Oaks Day "Ladies Day"
Market Night

Thursday November 8, 2012
7:00pm - late St Joachim's Hall

We currently have 21 market stalls coming on the night!

**Pre purchased tickets $10**

(Tickets purchased on the night will be $15)

Please see flyer attached to this Newsletter

- Party Light Candles
- Nutrmetics
- Essential Additions Handbags
- Mee Mee's Kids Collection
- The Body Shop
- Thermomix
- Oasis Homewares
- Flaschengeist Liqueur
- Jewellery
- Tupperware
- Sweet Nancy designs
- Lorraine Lea
- Helina's Organic Soy Candles
- Creata Learning Educational Books & Toys
- Craft & Gifts
- Intimo Lingerie
- Cupcakes
- Handmade Crafts including handbags
- Jewellery, Scarves & Clothing
- Csilla's Beauty Salon
- Speckled Goose (see their Facebook page)

*Dress for the Races...*
Dear Parents, Students & Friends of St Joachim’s,

Due to an influx in student numbers for Grade 4 & Grade 6 next year, the following grade structures have been decided upon so as to ensure similar Grade sizes throughout the school. As these influxes move through the school, we will eventually have straight Grades at every year level.

**Prep (Foundational Year) x 2**

**Grade 1 x 2**

**Grade 2 x 2**

**Grade 3/4 x 4**

**Grade 5/6 x 3**

There will be four specialist classes provided next year. Every student will have the opportunity to participate in an hour per week of the following specialist programs:

**Performing Arts**

**Visual Arts**

**L.O.T.E. – Italian**

**Physical Education**

It is this time of year that we invite families to write in regarding class placement for their child/ren. We have found that since we began this process, the number of letters received each year has consistently declined.

What we are seeking from you is further information that will assist us in placing your child into the grade that provides the best learning environment possible for them. All letters or emails must be addressed to the principal and are treated confidentially.

With the coming long weekend upon us, we wish you and your family a relaxing Spring break and look forward to seeing everyone back next Wednesday.

My kindest regards,

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Principal

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 34**

**FRIDAY 2ND NOV 2012**

**NOV 1ST ALL SAINTS’ DAY**

(Also called All Hallows)

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**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

**From a prayer by Bruce Prewer**

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change,
we thank you for the gift of life eternal,
and for all those who, having served you well,
now rest from their labours.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten,
who have died and entered into glory.
We bless you for their life and love,
and rejoice that, for them,
‘all is well, and all manner of things will be well.’

God of Jesus and our God,
mindful of all who have gone on ahead of us,
teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of
every race and place,
to follow their example to the best of our ability:
to feed the poor in body or spirit,
to support and comfort those who mourn,
to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
to cherish and learn from the merciful,
to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

Let us clearly recognise what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints
neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength
but simply by the call and the healing holiness
of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Amen!
DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 Nov .......... School Closure Day
6 Nov .......... Melb Cup Day (school closed)
7 Nov .......... 2013 Prep Orientation 1
8 Nov .......... Senior Excursion
8 Nov .......... Oaks Day Market Night
13 Nov .......... Junior Excursion
13 Nov .......... 2013 Prep Orientation 2
15 Nov .......... SAC AGM 7:00pm
19 Nov .......... Gr 6 Graduation Meeting 2
21 Nov .......... 2013 Prep Orientation 3
22 Nov .......... P&F Meeting 7:00pm
23 Nov .......... Italian Christmas Day
28 Nov .......... SAC/P&F Dinner
29 Nov .......... 2013 Prep Orientation 4
7 Dec .......... 2013 Prep Orientation 5
10 Dec .......... 2013 Prep Orientation 6
12 Dec .......... St Joachim’s Christmas Carols
14 Dec .......... Parish Schools Mass – daytime
18 Dec .......... Gr 6 Graduation Dinner
19 Dec .......... End of Year Award Ceremony
19 Dec .......... Last day for students, 2:30 finish
20 Dec .......... Staff Professional Development Day
21 Dec .......... Staff Planning Day

THE CHICKENS HAVE NAMES
HENNY & PENNY

Here Mrs Chalker hangs on tight to Henny .. or is it Penny?

Thanks to everyone who sent in names – there were many great suggestions but the overwhelming choice was for Henny and Penny.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PORTFOLIO PRESENTATION EVENING & SCHOOL SLEEPOVER

The Middle School teachers have a terrific evening and night planned for the Middle School Children which involves the students’ digital portfolio presentations, dinner, a sleepover and breakfast!

All Middle School should have brought a note home explaining the evening – if not please have a look on the school’s website www.sicarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au

CDF STUDENT BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY
Application forms for new accounts are available from the School office
**Senior Students watching Sport at the John Paul College Lightning Prem on Monday**

**Uniform Shop**

**Trading Hours**

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

**Don’t Forget!**

If you are finding that being at school during the uniform shop hours is just too difficult, you can use the Uniform Shop Order Form.

Complete the form and send it, and the correct money, to school with your child, and the order will be completed and sent to your child’s classroom as soon as possible.

The Uniform Shop Order Form can be obtained from the school office or on the school’s webpage [www.sjcarromdowns.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjcarromdowns.catholic.edu.au)

Tracey Craddock  Uniform Shop Coordinator  
tcraddock@sjcarromdowns.catholic.edu.au

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**Mass Times**

29th October — 4th November
  
**Friday 7.30pm**—St. Anne’s Church  
**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

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**St Anne’s Bereavement Mass**

To be held at St Anne’s Church, Seaford on **All Souls Day.**

**Tonight**  
**2nd November at 7.30pm**

Come along to remember your loved ones at this very special Mass.  
Supper to be provided, you are most welcome to bring a plate.
This Weekend’s Gospel
Each week, our students learn about the coming weekends Gospel.
It provides for them an insight into their journey of faith and the opportunity to understand the faith story of their family and parish community.

First Reading
Dt 6:2-6
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.
‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

Gospel Acclamation
Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluial
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluial

Gospel
Mk 12:28-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.
One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him. ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Respnsorial Psalm
Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R.v.2
(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.
1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading
Heb 7:23-28
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.
There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.
To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens: one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.
Food For The Soul

By Richard Leonard SJ

It is amazing to note how leaving out just one half of one verse of the Gospel can affect the Christian life for centuries.

All of us know by rote the command of Jesus that we must love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and we must love our neighbour.

But the second half of verse 31 is not usually quoted because, sadly, it is not as imbedded in our memory. It reads: ‘You shall love your neighbour AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF.’

There are very clear historical reasons why the second part of Jesus’ summary of the commandments was quietly forgotten. Given the chequered personal experience he had of his own body, St Augustine, in the fifth century, had very ambivalent feelings about the human body. He thought that, generally, it was to be feared as the instrument through which we would sin. He encouraged us to tame it through prayer, mortification and penance. Augustine’s ideas about the body held sway until Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century and the Jesuit Theologians of the 15th century argued that while the body can lead us to sin, it is also a temple of the Holy Spirit and a vehicle of God’s love and grace.

In the 16th century Cornelius Jansen denounced Aquinas and the Jesuits and argued that Augustine held the correct Christian view. No matter what the Church did to denounce Jansen at the time, his thinking took deep root in Europe, the USA and missionary countries throughout the world.

Jansenism, the belief that our body and its desires are evil and that we need to harshly mortify ourselves, is, tragically, still active in Christian thought today.

Jansenism is irreconcilable with today’s Gospel where Jesus tells us that the love of God, the love of neighbour and the love of self are the cornerstones of the Christian law. And the opposite must be true too. We CANNOT call ourselves Christian if we hate God, hate our neighbour or hate ourselves.

Some people argue that Western society has already gone too far in the direction of self-love. They maintain that the lengths some people go to achieve a sculptured body, the use of steroids, the growing frequency of eating disorders, the adoration of sportsmen and women, the cult of the gym and of the sex industry all point to a culture too much in love with itself. Some argue what we need is a good dose of self-control. They are only half-right.

The problem with the term ‘love of self’ is that we often hear in it an encouragement to ‘adore self’. Nothing could be further from what Jesus is saying. We are called to love our body, not worship it. Jesus is not calling us to a narcissistic love, like we see in the sex industry and the gym cults, where the only thing we love is ourself. If we have no sense of our own self worth, our own dignity and the personal love of God for each of us, it is impossible for us to give the same to others and to claim from others the dignity we deserve. We will either treat others as our inferiors on the one hand, or allow others to walk all over us, on the other.

Love of self is not about canonising a loss of self-control. Jesus shows us by the way he loved his Father, us and himself that true love always involves sacrifice. If we love our self in the right way, we have the self control to forgo those things that are most destructive in our life and we have the generosity to do for others the things that will enrich their lives. Jesus knew, that we can never love others if we hate ourselves.

Let’s pray in this Eucharist, then, that we will develop our mind, heart, soul and strength to love the One who has created us in love and love those given into our care with the same love we lavish on ourselves. The Gospel of Jesus Christ demands nothing less.

RECRUITING NOW

Skye & Carrum Downs Brigades

Skye & Carrum Downs are volunteer Fire Brigades who have been a part of the community for many years

We respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All CFA members are fully trained before attending fires or other incidents and we invite you to take an active role in the protection of our community. By joining your local Fire Brigade, you become part of a team environment that offers such rewards as personal satisfaction, sense of contribution, valuable work and personal experience, skill development, friendship and fun.

Recruiting Now .... Limited vacancies available

We are in particular need of active men and women who are available for daytime response.

If you are interested in joining your local fire brigade, contact Jane Barber on 0419 872 117 or email j.barber@cfa.vic.gov.au
On Monday October 29th, some grade 5 and 6 girls went to John Paul College to play netball in the Lightning Premiership.

At John Paul College we played for 3 hours with breaks in between. We had won every game except one 1 which was against St. Jude’s. We tried our hardest in all games but this was a big achievement.

All the girls were split up into an A and B team and we all got a turn and had a great day. John Paul College provided us with a sausage and a juice box.

At the end of the day all the winners were announced for every sport. When they announced the netball winners we were sitting on the edge of our seats waiting and hoping that we had won 1st place. When they said St. Joachim’s has won 1st place we were all cheering and screaming and we accepted the trophy which is now proudly displayed in the school office.

All the girls are so proud of what we had achieved for St. Joachim’s. We learnt to work as a team and support each other. All the girls would like to give a big thank you to all the teachers and staff who went on the day and to all the students who helped us at John Paul College and a special thank you to Mrs Mc, our coach.

It will be a day to remember!
OSHC NEWS
Welcome to another week of OSHC hope you all had a great weekend and are enjoying this fantastic weather!
this week the children are getting ready for Halloween they have stetted up the room with their art works.
As you are all aware next Monday the 5th November The school will be closed due to public Holiday we have placed an express of Interest sheet and if we get enough Children to attend the afterschool care Will be running on that day so if you’d Like to express your interest please do Not hesitate to come in and pop your Name down.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
Getting ready for Halloween yay!

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Oaks Day
Market Night

Feathers, Flowers, Fillies
& Fabulous Finger Food
at St Joachim's

Thursday November 8, 2012
7:00pm - late

Lock this date in your diaries now!

Oaks Day, traditionally known as "Ladies Day", is one of the rare occasions on the calendar where 
overdoing glamour and style 
is not possible, it's all about glamour and style... 
... and it's coming to St Joachim's.

Pre-purchased tickets will be $10
(Tickets purchased on the night will be $15)

Included in the ticket price will be a glass of wine or soft drink and 
a fabulous supper...

There will also be many market stalls for you to shop!
As well as getting together with friends, this event will be a great 
opportunity to do a bit of Christmas shopping.

Don't forget to bring some money on the night for our Mega Raffle!

You are more than welcome to bring your friends on the night but 
each person must have their own ticket.
Children under 18 are not permitted to attend.
Market Stalls & Displays at the Event

We are currently looking for people who may want to have a market type stall on the night. For this occasion, we will be using the hall.

- Party plan eg Tupperware, Intimo, cards etc
- Homemade goods eg jewellery, cupcakes, candles, handicrafts

Cost of having a stall is $20.00 plus a donation of an item to our Mega Raffle

If you would like to have a stall (or know someone that would like to have a stall) or if you have a raffle prize that you would like to donate, please contact Irene Stewart istewart@sjcarumdowns.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 9785 2633

Oaks Day Market Night Ticket Request

Name: ____________________________

Number of tickets required: _______

Amount enclosed: _____________

Please send exact money and this form to school in an envelope clearly labelled

“Oaks Day - Market Night”

Name & Grade of student to send the tickets home with: _____________________________