Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Grade 5 / 6 students who competed in a variety of sports at John Paul College on Wednesday this week. We are very proud of the fantastic enthusiasm and effort of all students as they proudly represented our school, while demonstrating excellent sporting behaviour. Thank you to our senior teachers and parents who organised and supported our students on the day.

Yesterday our Grade 6 Confirmation candidates and our Preps were visited by our regional Bishop, Bishop Peter Elliot. Bishop Elliot spoke to our Confirmation children about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost and what it means to be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. With our Preps the Bishop emphasised the importance of looking after God’s creatures and creation. Our prayerful good wishes and congratulations go to the 33 children from our parish who Bishop Elliot will confirm at Mass at 1:30 p.m. this Sunday at St. Anne’s church.

Next Wednesday evening we are holding a parent information night for Graduation planning. The evening will commence at 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom and will run until 8:00 p.m. All Grade 5 and Grade 6 parents are warmly invited to attend so we can plan for our forthcoming graduation activities.

Please note that St. Joachim’s School will be closed on Monday 2nd November and Tuesday 3rd November, for our annual report writing day and Melbourne Cup public holiday. School will resume at the usual time on Wednesday 4th November.

Kind regards,

Paul Dwyer
Principal
Confirmation 2016

Creator Spirit,
Strengthen these children with Your gifts of grace. To love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
The spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Amen
From Mrs Stewart

Deputy Principal

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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.

Action Against Poverty

October is the month of the Rosary and Angela Roberts and Zeeta Andrew have been visiting the chapel and praying the Rosary with the children every recess throughout the month.

October is also the month in which Anti-Poverty Week falls.

Did you Know…

- Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians.
- Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.
- In Anti-Poverty Week, we can help fight poverty and hardship!

Others Need Your Help

To show Our Lady how generous the families of St Joachim’s are we are asking each family to bring to school, a nonperishable food item (preferably in a can).

The children will lay out their donation on the ground in the shape of Rosary beads on Friday October 30

We hope you support this wonderful initiative. Items received will be passed on to the Parish for their work with St Vincent de Paul.

Bishop Peter Meets St Joachim’s Students

Yesterday the students of St Joachim’s were visited by Bishop Peter Elliott. Bishop Peter spoke to all the prep students in the chapel before speaking to the whole school at the assembly.

Thank you to Bishop Elliott for fitting into his busy day, a visit to St Joachim’s.

Wednesday 18 November Wear Orange to School.

Supporting the State Emergency Services. St Joachim’s are supporting the SES’s WOW day. Students are asked to wear something orange to school and bring a gold coin donation. There will be prizes for the best dressed individuals. The SES truck will also be coming to visit.

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.

Parent Information Night for Graduation Planning

Wednesday 28th October, 2015

7.00pm – 7.45pm (approx.)

All parents of Grade 5 and Grade 6 students are invited to attend an information night with the Senior School Staff for the purpose of planning for the 2015 Grade 6 Graduation.

We look forward to seeing you there!
An Interview with Miss Felmingham

- Name: Miss Felmingham
- The car I drive: a pink Yaris called Pinky
- Interests outside of school going to concerts and the movies
- Best part about being a teacher: being part of the children’s learning journey.
- Favourite team: Mighty Hawks
- Favourite holiday destination: Queensland
- Pets: No pets
- Favourite food: Pasta
- Favourite T.V show: Home and Away
- Favourite book: Thelma the Unicorn and Anne of Green Gables
- Favourite film: Girls just want to have fun
- Favourite singer: Jimmy Barnes
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Jimmy Barnes, Brax and Chuck Bass
- I became a teacher because: Helping the children learn
- If I weren’t a teacher I would be a Kindergarten teacher
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? Phone, Books, and Food

JPC Lightning Premiership

On the 21st of October the seniors had Lightning Premiership at John Paul College. We were all a little worried because there were showers in the morning but the weather turned out to be fine. There were seven local schools competing in four different sports: Netball, soccer, newcomb and AFL.

Netball

St Joachim’s entered 3 teams split into A, B and C. A played 6 games and won 3 of them. B played 6 games and won 3 games. C played 6 games and won 1. Everyone tried their very best. Some students had never even played netball before. We all played different positions and worked well together in our teams. Everyone from netball really enjoyed playing and had a great day.

Breeana and Chelsea

Newcomb

Team A and B enjoyed playing Newcomb. Even though we didn’t win, (it’s not all about winning) WE ALL HAD HEAPS OF FUN! The game was bit hard at first, but we all got on well. Teamwork was the most important part of the game and we surely had TEAMWORK! There were 6 other schools that were good as well. We always had to keep a look out for the ball and make good choices about where to throw. Catching and throwing were the most vital skills in the game. Overall, the game was a big success. All this was thanks to John Paul College’s staff and students. Also, big thanks to Mr. Newcomb

By Christian and Ancelin!
Footy

On Wednesday the 21st of October 2015 we played footy in the Lightning Premiership. There were great facilities at JPC for us to use. They even gave provided a sausage sizzle. The sausages were yum. Our footy team worked really hard and we achieved a great score. Sadly we came second by 7 points but besides that we all had fun!!!!

By Tom.B and Boan

Soccer

The St. Joachim’s soccer players were split into 2 teams, team A & team B. At first we were nervous to play but our nerves eased after the first few games. We watched and supported our school mates as we got closer and closer to the final. In the final we played each other! In the end team A came 2nd and B came 1st. Everyone in the soccer team had lots of fun and achieved things that they never knew they could achieve. Everyone tried their best and worked together as a team.

Miji and Patrick
Assembly Awards

Charlie PRF
For telling the time to o’clock and half past. Awesome work Charlie!

Grace PRF
For her outstanding expression as the troll when reading the ‘Three Billy Goats Gruff’.

Ryan SVT
For consistently working hard at mental maths.

Angel SVT
For always completing her best work, a quiet achiever!

Jake JDM
For excellent problem solving in number patterns during Mathematics.

Dakota JDM
For great work in creating an alliteration poem.

Eva MJW
For writing a descriptive open minded portrait about Nick.

Christian MJW
For working hard to perfect all of his times tables.

Samantha MRN
For her excellent reflection on the middle school sleepover.

Leonie JNE
For the amazing job she did with identifying rhyming words in Dr Seuss books

Molly MRN
For being an excellent team player during group activities.

Alex JNE
For the fantastic job he did with identifying rhyming words in Dr Seuss books.

Logan MSR
For demonstrating brilliant thought processes during numeracy.

Hunter MSR
For his improved concentration and independence during class.

Lily STO
For her great project on Saint Kateri!

Karthii STO
For his efforts in completing his project about Saint Francis Xavier.

Adelina JLG
For working hard to solve the dot card problem in mathematics!

Blake JLG
For writing some very clever alliteration tongue twisters!

Grace JRE
For her continued persistence and mastery of counting by 2s to 100!

Danielle JRE
For successfully applying multiple strategies when working through subtraction stories!

Chris SFT
For displaying great sportsmanship and netball skills at the 'Lightning Premiership.'

Daania SFT
For putting a great deal of effort into her project on Saint Mary MacKillop.

St Joachim’s La Festa Artistica is Coming!
Friday November 13

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DANDENONG SHOW
November 14th & 15th 2015

Where the city meets the country, the Dandenong Show has lots to offer: farm animals, dogs, arts and crafts, amusement rides, show-bags and fireworks. Don’t forget to visit the animal nursery and look out for the free entertainment. There is something for everyone!

Dandenong Show Grounds – Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street Dandenong
For further information please see our website www.Dandyshow.com.au
Reflections of the Middle School Sleepover!

On the 16th of October, it was the middle school sleepover. Some people slept over and some did not. I was one of the people who slept over. I slept next to Molly and Nina. All the teachers were there. The police were going around the school.

Firstly, I went to get some food and watched Molly's PowerPoint presentation, it was great. Then it was 6:15pm so it was time for mine. Molly made it just in time for mine.

Then we all got called in for the Blackberry Jam Bush Band. I did most of the dances but I stopped because ice creams were ready to eat. When everybody, that was not sleeping, left we got into our PJ's and set up our beds. We started the movie. Fifteen minutes into the movie we stopped it for our milo and muffin.

After the movie we all went to bed. It was hard for some people to sleep knowing you were in a school hall. When I woke up in the morning we had toast. I had nothing on my toast. When me and Sienna found a ball on the middle playground we played with it until our mums came.

I hope we do the middle school sleepover next year to.

By Georgia MRN
First my parents and I went to look at my portfolio. I made 20 slides.

After that, I had dinner with Tanaya and Janis. We ate hotdogs. We also drank juice. The flavour I had was orange. It was very juicy.

Then we went to watch the Blackberry Jam Bushband. We had to dance to the songs. One of the songs was the Nutbush.

Next we got into our pyjamas and brushed our teeth.

All of us went into our sleeping bags. Then we watched a movie before we slept.

By Niña Gallego - MRN

On the 16th of October all the middle school children had a sleepover at school! Can you believe it! Let me tell all about it.

First, we all had a hotdog it was yum! Then we saw the Blackberry Jam Bush Band and we danced to a lot of songs.

Then we got into our PJs and we watched a great movie called Alvin and the Chipmunks and it was the best movie ever!

Finally it was time for bed. I was bored because I could NOT get to sleep but then I closed my eyes and fell off to sleep.

By Chris Maly – MRN

On Friday 16th of October, we had the middle school sleepover. It’s when all of the middles sleepover at the school. When I arrived I found my friends playing cricket on the oval. After that we went in the hall to do some dancing to the Black Berry Jam bush band. Before they taught us some dances, a person had whips and he made loud noises. Then he got out a big whip and all of the kids had to move right back and it became really squishy. I danced with my mum and I danced next to Jacob and Shea.

After that, we played black tiggy and then we had icypoles. My presentation went well and we had sausages for dinner. We watched the movie Alvin and the Chipmunks. With the movie we had Milo and muffins.

Overall I had a lot of fun!

By Hayley, MSR

Last week the middles had the middle school sleepover. When I first got there it was my turn for my mum and sister to watch my portfolio. When that was over, I had dinner and went to play with my friends. When it got a bit darker we had icypoles. After that we had the Black Berry Jam Bush band visit and showed us some dance moves that were cool. Then we said goodbye to our mum and dads. I didn’t go to sleep until like 12 and woke up at about 5:30am. I had orange juice and a muffin for breakfast and then I did a few laps around the oval, but I was very tired from not sleeping much. It was a fun night!

By Corey, MSR

At 5:30 on the 16th of October we had an awesome middle school sleepover.

I enjoyed playing gaga in the morning, drinking hot chocolate and stuffing a whole muffin in my mouth! The teacher was looking at me like what is he doing? I also enjoyed the movie as it was so funny! We watched Alvin and the Chipmunks 1.
My mum, dad, and sisters enjoyed watching my portfolio slide show. I had so much fun using the whip in the Black Berry Jam Bush Band. It was awesome! I slept next to my best friend, Hayden, and I didn’t get interrupted while I was sleeping. I wasn’t sleepy so I borrowed Hayden’s Where’s Wally book and torch to read. BIG THANKS TO HAYDEN!

By Jonny, MSR

On the 16 of October we had the Middle school sleepover. I liked sleeping next to my friend Jonny. I felt proud to show my portfolio to my family. I liked playing cricket on the oval with my mates and Hayley. I had a sausage and juice for dinner. Then we danced to the Black Berry Jam bush band. Then we had an icy pole and watched Alvin and the Chipmunks. Then we had a milo and a muffin and went to bed. It was fun!

By Hayden, MSR

At the sleepover I saw Alvin and the Chipmunks, heard country music, tasted delicious muffin and smelt yummy food being prepared. My favourite part of the sleepover was when we got to show our parents our Digital Portfolio’s, because they absolutely loved it and I loved the comments they gave me. It would be even better if I could get to sleep for at least one hour. From this experience I have learnt how to dance all the different country dances. I have had a magnificent time at the sleepover and hope to go back next year.

By Ben MJW

At the sleepover I danced the Heel and Toe Polka. I played footy on the oval we watched Alvin and the chipmunks. I heard country Music I tasted the best I MEAN best milo and the most delicious Muffins I’ve ever had. I smelt the milo from all the way in the hall. My favourite part was when Chris from the band dressed up as an Emu. It would have been better if we could have more than one milo and muffin. I learnt how to do the Heel and Toe Polka.

By Zali MJW

At the middle school sleepover I had the best time. First we had sausages for dinner and then I showed my mum and my brother my digital portfolio. Next we danced to the Blackberry Jam Bush Band and it was country music. At night, when we got in PJs and we watched Alvin and the chipmunks, it was so funny. We tasted hot milo and muffins whilst watching the movie. I smelt hot milo and muffins getting prepped. My favourite part was eating most of the food because it was delicious. It would be even better if the grade 4s didn’t talk so much so that we could all go to sleep. I learnt how to do the dance heal and toe polka. My first middle school sleepover was awesome and we had no accidents.

By Molly MJW

At the middle school sleepover I saw Alvin and the Chipmunks, heard kids talking, tasted yummy food and smelt food getting prepared. My favourite part was when I got to play a game on the oval with Zaquin’s dad. It would be even better if kids weren’t flashing torches everywhere. I learnt how to play a new game with Zaquin’s dad.

By Christian MJW
MIDDLE SCHOOL SLEEPOVER
A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

Thank you for the great help that you so kindly volunteered. The sleepover was a great success and I’m certain the children will have fond memories of this event.

Reena Naidoo - Middle School Coordinator