Dear Parents,

Please keep the Cutajar – Leo family in your prayers on the passing this week of one of our dads, Clarence Leo (father of Eve in JRM and Layla MMH). Mrs. Stewart and I visited the family today and have passed on flowers and special cards made by students in JRM and MMH.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is a time of waiting, preparation and hope as the birth of our Lord Jesus draws near. It is marked by 4 Sundays, each symbolised by a candle on the Advent wreath. The candle for the first Sunday of Advent is designated as a symbol of hope.

It was great to see a number of St. Joachim’s parents at the parent seminar held at St. Anne’s on Wednesday evening this week. The focus was “bringing calm to anxiety” which provided many valuable insights and strategies to the parent group for supporting anxious, stressed and worried children.

Thank you to the following parents who attended our mini working bee on Wednesday afternoon this week: Jo Austin, Candice Payne, Jo Baldwin, Greta Beacroft, Melinda Mani, Thayalan Sivi, and Chris Thresher. Thank you also to Tanya Petersen for co-ordinating our parents on this day. Lots of tidying up and weeding of garden beds was achieved. Next Wednesday (30th November) after school we have a delivery of mulch coming. We need some more parents between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 to assist with spreading the mulch into garden beds. Please come and assist if you can.

A reminder that the Parish Christmas barbecue is on this Sunday (27th November) from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family hall in Moreton Street, Frankston North.

Regards,

Paul Dwyer, Principal.
This weekend we begin the church year with the season of Advent. In all the busyness it is important that we do stop and take time to reflect and let the true preparations begin in our lives. During Advent a new candle is lit each week on the ‘Advent Wreath’. This beautiful custom helps us appreciate that Christmas is something special: a time that is joyful because God has become one of us in Jesus Christ. We know that the first coming of Jesus at Bethlehem will not happen again, so during Advent, we prepare and long for a new coming of Jesus into our lives. We take this time every year to practise how to receive Jesus every day of our lives! We remember the call of Jesus to be his followers to make our world a peaceful and loving place, and so, during Advent, we make special efforts to be signs that God is with us.

Our students this week have been exploring the concept of Advent and the focus has been on ‘Hope’. They have explored this through prayer, art and literacy activities.

God bless and have a fabulous weekend!

From Mrs Stewart
Irene Stewart
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St Anne’s Parish

Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Each year the St Anne’s Parish organises Christmas hampers to help the many families in the Seaford / Carrum Downs area to have food to celebrate Christmas.

We are again encouraging all St Joachim’s families to support this wonderful initiative.

In order to offer our parish families a variety of celebratory foods we are suggesting that each grade level bring different items.

- Prep: Tea Bags, Shortbread & Baked Beans.
- Year 1: Tin of Fruit, Savoury Biscuits, Nuts/Nibbles.
- Year 2: Custard, Fruit Mince Pies, Cereal.
- Year 4: Soft drinks/Cordials, Lollies, Tins of Tuna.
- Year 5: Tins of Ham, Christmas Cake, Chips/Popcorn.
Over the next couple of weeks, children can bring their donation items to their classrooms where they will be collected by the school leaders and boxed ready to be collected by the parish volunteers.

Parish volunteers will be visiting St Joachim’s NEXT FRIDAY DEC 2 for the first collection

It would be great if we could have a huge amount of goodies for them!

Thank you for your generous support in previous years.

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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

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.

Working Bee

Mulch is being delivered to school this Wednesday Nov 30 at 4pm.

We would appreciate any parents who could help lay the mulch on our garden beds.

Parents are most welcome from any time after 2:30pm.

Thankyou

If you have any questions please see Tanya Petersen or contact the office.

What aspects of family engagement in education make the most difference?

Part 6: Support for children’s social and emotional wellbeing

Social and emotional wellbeing is an important contributor to children’s learning, reflecting the ecological model of child development (Bronfenbrenner, 1979). In particular, child-teacher relationships is an important driver of academic outcomes (Hattie, 2008), while peer relationships have a significant influence on children’s enjoyment of school. Parents also play an important role in children’s behaviour at school.

Stay tuned to your school newsletter and other communication forums for part 2. In the meantime please follow the Boon Wurrung Family School Partnership Cluster Facebook page for articles on parenting, education, health and anything that will support us to support our young people. Here you will also finds information on supports and events within your local community and hear a little bit about the other cluster schools. We are a cluster of 8 Catholic schools in the Frankston area working together to improve outcomes for our young people.

St Anne’s Parish Christmas Celebration

This Sunday!

November 27, 4pm – 6pm
Between now and the end of the year, the Senior School students are revising maths concepts that have been taught this semester. We have started by revising the four operations and using the BIDMAS rule to solve more complicated equations.

The BIDMAS acronym tells us the order that we need to tackle multi-step equations; first we solve anything in Brackets, followed by any Indices (including powers, roots etc), then left to right we do any Division and / or Multiplication and lastly, left to right we solve any Addition and/or Subtraction.

We have been playing card games, solving problems and working on Mathletics tasks to help us revise and practice our skills.
La Festa di Natale
Italian Day 2016

This year, Italian Day will be on Tuesday, December 6th and will feature Natale (Christmas) as its theme.

Costume suggestions

Students are asked to dress up to fit in with the theme and will have the opportunity to show off their costumes during the Parade in the morning.

Some specific costume suggestions are:

- La Befana – the good witch who flies on a broomstick to deliver presents to Italian children.
- Babbo Natale – Santa.
- L’albero di Natale – Christmas tree.
- Il ceppo – the traditional Italian ‘tree’, a pyramid-shaped wooden frame.
- Il zampognaro – shepherd who plays tunes on a simple bagpipe at Christmas time.
- La stella – star.
- Le decorazioni – decorations.
- Panettone – traditional Italian fruit bread.
- Gli zoccoli – clogs, which is where la Befana leaves sweets and toys.
- La calza – stocking.
- Il regalo – present.
- L’angelo – angel.
- Maria, Giuseppe – Mary, Joseph.
- I Re Magi – the Three Wise Men.
- Il pastore – shepherd.
- La campana – bell.
- Il vischio – holly.
- La slitta – sleigh.
- La scopa – broom.
- La renna – reindeer.

Some students might like to form a ‘scene’ together, eg il presepio – the nativity scene. Or you might like to just wear the Italian colours of green, white and red which, by a happy coincidence, are the same as the Christmas colours.

If you have any questions, please talk to me.

Signora Larson

Italian Day Raffle

will be drawn on Italian Day Tuesday 6th December.

Tickets are 50 cents each.

If you need tickets, they can be found on our school website

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.
Library News
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www.storyboxlibrary.com.au

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.

Just Released

Little Cat and the Big Red Bus

The bus went over and the bus went around. The bus went up and the bus went down.

Winter and summer Little Cat goes to school on the big red bus with her big sister. But one day, Little Cat’s big sister is sick and Little Cat must go to school on her own.

Click on the book cover to listen to “Little Cat and the Big Red Bus” written by Jane Godwin and illustrated by Anna Walker.

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

Uniform Shop
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Trading Hours
Wed 8:30 – 9:00am    Thurs 2:45pm – 3:30pm

The Uniform Shop has limited stock of second (slight imperfections) items for sale:

Prices Reduced Even More!

Long sleeve polo tops $15
Short sleeve polo tops $10

- 2 x size 6 short sleeve polos
- 2 x size 8 short sleeve polos
- 1 x size 14 short sleeve polo
- 1 x size 8, 14, 16 long sleeve polos
- 4 x size 8 short sleeve sport polos
- 3 x size 10 short sleeve sport polos
- 3 x long sleeve sport polos
- 1 x long sleeve sport polo

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

Also:
The Uniform Shop is pleased to announce, that we now have EFTPOS to make all of your uniform purchases easier.
Thanks to Scott Grimme and his CFA colleagues for coming along to St Joachim’s today in their Fire Truck!
The children and staff loved it!