Dear Parents,

This week the library has been a hub of activity before and after school with a fabulous book fair. Many of our students have visited the library with their parents and made purchases. Most popular buys included “Minecraft – the Survivors’ Book of Secrets” and the latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid, “Old School”. The funds raised from the book fair will go to purchasing more reading material for our library. It has been great to hear students so excited about reading! We thank Ms Richardson and her helpers for organising and running the book fair.

On Friday evening we have Tash and Dee, our dance instructors, coming along to run a much awaited disco for students. We look forward to seeing many of our students tonight showing off the moves they have learnt throughout the term.

Next Friday, September 16, brings us to the end of term three, however we still have some fun planned before the holidays start. On Tuesday, the St Paul Apostle South Choir will be coming to St Joachim’s to sing for the whole school in the Hall at 12:30pm. Our school choir will also be performing. Then on Wednesday September 14 at 11:30am we have some talented students from our middle and senior school who will be taking part in our annual school Talent Quest. Parents are most welcome to both the Choir Performance and Talent Show.

On Thursday September 15 we have “Footy Day”. Students are invited to wear colours of their footy team. Students are to wear appropriate footwear - no footy boots please. There will be a parade at 10:15am on the day and a hot dog lunch is available. All hot dog lunches need to be

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*Dates and times are subject to change*

**School Banking Day is Thursday**
ordered by Tuesday for catering.

Thank you to the families who have returned the Insight SRC surveys to the office and to those families who have completed the survey online. I continue to encourage all parents to complete the survey and provide feedback on our school’s strengths and areas for improvement. All surveys must be completed by next week.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Irene Stewart
Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader

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Today we honour both Mother Teresa and Mother Mary and take some to reflect on how we can listen to God and show mercy and compassion to those around us.

By Christian and Manav (STO)

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From Mrs Stewart
Irene Stewart
Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing
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Take a Stand Against Bullying
takeastand@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Lights Out = WiFi Off

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ICT Update
A Few Important Reminders

1. School google accounts can be accessed by staff and the ICT leader for monitoring purposes.

2. Your child’s google account is for educational purposes only and should not be used to subscribe to sites such as eBay, Pinterest, sporting clubs, etc. It is easy to set up a free personal Gmail account for these purposes. Any non-school subscriptions using the school account should be deleted immediately and a new account created with a personal email account. The school will be blocking / deleting these subscriptions if necessary.

3. We continually urge parents to supervise children’s online activities. Check social
media accounts to make sure children are being safe, responsible and respectful. It is also wise to check browsing history.

4. Our school filter system (provided by CEM) only works at school. At home, it is recommended for parents to install their own filters to limit exposure to inappropriate material.

Congratulations to our boys’ basketball teams both making finals this season

We wish them all the best - Go Panthers!!

we love to hear great success stories.

send your stories and photos to lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Supervision Before School

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 8:20 a.m.

This is a legal duty of care issue.

After School

The school bell goes at 3:15 to end the school day. Children should be picked up by 3:30 or be enrolled at After School Care

The Camp Australia Outside School Hours Care program is an extension of St Joachim’s Primary School, providing children with a safe environment in which they can explore and play.

Uniform Shop

Tracey Craddock
Uniform Shop Coordinator
tcraddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

The Uniform Shop will not be open on Wednesday 5th October.

If you wish to place an order on this date, please print an order form from the school website.

Complete the order form and send it to the office in a clearly marked envelope, with your child’s name, class and payment enclosed.

The order will be processed and sent home on Thursday 6th October.

Thank you.

Thank you to all the families that supported our book fair this week

We now have lots of new books for our students to borrow!

Thank you to Tracey Parker for assisting at the book fair.

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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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It often requires a lot of patience to listen to beginning readers as they learn to decode and sound out words. Beginning readers usually learn their sounds in isolation and as a result sound choppy when they try to put these sounds together to make words. Taking the individual letter sounds and blending them together can be a first step to becoming a reader for many children. As with any other task, to improve in reading a person must have increased exposure and practice, practice, practice. Your child is working on the accuracy strategy of blending sounds. The following ideas provide you with suggestions on how you can assist your child in becoming a better reader.

**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. **When reading and blending sounds together, encourage your child to listen for a familiar word.**

2. **Give your child a rubber band and have them take it between two hands. Write down a simple word for your child to read (3 letter words such as bat, dog, and cap). Have your child pull the band apart a bit with each sound in the word. This will have your child stretching out both the band and the word. When finished with all of the sounds, say the word together while bringing hands together.**

3. **When reading, tell your child, “Say each letter as you stretch them out, then put them together and say it fast.” Demonstrate what this sounds like for your child.**

4. **If your child is having difficulty blending sounds and still sounds choppy, encourage your child to sing as they sound out the word. It is almost impossible to make a word sound choppy when you are singing. □**

**Thank you for your continued support at home!**

Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser
Written by: Allison Behne © www.thedailycafe.com

**St Joachim's Primary School has a membership to Story Box Library.**

Story Box Library is 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:

**Log In Details**

Username: St Joachim’s
Viewer Password: library

**Story Box Library can also be followed on Facebook.**
Choir News!

Our school will be hosting a "Choir Show"
next Tuesday
September 13th
12.30pm-1.15pm
in the hall.

The concert will feature our very own St. Joachim’s Show Choir and the St. Paul Apostle South School Choir from Endeavour Hills.

Come along and hear the children sing!

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

Wed September 14th
11.30am-1.30pm
School Hall
Spectators Most Welcome!
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.

Charli SSG
For your responsible attitude to learning on our excursion. You were a very responsible scientist and mission control

Cassidy SSG
For consistently working hard throughout our inquiry unit ‘Earth’s place in Space’. Your knowledge of Mars and Earth is impressive

Sharelle SSG
For your responsible attitude to learning on our excursion. You were a responsible scientist and mission control

Chelsea SDB
For being extremely focusses and working hard during class time.

Tom V SDB
For being extremely focused and working hard during Literacy.

Dakota MRN
For working hard on improving her writing skills. Well done!

Madison MRN
For being a thoughtful and supportive team member during group activities.

Bianca STO
For always working well with others in the classroom.

Ryan STO
For his focus during class discussions and his valuable contributions!

Laura STO
For always presenting her work neatly!

Shivaali JNE
For always trying her best on all tasks.

Georgia JNE
For confidence and independence when practising her reading strategy.

Ranenn PRM
For always helping and including others.

Kiarah JRM
For putting in 100% into her work and for being persistent. Well done.

Ava JEH
For her focus and good behaviour during all class activities 😊

Charlee JEH
For always working hard at tasks and having a wonderfully positive attitude at school 😊

Thomson JEH
For his consistent hard work in reading and writing 😊

Clara PZA
For an excellent story response of ‘The Hare and the Tortise’.

Vinushi PZA
For correctly ordering the days of the week and linking specific days to familiar events.

Ana PRF
For experimenting with expression in her reading and adding more detail in her retells. Well done Ana!

Evie PRF
For improving her reading comprehension by checking for understanding. Super work!

William PRF
For correctly sequencing the days of the week and identifying the day before and day after.

Ben SFT
For developing his Mathematics thinking and independently solving more challenging problems.

Jemma MVT
For constantly being on task during reading rotations.

Alyssa MVT
For her fantastic research on an Australian animal.

Scott MMH
For being an enthusiastic learner and showing a positive attitude in the classroom.

Georgia MMH
For excellent work during literacy and writing a fantastic simile Poem.

Lost Property

We currently have an extraordinary amount of lost property ranging from the usual plastic lunch boxes to unnamed jumpers. Any unclaimed items at the end of this term will be disposed of.
Lost property is located in the Library.
Senior School Excursion to the
Victorian Space Science Education Centre
(VSSEC)

I liked dressing up as an astronaut and playing with Robby the robot — Tyson

On the excursion to VSSEC (Victorian Space Science Education Centre) STO did a program called ‘Tickle my Droid’ where we got to use BB8 droids and program them to move to different flags. We had to connect the droid first before we could use it and then we used an app called ‘Tickle’ to program the droids to move and follow our instructions. To start with, we had to program the BB8’s to go in a full square and a triangle! Overall, we all enjoyed ourselves!
- Seth and Danica

I really enjoyed dressing up as an astronaut and playing with the really cool gadgets and going into the really awesome Mars Simulation - Hayden

What I liked the most about VSSEC was that I got to go to the Mars Base and I was able to use a robot arm. When I was in mission control Luke dies in the simulation - Hunter

I enjoyed testing out the chemicals in the Mars Simulation Base, there was a pH to see if the chemical was an Acid or a Base - Samuel

I liked the excursion because Tyson and I got to control the robot - Luke

What I liked about going to the VSSEC excursion was that we got to make a circuit to see what materials electricity can travel through - Andrew
Holiday Fun at the Frankston Arts Centre

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Frankston Arts Centre
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DiSCO
Friday 9th September, 2016

Grades P-2 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Grades 3-6 from 7.15pm – 8.30pm

Students can ONLY attend the Disco for their own grade level – NO Exceptions!

The St. Joachim’s students have thoroughly enjoyed the dance program this term, run by Sash Entertainment.
The Disco is a great opportunity for students to showcase the dances that they have learnt and have LOTS of fun!
Parents are invited to watch the children perform their dance routines at the beginning of each of the Disco sessions and then return later on to collect their child/ren.
Children must be collected from the Hall by an adult, on time, so the next disco can begin on time.

All children will need to bring their own water bottle.

The cost for each student is $5.00 which will need to be sent along to school in a clearly labelled envelope or snap lock bag by Wednesday 7th September.
Vacancies for 3 year old preschool in 2017

Time is still available to enrol in our 3 year old preschool program
Register with Council or contact the Preschool for details.
Monday — 8:15-10:45am & Friday — 1:45-4:15pm

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