Dear Parents,

On Monday 15 August, classes visited the chapel to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Students remembered that Mary, as the mother of Jesus believed in her son and was one of his faithful disciples. She said ‘Yes’ to God and was a person of true faith, reaching out to others with generosity and kindness.

Next week we celebrate “Book Week” at St Joachim’s. The 2016 Book Week theme is Australia - Story Country. It will be a wonderful week of special activities and on Tuesday evening our annual pyjama night, based on a favourite Australian children’s book “Possum Magic”, a book character dress up day on Thursday including a special subway lunch and many more activities in the classrooms.

Thank you to the parents who have responded to the P&F’s request for help with the Father’s Day Stall and Breakfast. Our Parents and Friends Association work hard and do a great job of organising social and community building events. They are currently looking for new members to continue planning and organising special activities and raise funds for our school. We encourage you to consider assisting our school as a member of our P and F. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

We welcome Miss Eleanor Batey back to St Joachim’s for the remainder of this term. Eleanor is a pre-service teacher from the Australian Catholic University who is completing her final teaching round with Mrs Taylor and MVT.

The NAPLAN results for students from Year 3 and 5 have been sent home today. NAPLAN provides data on a student’s literacy and numeracy achievements. These results provide a snapshot of student performance on the days of the test. Please take the time to read through all of the information provided on the report and in the NAPLAN pamphlet. If you have any further questions in relation to your child’s NAPLAN results, please feel free to contact your child’s classroom teacher and make time to discuss these further.

A reminder that no students should be on school grounds before 8:20 a.m. without parental supervision. Many of our students are arriving at school very early and we ask that families make use of our Before School Care program if students are at school before 8:15 a.m. This is a legal duty of care issue.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Irene Stewart
Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader
From Mrs Stewart
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The SRC representatives met this week. They are very enthusiastic and have lots of ideas on how to make St Joachim’s an even better place to be.

Their first project is “Buddy Stop”. The SRC representatives are taking turns to monitor the Buddy stop and encourage students who find themselves with no one to play with to use it. Our aim is for students to ask people who are at the Buddy Stop to join in their playtimes games and activities.

Help Needed:
Fathers Day Stall
Fathers Day Breakfast

We are seeking the support of parents to help organise our annual Father’s Day Stall to be held on September 1st and the Father’s Day breakfast to be held on September 2nd.

Well Done Jude!

Jude is currently performing in a professional play alongside professional adult actors in "POV Dave" at La Mama Theatre in Carlton.

This has been an amazing experience and opportunity for the young inspiring actor, and last Saturday night Jude was so very grateful that four of his amazing, supportive teachers made the trek all the way up to the city to watch him perform.

As a family we couldn’t thank Mr and Mrs Haines, Miss Walker and Miss Banks enough. We are so touched and blessed to be a part of such an amazing supportive school; it was absolutely beyond necessary but so very appreciated. So thank you again, and best of luck to Jude for the rest of his performances.

Yanni, Mel and Oliver Katsianis.

Take a Stand
Against Bullying
takeastand@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Lights Out = WiFi Off

Assembly

Every Thursday at 2:30pm - Parents Welcome
A whole school assembly is held in the school hall every fortnight. Level assemblies are held on the other week.

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.
AFL Footy Tipping
These Saints supporters seem to know what they’re doing!

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P & F News
Simple everyday ways in which YOU can help the school fund raise.

Masters
Simply spend $30 or more in store and place your receipt (the store will give you a duplicate receipt, if requested) in the St Joachim's fundraising bin located at the store exit. At the end of each term Masters calculates the amount spent and gives back to the school 5% of the amount spent after the first $300.

Ritches/IGA
Nominate St Joachim's on your community rewards benefits and every time you shop 5% comes back to the school. Cards can be picked up in store or from the office.

P&F Meeting dates
1st Tues each month at 8.45am in the staff room.

Father's Day Stall
A reminder to all students that we have the Father's Day Stall on Thursday September 1 after Mass at 9:45am.

Gifts range from $1 to $4 but the limit of money per person is $5.

Students can shop with their siblings to purchase a great gift for Dad. As a parent I love asking our children the reason behind the purchase – it can be very amusing!

Father's Day Breakfast
We look forward to seeing lots of Dads, Uncles and Grandfathers for breakfast on Friday September 3 at 7:30am.

Thankyou to the wonderful parents who have offered to help. It is much appreciated!

Classrooms will be open from 8:15am on the day for all to visit.
St Joachim’s will be celebrating
Book Week 2016
throughout the week of
Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug.

Throughout the week classes will be featuring
Australian picture story books

Possum Magic comes to
St Joachim’s

Tue 23 Aug, 6:00pm — 7:30pm
Commencing in the Library

Wear comfy clothes / pyjamas
because we’re going on an adventure.

Please note: All Students should be
accompanied by their parent/s at All
time on the night – Please do not drop
your child off.

To help celebrate Book Week we are having an
evening 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 night’s activities will commence in the library
then families can visit the other activities in their
own leisure.

Activities will be based on old favourites in
particular, Possum Magic by Mem Fox.

Families can have a listen to Mem reading Possum
Magic here or on the book cover below.

We look forward to seeing you & your
family on the night.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia’s
theme for Book Week in 2016 is

Australia
Story Country

Ideas for Book Week costumes
based on this theme are endless.

please don’t go to any expense, try
and use what you have at home such
as onesies and what might be in your
dress up play boxes. Google and
Pinterest is a wonderful source of
ideas - just make it fun!

At St Joachim’s we’re asking children to
come dressed as a character from a
book written by an Australian author or an
Australian concept.

There are many, many fabulous Australian
authors. You probably know of and love their
books. Think of Aaron Blabey, Hazel Edwards,
Margaret Wild, Graeme Base, Mem Fox, Bob
Graeme, Jackie French alone has written over 140 books. Don’t forget our very own Adam Wallace who many of the children will remember, visited us last year.

**Just a few suggestions for dress ups:**

- **I Got This Hat** – by Jol Temple & Kate Temple – hat, any hat
- **The Waterhole** – Graeme Base – animals
- **Animalia** – Graeme Base – animals
- **Uno’s Garden** – Graeme Base – animals, garden
- **Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley** – Aaron Blabey – children
- **Billy the Punk** – Jessica Caroll – punk
- **Where is the Green Sheep** – Mem Fox – different coloured sheep
- **Possum Magic** – Mem Fox – Australian animals, pavlova, lamington, Sydney
- **Shoes From Grandpa** – Mem Fox – Grandpa, children
- **Hello Baby** – Mem Fox – baby, baby animals

The Princess and the Frozen Packet of Peas - Tony Wilson – for all those children that want to wear a fairy / princess costume.

Nana’s Colours – Pamela Allen – Coloured clothing

Shutting the Chooks In – Libby Gleeson – chooks, farm yard animals, farmer

Greetings From Sandy Beach – Bob Graham – beach towel, bucket

Are We There Yet – Alison Lester – Children going on a trip around Australia, could wear anything!

Isabella’s Bed – Alison Lester – dressing gown, pom pom hat

A Year on Our Farm – Penny Matthews – farm animals, farmer

John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat – Jenny Wagner – Old lady, cat and a dog

Our Granny – Margaret Wild – old lady

My Dad – Jeanette Rowe – dad/man

The Night Garden - Elise Hurst – dressing gown, onesie

Collecting Colour – Kylie Dunstan – coloured clothing

Yellow is My Favourite Colour – Judy Horacek – yellow clothing

Why I Love Footy – Michael Wagner – footy clothes

Specky Magee series – Felice Arena – footy gear

Aaron Blabey books, Thelma the Unicorn, Pearl Barbie and Charlie Parsley, Piranhas Don’t Eat Pyjamas, The Brothers Quibble, Sunday Chutney, Pig the Pug, Noah Dreary, Stanley Paste, Pig the Fibber, The Bad Guys series

Andy Griffiths is an Australian author - http://www.andygriffiths.com.au/books/ – I could not list all the books this man has written – All the Treehouse Story books, The Bad Book series, the Just book series, Treasure Fever, Pencil of Doom ….

http://www.australianpicturebooks.com/

Children could dress up as a:

- Kangaroo, Koala, Wombat or Possum.

Your child’s costume may reflect:

- the Aboriginal Dream Time stories or even go back to the early settlers or convicts.

Questions? Please feel free to email Leonie Richardson at lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

**Carnival Book Club!**

The Carnival Book Club actively encourage voluntary reading at home but they also offer a fabulous fund raising opportunity for our school with **20% of all the proceeds coming back to us to purchase new resources for our library.**

So please, join us in supporting this reading and fundraising opportunity for the children and order online by following the instructions on the catalogue.

**Orders due online by Today - Aug 19**
QR (Quick Response) Codes

This week two of our classes, SSG & MJW have been learning about QR codes.

SSG & MJW are working on a fabulous activity / presentation to be shown at our Pyjama Party on Tuesday night. It would be great if all our visitors could download an App to their mobile phones.

What are QR codes?

QR codes are like a barcode but square and can encode information like words, instructions, urls etc that can be read by a mobile device / phone QR code reader.

How to read QR codes?

There are many free QR code readers for any mobile device. Try searching for reader or scanner in the App store. This is just one of them and it’s FREE.

We have something really exciting to show you. Come along to the Pyjama Party to see what all the fuss is about.

Once you’ve downloaded your QR Code Reader App, test it out on this!
St Joachim's Primary School has taken up a membership to Story Box Library, an online reading room rich with Australian stories, diverse storytellers, detailed classroom notes and short films - giving students valuable insights into the process of storytelling.

You can access the library here: http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/schools

Log In Details

Username: St Joachim's
Viewer Password: library