Dear Parents & Friends of St Joachim’s,

More families are deciding that they want their children to experience and benefit from a Catholic education. In doing so, they express confidence in what a Catholic school stands for and what it delivers when staff and students are motivated by a search for faith, spiritual life and learning. Families are attracted by the educational excellence of our schools as well as the centrality of the life of faith.

I continue to have great confidence in the quality of the education offered by St Joachim’s and can say with certainty: That we have highly professional staff across a range of disciplines with the appropriate knowledge and skills to ensure our students engage in successful learning and preparation for a life of worth in our community. That our academic performance in state and national arenas continues to be excellent. That we have an excellent religious education curriculum that is supported by staff of faith and a Parish Priest who wants the best for his school.

That we have a deep commitment to continuous school improvement strategies which continue to enrich school life and performance.

My optimism about St Joachim’s is based on what I see happening around the school, in the conversations with parents and the wider community. Together, as a community of faith and education, we build confidence and above all hope; hope that the educational experience of our students is one that is truly Catholic, striving for excellence.
PHOTOS PLEASE

Prep – 2007

Do you have family members who have since left St Joachim’s?

Do you have some great photos of them doing things at school that you’d like on display at the 25th Anniversary Celebration? If so, please email them to lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

If the photos are particularly fabulous but you do not have access to a scanner, please drop them into Mrs Sandra Ramos PRA, who will organise to have them scanned.

A DAY OF CELEBRATING PHOTO COMPETITION!

At the 25th Anniversary Celebrations there will also be a photo competition with prizes for the best in various categories. If you are a keen photographer, watch out for the photo competition details that will be going home next week.

Please speak to Irene Stewart, Helina Walker or Leonie Richardson with any questions regarding the celebrations or email Leonie at lrichardson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

TILER

We are also creating a mural as a unique work of art made by the St Joachim’s

Community. Do we have any family members who are Tilers and are able to donate a few hours sometime in September to attach our tiles to a wall?

Please see Irene Stewart.

The next meeting for our 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

When: Tues Aug 14
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Staffroom

All Welcome

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9 Aug Thurs ........................School Advisory Meeting
9 Aug Thurs ........................1st Performance JPC
20 – 25 Aug ..........................25th Anniversary Celebrations
24 Aug Fri ............................MS Readathon 60 Minutes
25 Aug Sat ............................25th Anniversary Celebrations
28 Aug Tues ..........................Father’s Day Stall
30 Aug Thurs ........................2013 Prep Info Evening
31st Aug Fri ...........................Father’s Day breakfast.

We have many more photos like this that were taken at out Feast Day by Jo Baldwin. Thanks so much Jo!
Coming up...

21 August - 25 year Anniversary Current Student Party Day.
25 August - 25 year
28 August - Father’s Day Stall.
30th August - 2013 Prep Information Night.

25th Anniversary
Current Student Party Day.

Our current students are beginning to feel the excitement as we prepare to celebrate for our 25 Year anniversary.

On Tuesday 21st August the students will be involved in a “party day”. This will include a prayer celebration, tabloid sports and other special activities. We will also be having a special lunch on the day.

Lunches will be $5.00. This will include a hotdog, cup cake and a big M drink. Watch out for the flyer that will be sent home soon.

We would really appreciate it if some parents could help us cook the hot dogs on the day.

Prep Information Night

On Thursday 30th August we will be having our 2013 Prep Information night.

If you would like to assist with making tea and coffee and welcoming the new parents please let us know.

Father’s Day Breakfast

On Friday August 31st we will be having our Annual Father’s Day breakfast.

It is tradition for the children to come to school with Dad (and/or granddad) and have an “Egg and Bacon” roll, mince and have a browse in the classroom.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30am in the hall and classrooms will be open from 8:15am.

Note the date in your diaries—there will be more information about the breakfast next week!

Anyone available to cook on the morning (from 6:30am) contact us.

Next Meeting:
Thursday 9th August.
7pm Staffroom.

It was fabulous to see all the support we received from parents on the Feast Day last week!

We need your help again !!!

As you can see we have quite a few events coming up.
— we would appreciate any time that you may have to assist.

It’s a great way to meet other parents and our children love it when we help at school!

Please contact: Irene Stewart - istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'
'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24
(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading
Eph 4:17, 20-24
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.
I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation
Mt 4:4
Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Jn 6:24-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.
When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his
disciples were there, they got into boats and
crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When
they found him on the other side, they said to
him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus
answered:
‘I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to
eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his
seal.’
Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we
are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave
them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you
must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they
said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we
should believe in you? What work will you do? Our
fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as
scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven
to eat.’
Jesus answered:
‘I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from
heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.’
‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus
answered:
‘I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.’

Food For The Soul.
The crowds and the disciples in John’s Gospel are
always getting their wires crossed when they
listen to Jesus. They rarely understand his deeper
message.
They’re like the couple who had been snowbound
in Seattle for two weeks. Affectionately they used
to call each other ‘husband’ and ‘wife’. They
planned to go down to Florida to get some sun.
The husband got away from his work one day
early and departed for Miami Beach, where he
was to meet his wife the next day. They were
looking forward to quality time together in the
bright sunshine. Unfortunately, there was some
sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the
husband was told he had to wait for the
overnight redeye special. He tried to appeal to a
supervisor, but to no avail.
Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he
discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat
wave, and its weather was almost as
uncomfortably hot as Seattle’s was cold. The desk
clerk gave him a message that his husband would
arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to
the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife
an email, but in his haste he made an error in the
email address.
His message arrived at the home of an elderly
preacher’s wife whose even older husband had
died only the day before. When the grieving
widow opened her email, she took one look at the
monitor, let out an anguish scream, and died on
the spot. Her family rushed to her room where
they saw this message on the screen:
‘Dearest wife, departed yesterday as you know,
but just now got checked in. Some confusion at
the gate. Appeal was denied. Received
confirmation of your arrival tomorrow. Your loving
husband. P.S. Things are not as we thought.
You’re going to be surprised at how hot it is down
here.’
Following the feeding of the five thousand, the
crowd thinks that when Jesus says he is the Bread
of Life he is simply referring to the source of their
next meal. If this were true it could put a new
spin on what some might mean when they use
the term ‘cafeteria Catholicism’.
Jesus, however, is referring to himself as the
fulfilment of all appetites, where we will never be
hungry or thirsty again. Appetites are important
things. They demand regular attention. Physical
appetites tell us that we need nourishment,
hydration, exercise or sleep. We have learnt to
read our body’s signs and if we ignore them we
die. We also have emotional appetites, where we
need affection, acceptance and a listening ear. If
we ignore these signs our mental health
deteriorates and our quality of life is
compromised. Jesus, however, also alerts us to
our spiritual appetites. These are the needs we
have for Him, for meaning and purpose, for faith,
hope and love. If we ignore these appetites we
can lose sight of where we came from, why we
are here, and where we are going.
As the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel goes on,
Jesus becomes clearer about the hunger and
thirst he has come to fill. And as he does the
crowd’s wires get uncrossed and they’re shocked.
Jesus, the Bread of Life, is interested in us
fulfilling our physical, emotional and spiritual appetites in this world as a way of glimpsing the life to come in Him, where all our hungers and thirsts will be fulfilled.

May this Eucharist prepare us for the day when our confirmed departure from this world comes. May there be no confusion at the gate, no need for any appeals and may we be reunited with those we love as we bask in the warmth of the Son’s love, as he shows us to our place at the Eternal Banquet.

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KILBREDA COLLEGE ENROLMENT DATES
Year 7, 2014

Kilbreda College Mentone is currently accepting Enrolment Applications for Year 7, 2014.

Enrolment Information Packs can be obtained from your Primary School or Kilbreda College

Enrolment Information Evening Year 7, 2014

Thursday 13th September 2012, commencing at 7.30pm

The Mary Dalton Hall will be open for registration from 7pm

Attendance is a prerequisite for enrolment into Year 7, 2014

College tours are available on Monday mornings at 9.00am or by appointment

To make a tour booking or for further information please contact the College Office on 9584 7766 or Mrs Melissa Dwyer on dwyerm@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

Mass & Cuppa

It would be great if parents felt welcome to stay after Mass on Fridays and share a cuppa with other parents.

Could any parents assist with putting out cups and welcoming parents?

If so, please see or email Irene Stewart
istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

CDF Student Banking
Just a Reminder that Banking Day is Thursday

Application forms for new accounts are available from the School office

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Tracey Craddock - Uniform Shop Coordinator
tcraddock@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
HAPPY 25 YEARS!!
St Joachim’s Primary School Celebrates

St. Joachim’s

25 Years of Catholic Education in Carrum Downs

Photo Displays, Show Bags, Lucky Dips, Fairy Floss, Ice Cream Van, Hot Dogs, Pies, Donuts, Drinks, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Memorabilia to buy, Coffee Van, Devonshire Tea and Magician!

Open Afternoon, Free Celebrations & Trivia Night
2 pm - 4.30pm 25th August 2012

Trivia Night Tickets $15.00 per person! Book 03 9785 2633

TC & The Drop Bears: 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Past student Thomas Conroy’s band which is currently Number 3 in the Triple J Unearthed High Charts will be performing from 2:30 - 3:30

St Annes Parish Mass: 6.00pm
All past and present students and their families are welcome to celebrate our faith by taking part in the Saturday Evening Parish Mass.

Talkin’ ‘Bout Your Generation! Trivia: 7.30 pm onward
A night of fun times and memories involving trivia from the 1980s to now for those aged 18+ featuring music trivia, St Joachim’s trivia and more. Make a table of ten or make some new friends! Dress in 80s costume and BYO drinks, nibbles and gold coins for games!
**OSHC NEWS**

This week is friendship week at OSHC and the kids have started making friendship posters for their friends, to show how much they appreciate their friendship.

Last week luck Philip earned the most amount of stars but since he is not in this week Isabelle Stock was voted star of the week.

Morning staff will be Jacinta and Rohini and after school staff will be Jacinta and Tegan.

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**WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK**

This week we made chocolate balls and jelly.

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**REMINDERS**

**How to get started** before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

**Once registered** you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

**Save on Care** You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

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