Dear Parents,

Our Ash Wednesday liturgy this week was a very meaningful way for us to reflect on our Lenten journey ahead and to decide what we can do to grow closer to Jesus i.e. through prayer and self-sacrifice. Congratulations to our children who participated reverently and demonstrated their understanding of what Lent is about through their enthusiastic participation in the liturgy.

Today was a very productive day as all staff met to review a wide range of student, staff and parent survey data in preparation for writing our self-reflection report for our 2016 school review. We completed this work with assistance from personnel from Catholic Education Melbourne. There will be further opportunities for parents to be involved in the review process through parent focus group meetings in early April.

Next Tuesday evening (16th February) we are holding a parent Literacy information evening for parents of students in Grades Prep to 2. The evening will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the staff room. I encourage all Junior school parents to come and hear how literacy is being taught at St. Joachim’s and how you can further support your child’s literacy development at home.

Our first School Advisory Board meeting for the year will be held next Thursday evening (18th February) commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room. Our focus will be on inducting our new Board into their new roles and mapping out our work for the year.

Some advance notice that our Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd February from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday 24th February from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The focus of these interviews is for parents to meet their child/ren’s new teacher and inform them of any academic, social or medical issue that may affect their child’s learning or wellbeing.

Regards,

Paul Dwyer,
Principal
This week we celebrated the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

The children participated and responded enthusiastically.

During the homily, children thoughtfully shared what they are going to give up and take up during Lent.

Some included:

- ‘giving up nagging mum to buying me something when we are shopping’,
- ‘giving up ipad and watching TV’,
- ‘giving up lollies’
- ‘taking up helping their parents with jobs around the house’
- ‘making time to pray and listening to their parents’

Our deeds and actions that we take up during this holy season of Lent will change us to be a better person in Jesus.

The blessed ashes were marked on students foreheads with the sign of the cross by our school leaders and we are proud to see them reverently fulfilling their role.

In the last week’s newsletter, I made a comment that the ashes are christened. Fr John has kindly pointed out that the ‘The Ashes’ are blessed and not christened as they are objects and not a person.

I wish Peace, Love and Happiness during the holy season of Lent!

Many blessings.

Shrove Tuesday

The children from Year 1.- Year 6 enjoyed making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day.

Junior, Middle and Senior teachers and students
Dear Parents of Grade 1 to 6 students,

“Meet the Teacher” (Parent / Teacher Interviews) will be held on
Tuesday February 23 (3:30pm – 8pm) & Wednesday February 24 (3:30pm – 6pm)
Interviews will take place in the St Joachim’s School Hall.

Now you can book school interviews online for the times that best suit your family.

BOOKINGS OPEN ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 15 AT 4:00PM AND
CLOSE ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 AT 9:00AM

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go" (lower case)

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly if you do not receive your email immediately.

Parents that do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones or require support to book the interviews should contact the school office.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes however, if you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close.

Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9785 2633
Boon Wurrung Family School Partnerships Cluster

St Joachim’s Primary School is one of 8 schools involved in the ‘Boon Wurrung Family School Partnerships Cluster’ (BWFSP cluster, see logos below for participating schools). This group is committed to making sure families are not only welcomed and supported in our schools but are also valued partners in their children’s learning and development.

‘…schools that undertake effective parent engagement are up to four times more likely to improve literacy and up to ten times more likely to improve numeracy’

This year, at St Joachim’s, we will be seeking new ways to support and engage our families. Keep a look out in the newsletter for events, resources and other initiatives that will support this process. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved please contact one of the family school partnerships representatives below.

‘Effective parent and family engagement in education is more than just participation in school meetings and helping with fundraising, it is actively engaging with your child’s learning, both at home and at school. When schools and families work together, children do better and stay in school longer.’

We look forward to working with you to improve outcomes for our young people. Welcome to the St Joachim’s School Community!

Justine Shachar shaj@jpc.vic.edu.au
Cluster Engagement Leader

Irene Stewart istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
St Joachim’s Primary Family School Partnerships Representative

Level Newsletters

Were sent home to families via CareMonkey.

The newsletters can be found on the St Joachim’s website under the News & Events tab.

No Right Turn

Reminder to parents that there is No Right Turn into the school grounds before and after school - this also includes the Staff Car Park.

Please do NOT make right hand turns into the Staff Car Park.

Disabled Parking

Would parents who do not have a disabled parking permit please refrain from parking in the school car park’s disabled spot.

We have families in this school who need this space.

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.
Literacy Information Night

For Years Prep - 2
Helping your child learn to read
Tuesday Feb 16, 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

St Joachim’s is having a Literacy Information Night at which the focus will be on:

- reading
- understanding how your child learns to read
- how you can support your child at home.

We invite you to attend this workshop to give you ideas for reading with your child; this includes the language that we use in the classrooms.

We will also answer any questions that you may have.

Library News
Ms Leonie Richardson
Library / ICT
lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

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: http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/schools

Log In Details
Username: St Joachim’s
Viewer Password: library
Membership Start: 16 June 2015
Membership End: 16 June 2016

Story Box Library can also be followed on Facebook.
At St Joachim’s we use an app to communicate with our families.

Tiqbiz is a two way communication app

Parents are able to easily
- Notify the school of any student absences
- Connect to CareMonkey (used for medical and excursion permissions)
- Read the latest school newsletter
- Contact the school by email
- View and print the Uniform Order Form and Price List
- View the school website
- Organise your Parent / Teacher interviews

You’ll be notified of our
- News
- Messages
- Events
- & other communications.

Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

Search in your app store: tiqbiz

The app is available for Android Devices, Windows Phones and iPad & iPads (Apple users need to click ‘Allow’ notifications when asked.

Don’t have a smartphone or tablet?

Download tiqbiz on your PC or Mac at www.tiqbiz.com

Find and Tick

Log-in

Open Tiqbiz and register/log-in

Find

Click the ‘Find Boxes’ and type our name into the search bar. Select St Joachim’s from the results.

Tick

Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

Inbox

Click on the inbox icon.
This is where you’ll receive our instant messages, notices and calendar events.

Performing Arts News

Jody Banks
Performing Arts Teacher

jbanks@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Coming in 2016...

Whole School Concert

Super Kids

Rock the World!

Featuring all students across the school from Prep-6

Thursday 23rd June, 7:00pm

Frankston Arts Centre

Put it in your diary now... it’s going to be HUGE!!!

When the super villain Carmen steals a valuable ruby from the Tanzanian royal family jewels, Chief Monobrow at the S.T.W.F.B. (Saving The World From Baddies) headquarters calls on the Super Kids to follow her around the world on a mission to retrieve the stolen gem. Little do they know the twists and turns that are about to happen as they chase this world famous jewel thief around the globe.

With a cast full of secret agents, super villains, hilarious henchmen and exciting superheroes, this show is sure to be “out of this world”!

Concert Information

Each class will represent a country that the Super Kids travel to during their mission around the world. JEH will not represent a country but will do a ‘Superheroes’ item when the Super Kids are introduced. The following is the order classes are on during the concert:
Around the World Medley.......... School Choir
Superheroes ........................................ JEH
Tanzania (Africa) ......................... PZA, PRF, STO, SSG
China .............................................. JNE
Ireland ............................................ JDM
Italy ................................................ JRM
Russia ............................................. JDM & JRM
Spain .............................................. Selected Senior Dancers
France .......................................... Selected Senior Actors
Egypt .............................................. MRN & MJW
India .............................................. SFT & SDB
Carribbean ................................... Seniors
USA ................................................. MMH & MVT
Finale .................................. All Grades 3-6 students

Ticketing Information

*Please note the following ticket information so families can plan in advance:

*Tickets will be $15.00 each to help cover theatre costs
*St Joachim’s students will not need a ticket as they will be backstage with their teacher during the show.
*Children 24 months of age and over will need a ticket as it is theatre policy that they have their own seat.
*Tickets will be limited to 4 tickets per family & any tickets remaining unsold 1 week before the show will be available for those who would like to purchase extra tickets.
*Parents will be notified in the newsletter when tickets go on sale and how to purchase them. Tickets will probably go on sale 3-4 weeks before the concert.

Parent Helpers Needed!

We would love to hear from anyone who has access to an enclosed truck (not a trailer) who would be able to assist us with moving sets, scenery and props to and from the Frankston Arts Centre.

Also, anyone who is able to help us with building sets, making costumes, or doing make-up and hair would be fantastic!

Please email Miss Banks at jbanks@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au or leave a note at the school office if you can help in any way. We would love to have YOU as part of the production team!!!

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.

Assembly Awards

Thomas SFT
For a great start to his Grade 6 year and trying to stay focus.

Lily SFT
For her wonderful transition to the senior school and always putting effort into all tasks.

Grace STO
For her focus towards completing tasks to a great standard.

Jai STO
For his creative ‘Sizzling Starts’ to his narrative writing.

Keira SSG
For always following instructions and trying her best in all tasks.
Tyson SSG
For being a motivated student who persists when completing all tasks in class.

Rachel SDB
For stepping up and helping at the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

Patrick SDB
For being a great Gr. 6 role model to the younger children.

Zahra MVT
For being a lively, bubbly class member in MVT.

Zali
For being a responsible member of our class.

Alisdair MJW
For making an excellent start of the year at St. Joachim’s.

Sahara MJW
For being an excellent role model by always striving for excellence.

Amber MMH
For making valuable contributions to class discussions.

Murdo MMH
For effortly settling into school life and routines at St Joachim’s.

Bhrigu MRN
For using excellent verbs and adjectives in his recount about his holidays.

Adelina MRN
For writing an interesting recount about her holidays.

Edel JNE
For writing a detailed recount about her holidays! Great work Edel.

Aiden JNE
For writing a great recount and for using full stops correctly. Well done!

Ezekiel JDM
For choosing “A just right book” in Literacy.

Killian JDM
For sharing interesting compound words in Daily 5, “Word on Work”.

Charlee JEH
For showing fantastic initiative in the classroom and making consistently good choices.

Maya JEH
For showing brilliant listening skills and staying on task with her work.

Noble JRM
For settling in well and making lots of new friends.

Estelle JRM
For always helping and including others. Well done!

Luca PRF
For working very hard at completing your numbers maps in Maths lessons. Well done!

Prithika PRF
For always concentrating and doing your best work. Well done on a fabulous start to school.

Liam PZA
For following directions and settling well into the routines of PZA!

Lucas PZA
For following directions and settling well into the routines of PZA!

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Uniform Shop
Trading Hours
Wed 8:30 – 9:00am  Thurs 2:45pm – 3:30pm
Tracey Craddock  Uniform Shop Coordinator
tcraddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Or use an order form which is available on
✓ the Tiqbiz app,
✓ the school website
✓ or at the school office.

Facebook
Buy & Sell St Joachim’s Uniforms

St Joachim’s families are welcome to join the St Joachim’s second hand uniform Facebook page. Search for “Buy & Sell St Joachim’s Uniforms” and ask to join. – You may pick up a great bargain!
**Sports Uniform**

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on:

- The day of their Physical Education (PE) lesson and
- Fridays when their classroom teacher will take the class for some activity.

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Inviting Year 7 Enrolments for 2017 and 2018

**John Paul College**

OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY
4PM & 7PM TOURS - 9784 0200
McMahons Rd Frankston
Ngargee Centre, Enter Gate 2
All families warmly welcomed

No RSVP required

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**Kilbreda College**

A Kildare Ministries School in the Brigidine Tradition

Year 7 2017 Enrolment Application
Closing Date
Applications are welcomed for Year 7, 2017

Please note that applications will close on Friday 26 February, 2016

For further information or to book a tour please contact the College on 9581 7766 or email Melissa.dwyer@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**MORE INFORMATION**

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
WANTS YOU

Are you between 6 and 60?

Do you want to get fit, play a team sport, make new friends, be competitive and above all have fun......??

If the answer is yes then the

**YCW NETBALL CLUB**

is the club for you.

We are recruiting now for our 2016 season and we need players of all shapes, sizes, ability and age — we need YOU!!!!!!

REGISTRATION NIGHT: TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2016 6:30PM TO 8:30PM at JULIBEE PARK

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