Dear Parents,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from children, families and staff in this my first week. I am excited to be working with you at St. Joachim’s and it is obvious, even at this early stage, that this is a fabulous school and parish community!

A special thank you to our hard working Deputy Principal, Irene Stewart, for her ongoing work in community and relationship building around the school, as well as a host of other areas.

Thank you also to our children in the Junior Church Choir who are singing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. I am grateful to Ms Andrew, Miss Banks and Mrs Roberts who have prepared the choir so well.

Next week I am looking forward to meeting our 2016 Prep parents at the Prep Parent Information evening. This starts at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel next Wednesday (14th October).

A reminder that our middle school sleepover will be held next Friday evening (16th October). Further details will be sent home early next week.

Please pray for the Chaucer family on the recent passing of Peter Chaucer (father to Marco in Grade 1 and Angelina in Grade 3).

Kind regards,

Paul Dwyer
Principal
From Mrs Stewart
Deputy Principal
istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott on Sunday October 25th.
Please keep our Confirmation Candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

The Month of the Rosary

Throughout October, Catholics around the world dedicate the month to The Rosary and so too are we at St Joachim’s.
October 17 marks the 98th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearances at Fatima, Portugal, to three children visionaries: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco.
The Blessed Mother told the children to pray the Rosary daily for peace — and to tell others to pray, too.
Mrs Angela Roberts and Mrs Zeeta Andrews will once again be praying the rosary with students in the chapel throughout the month.

Term 4 – Summer Uniform & Hats Outside!

During Term 4 students will be wearing their summer uniform.
Just a reminder that all St Joachim’s students are required to wear a hat at all times when outside, so they are adequately protected from the sun – this includes play times as well as sports lessons.

If you haven’t already done so, please ensure that your child has a hat and that their name is clearly written on the inside.
For those of you who may have lost hats, they are available from our uniform shop and they come in small, medium or large. These can be purchased directly from the uniform shop when it’s open, or by downloading a Uniform Shop Order form from the website and sending it to school with the correct money in a clearly marked envelope.

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.

Wanted Parent Helpers

La Festa Artistica will be a celebration of Art & Italian!
All parents are invited to come and help plan and organise our La Festa Artistica!
We loved the parents’ help in planning and implementing our wonderful Community Arts Program last year.

Parent Meeting

Monday October 12
3:30 pm straight after school in the staff room. Miss Banks will look after the children.

Please do not hesitate to contact…
Sue Larson
slarson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
or Helina Walker
hwalker@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
…with any questions
On Friday, 13th November, St Joachim’s will be celebrating La Festa Artistica. La Festa will combine elements from Italian and Visual Arts and will be an all-day and evening event.

Here is what will happen:

Daytime – Students and staff

1. The day will begin with the Italian prayer and a costume parade in the Hall. Students can come dressed as something Italian or artistic or a combination, eg a famous Italian artist. A list of costume suggestions will appear in the newsletter very soon.

2. After the Parade, students will do some activities with a buddy grade. The activities will be Italian/Art-related and will include a short Italian disco session and a visit to the gelati van.

3. After lunch, La Comica Variety Productions will come to perform their hilarious play ‘Il Ristorante Mangiabanane 2’ in the Hall.

4. The day will end at 3.15 as usual.

Evening - Students with their families and staff

The evening festivities will begin at 5.00pm and conclude at 8.00pm.

Families will be asked to come in costume – perhaps the whole family can dress in the same theme.

Some of what you will be able to see, do or purchase includes:

- Student artwork
- Class canvas auction
- Market stalls – jewellery, candles, food, small business etc.
- Gelati and coffee vans, Italian food baskets, Italian pastries – enjoy your purchases in our ‘Caffé Italiano’ or our outdoor picnic area
- Italian ‘cinema’
- Show bags and lucky dips
- A huge variety of workshops and hands-on activities
- Fairy floss, popcorn, lollies
- Raffle
- Selfie photo booth
- ….and lots more!

Keep checking the newsletter for updates.

This will be a Festa to remember!

Calling all

Market Stalls

For the evening session of La Festa

We are looking for people who would like to run a market stall on the night (eg cupcakes, candles, Tupperware).

The cost will be $20 for one space (size of one trestle table), plus a small donation towards our raffle. All profits on the night will be yours. You must provide your own table/s.

If you are interested, please email Sue Larson by Monday, 2nd November:
slarson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Please include the following details in your email:

- Your name
- Your child’s name and grade
- Phone number and email
- The product you will be selling or demonstrating

If you have a friend who is interested in having a stall on the night, please pass on this information.

Please note that spaces are limited, so book yours ASAP!

All enquiries to Sue Larson or Helina Walker.

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Monash Sustainability
Education Class Presents...
St Joachim’s Primary School
Environment & Sustainability
Fair
Thursday Oct 15, 2015
8:45am until 12:30pm
St Joachim’s Primary School,
25 Broderick Road, Carrum Downs

Parents are invited
to attend JPS Environment & Sustainability Fair. JPS students have been working hard with Monash University teachers for the past 5 weeks. This fair showcases our work together. We will also be setting up innovative and engaging projects, games and activities with an environmental theme.

9:00am  JDM, STO, SVT,
9:30am  JLG, JRE, JNE
10:00am PZA, PRF
11:30am MSR, MRN, SFT
12:00pm MJW, MMH, SDB

We would love to see you show your support for the future of our environment.

Assembly Awards

Lydia PRF
For recording the sounds she hears in words in her writing. Super job Lydia!

Vincenzo PRF
For an outstanding job using different strategies in his reading. Awesome job Vincenzo!

Aiden PZA
For including lots of details when writing his ‘Holiday Recount’.

Lena PZA
For an excellent use of ‘Positional Words’ to describe an object or person in any given location.

Axel JRE
For his fantastic use of descriptive language when writing about his trip to the Chocolate Factory!

Sienna JRE
For her excellent use of her 5 senses when describing her trip to the movies!

Shayarna JLG
For a well written recount of your holiday to Queensland.

Cameron JLG
For creating interesting repeating patterns

Lucas JDM
For understanding the concept and creating repeated patterns in Maths.
Miss Horman with students in the Computer Lab

Jorga JDM
For being an expert in creating and teaching, spelling jigsaw puzzle making, to small groups in the class.

Estelle JNE
For working co-operatively with a partner to make the largest number using her place value knowledge.

Pippa JNE
For listening to reading and accurately identify the characters, setting, problem and events in a story.

Chris MRN
For his enthusiasm and persistence when trying to solve class Maths challenges.

Thivyaa MRN
For an excellent recount of her holidays. Well done!

Bella MJW
For working hard to improve her reading strategies.

Ryan MSR
For his brilliant contribution to planning our class mass.

Dean MSR
For his exceptional work during spelling investigations this week.

Shevan MMH
For his outstanding work during Maths this week, really extending his knowledge.

Shea MMH
For her fantastic contribution to all class discussions.

Joshua MJW
For always being a helpful and considerate student.

Tom M SDB
For a detailed recount about his holidays.

Jessica SDB
For a great recount about her holidays.

Mariana SFT
For an interesting recount about the best day of her life.

Owen SFT
For a great effort on his holiday recount about the Melbourne Show.

Alex SVT
For completing his detailed holiday writing.

Kierra SVT
For completing her Saint Rose project beautifully.