’s Family
PICNIC
Sunday 13 September 2015
11.30am–3.30pm
Cruden Farm,
Langwarrin
Entry and parking via Cranhaven Road
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