Dear Parents,

Thank you to our senior school teachers; Tahlia O’Callaghan, Jen Finley, Donna Bennett, Vivien Taylor, Janine Turner and Irene Stewart for their fabulous organisation and preparation for our parish Confirmation last Sunday. Thank you also to Fr. John and Bishop Elliott, who concelebrated a special liturgy. Congratulations to the 32 children who took this next important step on their faith journey, and to the parents and sponsors who supported them.

Thank you also to our Grade 5 and 6 parents who attended the Graduation planning meeting on Wednesday evening this week. We are looking forward to some fabulous end of year activities to send off our Grade 6 graduates as they prepare to journey on to secondary schools.

On Wednesday this week I attended a meeting at John Paul College as part of our local primary school cluster involved in the Family Schools Partnership program. This program aims to provide information and other resources to support families in a variety of ways. I will pass on further information when it becomes available.

Today we celebrated World Teachers Day with a special morning tea for our hard working staff. My grateful thanks to all our staff for the excellent work they do every day, in so many ways, with our children. It was great to see St. Joachim’s students acknowledge the staff with an excellent poster, depicting all the St Joachim’s staff, made by members of the Girls’ Club that meet at recess.

Our school celebration of October as the month of the Rosary concluded today with our students marking out the outline of a set of rosary beads using tinned food items. Thank you to all families for your generous donation of food. Thank you also to Zeeta Andrew and Angela Roberts for organising and running the Rosary for our students this month.

A reminder that St. Joachim’s School will be closed next Monday and Tuesday (2nd & 3rd November). I hope all families get to spend some extra time together over this long weekend, and I hope your horse comes first next Tuesday!

Kind regards,

Paul Dwyer
Principal
Congratulations to Our Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to our 32 younger parishioners who were confirmed last Sunday by Bishop Peter Elliott. I would like to thank the school staff, candidates and their families for their thorough preparation for the day. It was wonderful to experience such a high level of reverence and respect displayed by all who attended our special Confirmation Mass.

In honour of this occasion Confirmation certificates have been prepared and signed by the Bishop. A special presentation of these certificates will take place on the weekend 7th & 8th of November at all three Masses.

Poppy Appeal - Remembrance Day

Poppies & Pens Available in the School Office.
Prices range from $1 - $5

The Red Poppy symbol is symbolic of those who have fallen in times of war and the Poppy Appeal is run in the lead up to Remembrance Day.

The Poppy Appeal contributes significantly to the fundraising work of the RSL. All monies raised are used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defense forces and their dependents when in need.

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.

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.

How nice do these black school shoes look?

We want all St Joachim’s students to continue to always wear their black school shoes with their school uniform.

Runners are for Sport / PE day only.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Wed 8:30 – 9:00am    Thurs 2:45pm – 3:30pm

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

If you are unable to make it to the Uniform Shop when it's open, you may use our Uniform Shop Order Form which is available on the Tiqbiz app, the school website – www.sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au - or can be picked up at the school office.
Praying the Rosary with Our Buddies

Today MMH and SVT celebrated the end of the Rosary month. We discussed the types of prayers and the mysteries that we focus on. Then we wrote special intentions on coloured circles and made a buddy Rosary. Together we prayed the Rosary and shared some of our special intentions. We were all very reverent and relaxed as we prayed. It was great to see our buddy class again!

By: Ancelin and Grace

STO making a lemon battery in science

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.

Scratch is a computer programming platform which allows people to create their own animations and games and develop their programming skills.

Please read the following from Cam & Jai SVT...

Fun and easy way for all people to make games, animations, music and art! On all Monday lunches from the 9th November to 30th November!

Grade 4 and Grade 5s only.

There will be a limit of 10 students. We will be running this course throughout 2016 so no one will miss out.

Please email Leonie Richardson
lrichardson@sjcarumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Create, share and play!

Look at this link...

https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/72570434/
An Interview with Mrs Hume

- The car I drive: Holden Cruze (Pewter)
- Interests outside of school spending time with family and going to the gym
- Best part about being a teacher: seeing children smile when they learn something new
- Favourite team: Essendon
- Favourite holiday destination Port Douglas (Cairns)
- Pets: No
- Favourite food: Calamari
- Favourite T.V show: Seinfeld
- Favourite book: Pride and Prejudice
- Favourite film: Blind Side
- Favourite singer: Ricky Martin
- Three people I’d invite to dinner: Ricky Martin, Lisa Wilkinson and Angelina Jolie
- I became a teacher because: I wanted to make a difference in children’s lives
- If I weren’t a teacher: Magazine Editor
- If I could take three things to a deserted island, what would they be? Coke Zero, Chocolate and My family photo

Noah and Ezra from STO making a huge parallel circuit in our science incursion with Dr Mel from JPC.

St Joachim’s
La Festa Artistica
Friday November 13
sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

Is Your Family Entering the Ferrari Race?

Sammy and Kirralee demonstrating their ‘Ferrari’ that they made in the library during lunch time! Thanks girls for giving up your time.
Leonie Richardson

Thank you to all the St Joachim’s families who came to the book fair and bought books. All books purchased benefit our school library, thereby benefitting all of our students.

Consequently we have lots of fabulous new books to cover.

If you would like to take a bag of books home to cover in your own time please visit the library one night after school.

Just a few of the ‘free’ books we received from having a Lamont Book Fair!

Don’t Forget!
The Library is Open Every Night After School except Thursday!

Angela Roberts

The children are once again enjoying stamp club. We have been busy designing our own Halloween stamps and making jack o’lanterns.

Keep collecting your stamps and leave them at the office for us. Special thanks to Lorraine for always donating stamps.

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

The knitting club is also going strong with lots of students enjoying getting together having fun.

Thanks so much to Hayley and Nathan’s nan and Jack and Thomas’s mum for their donation of wool and material.
To show Our Lady how generous the families of St Joachim’s are we asked each family to bring to school, a nonperishable food item.

St Joachim’s students joined with their buddy grades to lay out their donation on the ground in the shape of Rosary beads.

Thank you to the St Joachim’s families for supporting this event.
On Tuesday this week the Junior School students travelled by bus to John Paul College.

Throughout last term students from JPC attended St Joachim’s to work with our juniors.

When we went to JPC it was really cool when we walked up the really BIG stairs.

Martin JRE

I really liked reading a Dr Seuss book with my JPC buddy because we found rhyming words.

James JRE
Does Your Child Worry?

Parenting Children Who Worry – a free seminar

Open to any parents and guardians who are interested in helping children manage worry better.

- Practical tips and suggestions
- Increase family wellbeing
- Support children to face their worries
- Help mindfulness and relaxation
- Further 4 week course with workshops and an in-depth practical approach to helping children who worry

1st Seminar:
When: Tuesday October 27, 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Where: Frankston North Community Centre, 26 Mahogany Ave, Frankston North

2nd Seminar:
When: Wednesday November 25, 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Where: Hastings Community Hub, 1973 Frankston-Flinders Road, Hastings

Register your interest in one of the above dates, by contacting:-

1800 639 523 or enquiry@mediation.com.au

Registrations closing soon ...so hurry to enrol

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