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

Sunshine After Rain
The darkest day of the year has now past and our wintery days will turn to Spring. Winter is a time for us to remain indoors, stay warm and share time with our families. It is nature’s way of slowing us down, changing our activities and giving our bodies, our families, a chance to rest. May this weekend bring you and your loved one’s together and may the stories of seasons past bring you laughter, reflection and warmth.

Student Reports
Once again, we have endeavoured to provide a report that is clearer and provides you with an immediate overview of your child’s progress whilst also providing you with information regarding their achievement, application to learning and classroom behaviour for each subject.

Our teachers have spent a great deal of time in moderating student work samples to ensure consistency in assessment. What this means is that teachers compare student work samples so that in evaluating and assessing work, there is a common expectation of student progress, achievement and quality across each year level. Our hope is to be able to ensure consistent progress over each semester based upon quality assessment and common teacher expectation.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Your attendance at the Mid Year Parent / Teacher interviews is an invaluable way of receiving further valuable information about your child, identifying areas of future development and developing a positive and supportive relationship with your child’s teacher. Keep in mind that they are with your child for at least 25 hours a week for a school year. Like you, they certainly have a good understanding of your child’s learning needs and ability. It’s time to talk.
MASS TIMES

18th JUNE — 24th JUNE

Wednesday 9.30am—Holy Family
Saturday 6.00pm—St. Anne’s Church
Sunday 8.30am—St. Anne’s Church
Sunday 10.00am—St. Anne’s Church
LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thursday 9.15am—St. Anne’s Church
Friday 9.00am—St. Joachim’s

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27/28 June Wed / Thurs ...... Parent Teacher Interviews.
29 June Fri ..................... Last Day of Term – 2:30 Finish
27 July – 12 Aug ............. Olympic Games
18 – 24 Aug ..................... Book Week
20 – 25 Aug ..................... 25th Anniversary Celebrations
24 Aug Fri ..................... MS Readathon 60 Minutes
25 Aug Sat ..................... 25th Anniversary Celebrations

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.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday 3:00pm – 3:300pm

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

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE ACCESSED ONLINE?

Log onto: www.sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
Click on News & Events, then click on Newsletters. We have them all there from the beginning of the year.

MUSIC NOTES

If you are interested in private guitar or piano lessons please email Mrs Carr at gcarr@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au
A few spots have opened up. $25 per half hour.

SEUSSICAL

A reminder that students involved in ‘Seussical’ that there will be no ‘Seussical’ rehearsal on Thursday June 28 due to the Parent Teacher Interviews.
Coming up...
Feast Day—Thursday 26th July

Feast Day
Sausage Sizzle
On Thursday July 26 we will be celebrating the feast of St Anne & St Joachim.

At our last meeting we discussed have a sausage sizzle lunch for all the students. Thanks to Veronica for looking into the cost of sausages at IGA and other places.

We will get bread from Safeway.
We will need many hands on deck to help out on this day.

25th Anniversary Memorabilia
Excitement is building for this celebration. It would be great to have some different sorts of memorabilia for people to purchase throughout the celebrations.

Helina Walker will look into this.

Donations of Raffle / Trivia Night Prizes
Do you have any contacts for items to be used as raffle or trivia night prizes?
Are you able to coordinate sending letters asking for donations to local businesses?
Irene will write a letter on St Joachim's letterhead that can be used.

IGA Community Benefits
It was discussed that the P&F would look into the IGA Community Benefit Scheme and get as many of our parents to get points for our school while shopping.

Disco
Everyone was happy with the way the recent disco was run and enjoyed by all the children in attendance.
At the meeting it was decided that at future discos and similar events there would be a Water / drink table.

Electronic Sign
Irene will begin looking at prices for an electronic board to be placed at the front of the school. This board will replace our current notice board.

Mass & Cuppa
It would be great if parents felt welcome to stay after Mass on Fridays and share a cuppa with other parents.
Could P&F members assist with putting out cups and welcoming parents?

Next Meeting:
Date and time to be advised.

The primary role of the St Joachim’s P&F is to build community spirit, and to support the staff by assisting with the organisation of special events.

We love to see new faces.
Attendance at these meetings is a great way to meet other parents and find out what’s going on around the school. Don’t worry, your attendance on the night does not lock you into helping at our functions, unless you want to.

We value your opinions and ideas. All Welcome!
I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. (R.)
3. Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading
Acts 13:22-26
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Christ’s coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.
Paul said: ‘God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, “I have elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose.” To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David’s descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, “I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.”
‘My brothers, sons of Abraham’s race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.’

Gospel Acclamation
See Lk 1:76
Alleluia, alleluia!
You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm
(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.
1. O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. (R.)
2. For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother’s womb.
Gospel
Lk 1:57-66, 80
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. ‘No,’ she said ‘he is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘But no one in your family has that name,’ and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, ‘His name is John.’ And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. ‘What will this child turn out to be?’ they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

Food For The Soul
Like the feast of the nativity of Jesus, this feast falls on one of the solstices, a hinge point in the cosmos. Some of the patristic writings tell us that the birth of Jesus was placed in the calendar when, in the northern hemisphere, the days began to lengthen. So this day was chosen to celebrate the birth of John precisely because the days were getting shorter. ‘He must increase while I must decrease’ (John 3:30). This is the time of seasonal change, of cosmic reversal. The entire universe has been alerted. Something new is about to happen.

John the Baptist is the hinge between the old age and the new eschatological age of fulfilment. John himself was never a disciple of Jesus; he did not enter the age that he heralded. He was the trumpet that sounded the coming of the king; he was the rooster that announced the dawning of the new day. He brought the people to the threshold of the new age, but he himself never stepped over into it. The idiosyncratic character of his life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out. It was John’s prophetic destiny to be the sharp-edged sword, the polished arrow. He was the voice that cried in the wilderness: Hear me! Listen! Behold, he is coming!

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

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Lewis Parker, JHE
For excellent work in mathematical problem solving
Jacob Tisdale, JHE
For following his plan and constructing a fantastic tower
Jonathan Ayano, JRG
For working well on all tasks
Ryan Warakagoda, JRG
For showing better concentration in class
Mojwok Mojwok, J JL
For working well with his group to make a Rapunzel tower and following his brief design
Ryan Corr, J JL
For explaining to the whole class how to solve a maths problem
Ezra Makiri, MCM
For completing your homework neatly and handing it in on time
Taine Bartlett, M CC
For working hard to improve the standard of your handwriting
Tyasha Perera, M CC
For excellence in all your written work
Jessica Kirth, MTO
For always completing her homework to a high standard
Nicholas Stewart, MT O
For consistently recording his nightly reading and completing homework tasks
Alice Williams, SDB
For being a great role model to her Prep buddy
Melissa Traynor, SMH
For creating a colourful and interesting diorama on a setting and characters from a story
Linus Binghay, SMH
For confidently talking about his favourite book during his speaking and listening presentation
Taylah Johnston, SDM
For great use of descriptive language in her recount of ‘Life on the Goldfields’
Liam Cox, SDM
For a descriptive recount of ‘Life on the Goldfields’
Damian O’Loughlin, SCP
For his great enthusiasm when working on his WIKI
April Hall, SCP
For working hard to achieve her writing goals

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
(OLD LOGO ITEMS)
ALL ITEMS: $5
Short Sleeve Polo:
Size 6 – 3 in stock
Size 8 – 5 in stock
Short Sleeve Sport polo:
Size 6 – 2 in stock
Size 8 – 15 in stock
Size 10 – 7 in stock
Size 14 – 2 in stock
Windcheater:
Size 4 – 9 in stock
Bomber Jacket:
Size 4 – 2 in stock
Track pants:
Size 14 – 1 in stock

Dear Parents,

Today is World Refugee Day. A day on which Churches and the United Nations ask us all to remember those who are the most vulnerable, the most in need in our world. We are asked to take a moment to reflect on what being a refugee is, on how it must feel to have to leave all you have and everything you know. We are also asked to have space in our hearts so that when we think of refugees, speak of refugees, we remember that they are people and as such are made in the image of God and deserving of our respect and help.

The following is a reflection and prayer that I encourage you to read, pray and reflect upon.

Best wishes,

Jenni Chalker
Religious Education Leader.

World Refugee Day

We remember the journey of the Holy Family, who became refugees in Egypt before returning home. We recognize the similar refugee journeys of millions of families in the world today.

May refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity.

Where ever possible, may they return to the homes and communities they have left. When they cannot return home because of war, poverty, persecution, may they be welcomed and allowed new lives in new lands. End their homelessness and bring them to safe harbor, Mary, Mother of Refugees.

PRAYER FOR PLACES TO CALL HOME

We pray for roofs that safely shelter refugees.

We pray for walls that offer security for refugees.

We pray for rooms in which the dignity of refugees can flourish. We pray for the beauty of nature to restore the broken hearts of refugees.

We pray for communities that celebrate the presence and gifts of refugees.

Hear our prayers, Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

Help us see you in all those who have had to flee their lands, and grant all refugees the grace and support to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Amen.
Monday 18th June, 2012
Preps had a fabulous day at the Zoo.
EMA Eligibility:

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 29 February 2012 for instalment 1 and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must:

1. On the first day of 1st Term (1 February 2012) for the first instalment and
2. On the first day of 3rd Term (16 July 2012) for the second instalment:
   (a) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, OR
   (b) be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPi), OR
   (c) be a foster parent AND
   (d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a), (b) or (c) above.

Submission dates

The application form must be lodged at the school by:
29 February 2012 for the first instalment or
3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

Parents with Prep or Year 7 children commencing in 2012 must lodge the application form before 15 December 2011.

For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012.

Important information

A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools.

If you transfer your child, you will need to make a new application at the new school.

School Start Bonus Eligibility: To be eligible for the School Start Bonus you must:

(a) On 16 January 2012 be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, OR
(b) be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPi), OR
(c) be a foster parent AND
(d) have a student enrolled in Prep or Year 7 in 2012 & not have received the School Start Bonus in a previous year.

How to Complete the Application Form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT / PARENT

1. Complete the APPLICANT/PARENT DETAILS & STUDENT DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner card to the school.

2. Nominated your preferred payment method for EMA. Complete banking details if EFT option is selected section to identify the bank or financial institution account into which you wish the payment to be deposited. Cheques will be posted to your child's school for distribution.

3. You must complete the banking details section if you have a child commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012 – to receive the School Start Bonus payment.

4. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   Enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   Enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2006.
   Enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or Language Centre, then enter “UNGRADED” in the YEAR LEVEL column.

5. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Queries relating to eligibility and payments of the EMA & SSB should be directed to your school.