Dear Parents,

Today we had our first 2017 Prep transition session. It was great to see the smiling faces of our new children as they played games, sang songs and enjoyed a story with our Prep teachers, Zeeta Andrew and Renee Felmingham and our Prep co-ordinator, Irene Stewart. I look forward to seeing our 2017 Preps again next Tuesday morning for our second orientation session.

Please note the following dates on the school calendar this term. We are holding a combined parent seminar with St. Anne’s School on the topic “Bringing calm to anxiety” on Wednesday 23rd November. This seminar will focus on practical strategies parents can use when dealing with children who are anxious, stressed etc. The seminar will be held at St. Anne’s School hall (86 – 94 Austin Road, Seaford) and will commence at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. I strongly encourage all parents to avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in this parent education seminar, which is offered as part of our involvement in the Family Schools Partnership local cluster of schools.

Good luck and best wishes to 2 of our current staff who are moving on next year. After 13 years of dedicated service to St. Joachim’s School, Mrs. Tahlia O’Callaghan has accepted a position at St. Agatha’s School in Cranbourne, and after starting at St. Joachim’s as an enthusiastic graduate teacher, Miss Samantha Griffin has accepted a position at St. Thomas More’s School, Mt. Eliza. On behalf of the school community I sincerely thank both of these teachers and wish them well for their future careers in education. Two teaching positions have been advertised and I am going through the process of selecting 2 new staff members to join our school.

Next Wednesday after school we are holding a short working bee to spread mulch into the garden beds at the front of the school and a few other small jobs. The working bee will run from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and all parents are welcome and encouraged to assist if you can. Thank you to Tanya Petersen for co-ordinating this.

A reminder that our next SAB (School Advisory Board) meeting will be held next Thursday (10th November) starting at 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom.

Paul Dwyer, Principal.
Grade Ones celebrated their Liturgy this week and their theme was ‘Heaven’. The children used their imagination to think what heaven looks like and sounds like. They also focused what is the key to get to heaven or how do they live their lives that can ultimately get them to heaven.

Here are some of their Liturgy reflections.

For the Liturgy I made a picture of what heaven looks like and I had a unicorn, dog, cloud, sun and God. I made a promise to God things that I would do to get to heaven. In liturgy our focus was heaven and what it looks like, what it feels like and what it sounds like and what you have to do to get to heaven. JEH did prayers of the faithful and then they had to read out their promises to everyone. I had a great time at our liturgy.

By Issy B

In our Liturgy today we talked about Heaven. To get to heaven we have to help people, include others in our games, be nice to others and look after our friends who are hurt.

By Veer

My favourite part of the Liturgy was when we sang the opening song ‘If I were a butterfly’. My favourite question was what we might see in heaven. I thought it could our family members who have passed away. In today’s Liturgy we talked about Heaven and how to get through the gate. I also liked the closing hymn.

By Nevington.

From Mrs Stewart
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St Anne’s Parish
Christmas Celebration
Sun, November 27, 4pm – 6pm

Holy Family Hall, Moreton Street, Frankston North, VIC 3200

Sausages, Hamburgers, Bread and Drinks will be provided.

We are looking for volunteers to bring along a salad or sweet to share.

This should be a great get together and a chance to relax before the Christmas rush.

All welcome

Help Needed

Harry’s parents are looking for a kind St Joachim’s family to pick Harry up from his home and bring him to school each morning in 2017.

The family’s home is in Skye near the roundabout at the corner of McCormick’s Road and Hall Rd.

Please call Caroline on 0413 295 565 if you can help.

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.
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.

Supervision Before School

A reminder that no students should be on school grounds before 8:20 a.m. without parental supervision.

Many of our students are arriving at school very early and we ask that families make use of our Before School Care program if students are at school before 8:20 a.m. - This is a legal duty of care issue.

After School

The school bell goes at 3:15 to end the school day. Children should be picked up by 3:30 or be enrolled at After School Care (Camp Australia).

Students picked up after 3:30 will need to be signed out of the office.

Camp Australia

The Camp Australia Outside School Hours Care program is an extension of St Joachim’s Primary School, providing children with a safe environment in which they can explore and play. Here’s their webpage!

Literacy News

Caroline Hume

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Parent Pipeline

CAFÉ Strategy: Make a Picture or Mental Image

Have you ever tried to remember where you put something? Usually the first thing people do is retrace their steps or visualize the last time they had the object. Making a picture in our mind helps us to recall events more clearly. The same is true when reading a story. When readers listen to or read text, they can create pictures in their mind or make a mind movie. This helps a reader to remember more of what they read or heard.

Your child is working on the comprehension strategy: Make a Picture or Mental Image. This is an excellent strategy for readers to use when recalling details in the text. Making a picture or mental image assists readers in understanding what they read by creating images in their mind, based on the details in the text and their prior knowledge.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Remind your child that when making a picture or mental image, readers put themselves in the story or text by making a mind movie. They also look for important details that help them make pictures in their minds.

2. Explain that there are many ways pictures help readers remember what they are reading. They can do this by:
   - thinking about what they know about the text before they read
   - using sensory details to create mental pictures (what did it smell like, feel like, look like, etc.)
   - looking back at the picture in your brain after the story to remember what has happened.

3. Read to your child and model how you make pictures in your mind. Then, give your child a chance to try it. Read a selection to your child and ask:
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](http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au)/schools

Log In Details

Username: St Joachim’s
Viewer Password: library

Story Box Library can also be followed on Facebook.

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Choir News

Jody Banks
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Show Choir

Well done to our school’s Show Choir on their performance at the Lyrebird Community Centre last Wednesday for MP Mark Dreyfus’ Seniors morning tea. The children presented themselves in a very professional manner, singing at a high standard and representing our school with pride.

Show Choir with MP Mark Dreyfus

Church Choir

Our Church Choir will be singing at St. Anne’s 10.00am Mass on **Sunday the 20th of November**. This will be the final time our Church Choir will sing at mass this year and we invite all choir members to come along and sing for the parishioners who love to hear the children’s joyful voices!
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.

**Ryder PZA**
For a detailed weekend recount that sequenced the events in correct order. Sensational job Ryder!

**Lucas PZA**
For using his knowledge of basic facts and doubles to solve addition and subtraction problems. Sensational work Lucas!

**Emilia PRF**
For sharing her reflection about Jesus and Zacchaeus with confidence at our Prep liturgy.

**Miranda PRF**
For partitioning three digit numbers. Impressive work Miranda!

**Jakov JRM**
For writing a fantastic cinquain poem about sharks. Well done!

**Tara JRM**
For writing a great cinquain poem on puppies.

**Ruby JEH**
For her hard working attitude during our numeracy challenges.

**Owen JEH**
For his enthusiasm and hard work during numeracy to challenge himself.

**Alexis JNE**
For persistence when writing a cinquain poem about dinosaurs.

**Shivaali JNE**
For always contributing thoughtfully during class discussions.

**Axel JDM**
For a creative “Shape Poem”.

**Maks JDM**
For demonstrating a good understanding of the “Water Cycle”, through a creative model.

**Dakota MRN**
For working cooperatively in group situations and always completing her written tasks.

**Stephanie MRN**
For always completing her written tasks to the best of her ability.

**Sebastian MVT**
For contributing his ideas to class discussion enthusiastically.

**Joshua MVT**
For his consistent enthusiasm for learning.

**Chloe SDB**
For a loud and well-presented oral presentation of St Francis.

**Joanna SDB**
For a great oral presentation on St Kateri. Well done!

**Ancelin SFT**
For an excellent and thoroughly researched project on Mother Teresa.

**Manas SFT**
For improved comprehension in reading and reading with expression and fluency consistently.

**Poppy SSG**
For working collaboratively with her peers. Your respect for your classmates and their ideas is to be commended.

**Sadhana SSG**
For consistently trying her best in ALL curriculum areas.

**Isabella MMH**
For being an enthusiastic member of the class and always sharing her thoughts.

**Eva MMH**
For working hard to solve multiplication equations using the split strategy.

**Ethan STO**
For outstanding leadership & sportsmanship skills shown towards all involved in the lightning premiership at JPC.

**Grace STO**
For her great explanation about why Australia doesn’t celebrate Thanksgiving.

**Manav STO**
For his thorough preparation and research when presenting questions at ask, in Italian.
Uniform Shop
Trading Hours
Wed 8:30 – 9:00am       Thurs 2:45pm – 3:30pm
Tracey Craddock     Uniform Shop Coordinator
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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.

Year 5s Visit JPC
John Paul College invited our Year 5 students to a day of fun activities on Thursday.

The transition from primary to secondary school is an important one and introducing students to a secondary school environment early can assist them to approach this period in a confident and positive manner.

Our Year 5 students participated in a guided discussion with former St Joachim students about life at secondary school. They also undertook some fun orientation activities such as drama, music and science.
Maths in the Middle School
Students in MIW have been using the split strategy to solve multiplication equations :)

Sajeev is working out how long it would take to write the numbers 0-1 million... he worked out how long it took to write 0-1000, then multiplied the result by 1000.
BRINGING CALM TO ANXIETY

Wednesday 23rd November
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

St Anne's Primary School
86-94 Austin Rd, Seaford

Joanna Moss will deliver a fun and practical workshop around calming the anxious mind. Combining simple neurobiological principles, strengths based parenting skills, and practical tools for the whole family, the workshop will enable parents to steer a passage through the sea of anxiety with a clearer vision and a few less storms.

The workshop will cover activity based learning, an interactive presentation, and take home supplies to ensure you start using your tool kit.

Joanna works at FMC, Family Mediation and Counselling, a not for profit organisation that provides child counselling across Victoria and is one of Australia’s leading training providers in conflict resolution skills. FMC delivers a govt. funded program, “Family Mental Health Support Services” in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Regions.

Register at http://boonwurrungfspcluster.weebly.com/

Or contact Justine Shachar on 97840221, or your child’s school