Dear Parent, Friends and Students of St Joachim’s,

Welcome back to Term 3. It was great to see so many families arriving early for school, students enthusiastic to catch up with friends and teachers, and get back to the classroom. A quick look at the corridors in the Middle school is a simple illustration of the creativity, ability and achievement that our students are so capable of and something worth belonging to.

This coming week we celebrate our Parish school’s Patron Saints, St Anne & St Joachim.

The feast days began during Christian custom of commemorating martyrs on the dates of their deaths and at the same time celebrating their birth into heaven. Feast days are often marked by those who consider a certain saint as patron. In the case of a national patron, the feast day may be a public holiday. St Patrick’s Day for the Irish is one example. Although our feast day will not be marked by a school closure day, it will certainly be celebrated this coming Thursday. Both schools will join together celebrating this most special day.

In celebrating our Patron Saints, it is important to understand what and who they represent.

Saints Ann and Joachim have been honoured by feast days since the Middle Ages. Joachim and Ann were models of Christian marriage. Many painting have been created of their meeting at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem.

Saint Ann is often shown in paintings with Jesus and Mary as St. Ann is the grandmother of Jesus. Two great shrines - that of Ste. Anne d’Auray in Brittany, France, and that of Ste. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec in Canada - are dedicated to her. The church of St. Ann in Jerusalem is believed to be built on the site of the home of Saints Joachim and Ann. There are even foods related to St. Ann and Joachim.

Shellfish and lobster are served in France for their Saint Anne’s Day, July 26th.

Saint Anne intervenes against poverty and for cabinetmakers; carpenters; childless couples;
2012 School Improvement Review Cycle

The staff have had a busy week with Pam Burton and Jan Hayes working with us as part of our School Improvement Review. There have been two days set aside this week for Pam and Jan to work with staff, students and parents in confirming our self reflection report, listing areas of achievement and need, and identifying the goals, we as a school, will focus upon for the next 3 years so as to ensure continued enhancement to what has already been put in place..

As part of the two days Pam and Jan met with a group of student representatives. They were impressed with the way the student were able to clearly articulate their views and thoughts.

We thank these students for their input:
Joshua Bennett Matthew Wood
Tom Murphy Cameron Morgan
Jordan Dowell Darcey Fergus
Imogen Stokes Monika Galovic
Molly McInerney Toni Cooper
Carley Douglas Abby Broomhall

Parents were also invited to talk with Pam, we thank them for their time and value their contributions...

Shayne Reeve Sam Rosenbrock
Liz Scalpi Sarah McCoy
Trish Fox Stephen Whitehead
Kim Hickey Kohi Makiri
David Lebreux Susan Thomas

Veronica Wheeler represented our Parents on the Panel on Friday.

Following this process, Pam will return to the school to present her report both to the staff and the school at the School Advisory Committee Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing many parents at our Feast Day Mass this coming Thursday.

My kindest regards to you all,

Des Noack,
Coordinating Principal
A WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS!
MON AUG 20 – SAT AUG 25
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WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST JOACHIM’S?
FEAST DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE:
JULY 26TH

A big thank you to Michelle Cleeland who is ordering sausages and bread for our sausage sizzle. We also appreciate Melissa Kingsmill’s efforts to round up parents to cook and prepare the sausages on the day.

Each child can have a sausage so we will be cooking around 400 sausages.

If you would like to help us cook sausages please contact Irene Stewart either in person or by email istewart@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

We would really appreciate your help!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

26 JulyThurs...................... Our Feast Day – St Anne & St Joachim
27 July – 12 Aug ............... Olympic Games
3rd Aug............................. Celebrating 100 days of Prep
9 Aug Thurs..................... School Advisory Meeting
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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Please see attached flyer for information regarding the second instalment of EMA.

You need only complete a new form if you did not receive the first instalment.
your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord–our–integrity.’

Respensorial Psalm
Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading
Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the
God’s graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus’ lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

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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

KILBREDA COLLEGE ENROLMENT DATES
Year 7/2013 Transition Evening – 23 Aug 2012
Year 7/2013 Orientation Day – 30 Nov 2012
Year 7/2014 Information Evening – 13 Sept 2012

CDF STUDENT BANKING
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
TOPIC: HEALTHY SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

Presenter: Michael Grose
Ages: Primary and Secondary

Raising kids should be a joy, but it’s hard slog when kids fight and argue every minute of the day. There’s no doubt that sibling rivalry destroys peace and harmony in family life. The GOOD NEWS is that family-life doesn’t have to be so hard. In this practical seminar you’ll hear simple, easy-to-use techniques and principles that will help change feuding families into a super-strong team and make your life as a parent easier and happier. In this seminar you’ll discover:

- How children’s birth order affects children’s personalities and how best to parent kids in each position
- Secrets to reducing competitiveness in kids
- Ways to respond positively when kids fight and argue so that conflict reduces and becomes more manageable.
- Key relationship skills kids can learn in their family that will stay for life.
- Positive strategies that build strong families
- How kids need to learn to live with each other, even though they may not like each other

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BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
Living Well with Asthma: Advice for Parents and Carers

1 in 10 people in Australia have asthma, and people with asthma often rate their health a lot worse and report a poorer quality of life than the general population. Children and adolescents with current asthma are more likely to miss days of school/preschool due to asthma and a key aspect of improving quality of life is ensuring that your child or teenager is able to engage fully in physical activity and social aspects of life and learning.

Good asthma control is:
- Symptom free during the day and during physical exercise, reducing the need for reliever medication
- Symptom free at night, allowing for a good night’s rest
- Rarely experiencing asthma attacks or exacerbations
- Preventer medication and devices are being used correctly and as prescribed (eg. on a daily basis)
- Having an asthma action plan to follow, both for the school/preschool and at home, and promptly acting on the plan when asthma symptoms occur

Asthma symptoms are not a normal aspect of life and should be taken seriously. Children and teenagers with poor asthma control should be encouraged to seek assistance, and should visit their GP or respiratory physician for an asthma review as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use.

This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:
- Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
OSHC NEWS
Welcome back to another term of OSHC, We are very excited to announce there is a new coordinator here this term and she is really excited to meeting all your new smiling faces. Feel free to pop in and say hello.

This week’s program has been a focus on getting to know one another, filling in profiles and sharing all your wonderful ideas.

This term PANCAKE day will be On Monday mornings. Every morning Jacinta will be the new coordinator and also Rohini will be assisting, in the afternoon Jacinta will coordinate and there will also be a new staff member named Tegan.

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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.campaaustralia.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-mandatory 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.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK
Getting to know each other, sharing our ideas and discovering new ways to have fun

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY
Profiles Group games Your ideas About me Group fun