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

Server Down
It seems to be one of those weeks when technology reminds you just how reliant you are on it. This week, our server died. No access to the hard drives, data or even email. You can almost hear the groan of students and teachers as they wait for this vital piece of equipment to be restored.
As a result of the server being out of service, we have been unable to receive any email correspondence or reply to emails received earlier this week.
Parents who have requested copies of photos of the events of the past week will have to wait a little longer, till we are once again able to use our computer system. We really apologise for this delay but appreciate your understanding in this matter.
As it stands, even this newsletter is being produced at St Anne’s this week.

Footy Day Next Friday
It’s time to put on your footy colours and show them off with pride this coming Friday. Each year our Footy Parade gains momentum, much of which has to do with our students loving to get into the spirit of the day and the commentating provided by Mr Graham.
If you haven’t decided on a team as yet (and there would only be a few that haven’t) take the chance this weekend to find a footy scarf or beanie. If you’re lucky enough, you might even have a signed jumper.

My kindest regards,
Des Noack, Coordinating Principal

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Internet Safety – Helping Our Students To Stay Safe On-Line
Our students, as well as our selves, are immersed in digital technologies. Unlike ourselves when we were very young, our children use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, St Anne’s and St Joachim’s together are hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on: 11th October, 2012
Session 1: Year 3-6 Student presentation @ 12.30pm
Session 2: Staff presentation @ 3.45pm held at St Anne’s School Hall
Session 3: Parent presentation @ 7.00pm held at St Anne’s School Hall

For more information see: www.cybersmart.gov.au/BehindTheScreens.aspx
Dates for the Diary
21 September .................. Footy Day at St Joachim’s
21 September 2:30 ........... End of Term 3
11 October ......................... Cybersmart Internet Safety
14 October 1:30pm ........ Confirmation

Footy Day
Last Day of Term 3
21st September
Last Day of School - Footy Finals day!
Come dressed in your favourite team colours. There will be a parade in the Hall at 10:00am - parents are welcome.

Fairy floss will be available on the day.
$1 a bag
Money must be brought to school by Wednesday 19th September in a clearly marked envelope:
le Fairy Floss money
Your child’s name_______
Grade ___

Sacrament of Confirmation

Adult Sacramental Preparation Sessions
It will be necessary for parent/s to attend an Adult Faith Education Course in preparation for their child’s reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Time 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Place St Anne’s Church
Dates Saturday 8th and 15th September

Please note that these sessions are planned for one and a half hour duration. Please be punctual for everyone’s convenience so that we can begin and finish on time. Another key date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is the weekend 8th & 9th September. Parents are asked to bring their child/children along to any of the weekend Masses to make a commitment to the preparation of this Sacrament. Please note that all parishioners are warmly invited to attend these Adult Education Sessions.

Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott on Sunday October 14th at 1.30pm.

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

The Stewart Family at the Fathers’ Day Breakfast

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.

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

Mass Times

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

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
Is 50:5-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I gave my body to those who struck me.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm**
Ps 114:1-6, 8-9; R. v.9
(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord’s name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

**Second Reading**
Jas 2:14-18
A reading from the letter of St James
*Faith without good works is dead.*
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, ‘I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,’ without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: ‘You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.’

**Gospel Acclamation**
Gal 6:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

**Gospel**
Mk 8:27-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say I am?’ And they told him, ‘John the Baptist,’ they said, ‘others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he asked, ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter spoke up and said to him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.
And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’
Food For The Soul

Peter:

Earthquake and then Upside down

Poor Simon Peter! You recall his birth name was Simon. Jesus gave him the nickname: 'Rocky' ('Petros' in Greek. 'Peter' in English). It conjures up an image of the rock solid.

But Simon must have felt the earthquake. His Master had just said to him: 'Satan, the way you think is not God's way but man's.' What had gone wrong?

After all, Peter had been going quite well. He perceived that Jesus was more than just another prophet, another religious leader in the Jewish tradition. In fact he recognised that Jesus was the fulfilment of the hope of that Jewish tradition: the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Christ (in Greek).

But for Peter that word ‘Christos’ filled his head with all sorts of images of political power and sovereignty. He thought a political revolution was at hand. The Roman occupying army would be expelled and Jesus would rule from Jerusalem as the anointed liberator.

Jesus did not deny that he was the Christ, the Anointed One. But he knew that if he remained true to His mission,

his mission of embracing those put on the margins of society, the ‘untouchables’ of his time: the lepers, the prostitutes and the collaborators collecting tax,

his mission of conversing easily with women, and encouraging their discipleship against all the taboos,

his mission to embody and advance the Reign of God,

then the political and religious establishment would engineer his murder which, under Rome, meant the cross.

Our Lord had no illusions. It was Peter who was living in a fantasy world, an imaginary world of easy victory for the kingdom of God.

Jesus had to take the strongest possible stand against Peter’s point of view so that Peter would be prepared for the worst. Of course, it didn’t work. As we know, Peter denied Jesus three times when the cross eventually loomed as reality.

Can we blame Peter? Here in our Australian democracy, we hardly feel the force of this gospel passage forewarning the followers of Jesus that they could be faced with a cross of persecution.

So we trivialise the meaning of ‘taking up the cross’ to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: ‘the cross I have to bear’.

But if one is a Catholic Christian in China and asserts allegiance to Christ within the worldwide communion of the Church linked to the Bishop of Rome then you will be harassed, deprived of civil rights, persecuted, perhaps imprisoned in barbaric conditions. The leadership in Beijing will move against you. That is a true bearing of the true cross.

Our Lord says to such persecuted followers: ‘Persevere, don’t renounce your allegiance to me. There is a power more dominant than the political power oppressing you. The really dominant power lies in my victory over death and I will give you a share in that victory.’

I know this is easily said from the safety of Australia. But it is our post-Resurrection faith. Even Simon Peter, with the benefit of the Resurrection, eventually understood that Jesus was indeed the Christ, but One whose victory lay through the passage of death on the cross.

Tradition tells us that Peter was crucified upside down at the foot of the Vatican Hill in Rome: no longer ‘Satan’, but Martyr, co-Founder of the Church in Rome.

Let us pray during this Mass, and where appropriate give our political support, for our fellow Christians wherever they are suppressed and persecuted by the political authorities, forced to bear the true cross in ways barely imaginable to us.

May God give those Christians the victory which was Christ’s, victory over the worst those despots can do, victory over death itself.

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OSHc NEWS

Welcome to another fantastic week of OSHC, I hope you all had a good Weekend. This week at OSHC we had a Multicultural theme where the children Made Indian headbands and multicultural People it was great fun the children really Enjoyed it.

Star of the week is Isabella Lizama Congratulations.

STAFF ROSTERS

Before school care we have Jacinta and Rohini and for after school care we have Jacinta and Teagan.

Hope you all have a great week!

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

This week we have had a multicultural theme

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