Dear Parents,

This week our students participated in a fantastic Sustainability Fair organised by students from Monash University. This fair exposed our children to a variety of hands on activities focused on the important theme of sustainability and how we can care for our natural environment.

It was great to meet both current and new parents at our 2016 Prep Parent Information evening on Wednesday this week. As a school we look forward to continuing a strong partnership with all parents, to support the growth, learning and wellbeing of our children.

This evening we are hosting our Middle school sleepover. This is an important part of preparing our children for their Grade 5 / 6 camp experience. We are looking forward to students sharing their learning portfolios with parents and for children and families to enjoy the bush band. Thank you to our middle school co-ordinator, Reena Naidoo, and middle school teachers, for their organisation of this event. Thank you also to staff who are staying overnight and to those staff and parents who are assisting with buying, setting up, organising dinner and other important tasks through the evening. Pick up will be at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow after breakfast.

Please pray for the 33 Confirmation candidates from our parish as they enter the final stages of their preparation for this sacrament of initiation. As you know the Confirmation Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne’s Church on Sunday 25th October.

Kind regards,

Paul Dwyer
Principal

St Joachim’s 2016 Confirmation Candidates

Diary Dates

Oct
16 Middle School Sleepover
19 Book Fair Week
21 Seniors Lightning Premiership
22 Confirmation Candidates at St Anne’s
25 1:30pm Sacrament of Confirmation
28 Parent Information Night for Graduation Planning

Nov
2 School Closure Day
3 Melbourne Cup Day
6 2016 Prep Orientation
10 2016 Prep Orientation
11 Remembrance Day
13 La Festa Artistica
18 2016 Prep Orientation Day
18 WOW Day
Wear Orange
Wednesday
26 2016 Prep Orientation
30 2016 Prep Orientation

Dec
3 St Joachim’s Christmas Concert
5 Choir at Karingal Hub
8 2016 Prep Orientation
15 Year 6 Graduation
16 Whole School End of Year Mass
17 St Joachim’s End of Year Award Ceremony
17 Last day of 2015 for Students
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 at 1:30.
Please keep our Confirmation Candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Confirmation Prayer

May you have the strength of the SPIRIT,
The power of PRAYER,
And the force of FAITH,
To live in SERVICE,
To LOVE, with all your heart
And to let God lead you, always.

Amen.

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.
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 have been praying the rosary with students in the chapel throughout the month.

Term 4 – Summer Uniform & Hats Outside!

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.

An Interview with Miss Welsh

- Name: Jessica Welsh
- The car I drive: Toyota blue
- Interests outside of school: cooking and gardening
- Best part about being a teacher: seeing your students grow
- Favourite team: Collingwood
- Favourite holiday destination: Europe
- Pets: a dog called Olly
- Favourite food: cheese
- Favourite T.V show: Downtown Abbey
- Favourite book: Angela’s ashes
- Favourite film: Forest Gump
- Favourite singer: Michael Jackson
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Jesus, Michael Jackson and Pope
- I became a teacher because: I wanted to make a different in children’s lives
- If I weren’t a teacher I would be a vet
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? Matches, my Bible and big warm blanket
St Joachim’s is having a Book Fair
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd October
This is an event at which books will be for sale.

During this week the library will be open for book sales before and after school so parents can attend and assist their child with his/her purchase of books.

All Book Fair purchases benefit our school and help fund more books for our school library.

Would you like to donate a book to the St Joachim’s library?

Many families in the past have taken the opportunity to buy a book to donate to the school library. Each donation will provide enjoyment for children for years to come. As a token of appreciation, every donation will be recognised with a bookplate identifying your family or child as the benefactor.

Grandparents may also love to donate a book to the library! Ask them!

** Books can be purchased with cash, credit card or eftpos.**

Book Fair Hours

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Please note that the book fair is NOT open Friday afternoon.

We hope to see you at the book fair!

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

Parents who cannot make it to the book fair can send money with their child in an envelope, clearly labelled with the child’s name and amount enclosed.

Leonie or another St Joachim’s Book Fair staff member will assist your child with his / her purchases. Please make sure that your child arrives early enough to visit in the morning session to ensure that the money does not get lost during the day.

Wanted!

Parents to help at the book fair!

Please email me at lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au letting me know what days and times that you’re available (see times above).
www.storyboxlibrary.com.au

As most of our families are aware St Joachim’s Primary School has a membership to Story Box Library, an online reading room rich with Australian stories and diverse storytellers.

You can access the library here:


Log In Details
Username: St Joachim’s    Password: library

A New Book about Being Anxious!

Don’t Think About Purple Elephants

From little worries to great big bedtime terrors, everyone needs help sometimes coping with anxious feelings. Passionate children’s literature advocate and author, Susan Whelan, has written Don’t Think About Purple Elephants an insightful, humorous and thoughtful story for younger children, which provides a wonderful opportunity for discussing and dealing with troublesome thoughts.

Gwynneth Jones’ illustrations are imaginative, colourful and expressive, complementing the emotions of the story perfectly.

Enjoy Chanelle Sheehan’s sweetly sensitive reading, and don’t think about purple elephants... but we bet you will!

The St Joachim’s Panthers played their first basketball match last Saturday. The boys did a fantastic job and represented the school beautifully with good team work and sportsmanship.

We wish the St Joachim’s Panthers good luck for their first ever season.

Inviting Year 7 Enrolments for 2017 and 2018

John Paul College
OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER
4PM & 7PM TOURS
9784 0200
McMahons Rd Frankston
Ngargee Centre
Enter Gate 2
All families warmly welcomed
No RSVP required
St Joachim’s
La Festa Artistica!
is Coming!

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.

Please see last week’s newsletter and on the school website for more information.

www.sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

La Festa Artistica
Donations Please

The Festa Artistica team will be running a raffle and are looking for donations of items that will be suitable.

Anything with an Italian and/or Art flavour would be fantastic, but all donations will be gratefully received.

Please leave your donations with your child’s classroom teacher.

Don’t Forget! We are 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.

Sue Larson
slarson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

or Helina Walker
hwalker@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
St Joachim's middle school students have been working hard with Monash University teachers for the past 5 weeks. This fair showcased our work together.