*** Supervision of students at St Joseph’s School is from 8.35am until 3.20pm ***

G’day parents and friends,

Why do we pause each year at 11 am on 11 November? On Remembrance Day we mark the moment in 1918 when the terrible fighting that cost the lives of millions in World War I came to an end. To help our children discover what war has meant to veterans and their Australian families, is one of the reasons we introduced the biannual senior trip to Canberra, which includes an extensive tour of the War Memorial and attending the dawn ANZAC service. It is a fine balance for parents and teachers, between glorifying bravery and condemning the violence and misery. We endeavour to develop critical thinkers who seek to understand. Yesterday at SJS we stopped to reflect. Lest we forget!

Junior Sport
What was postponed last week is now to be held on Wednesday 2nd December at UYSC. Families are most welcome to attend to watch or assist!

Creativity
Thank you to those who have already sent in their favourite paintings or offered to demonstrate a talent. Consider sharing, a least a little!! The information is included again.

2016
We are planning classes for next year. We will soon announce the class teachers for next year and invite you to write to me with any significant information you think should be taken into consideration. If your children are not returning next year please inform the office as soon as possible.

Protect your child and stop problems early! Tuesday 7pm!
Come to our parent Cyber night presented by the Federal police! Do you fully understand all the various types of social media and the possible dangers for you and your children? This is a growing part of our technological lives and will only become more invasive. Over recent years at SJS we have experienced inappropriate texting, and photos on Instagram that have shocked the parents of children involved. This presentation is to assist parents to understand how to set your family up to minimise problems, what to look out for and how to deal with problems when they occur.

God bless us all,
John
Creativity- Share your thoughts or creative abilities!

On Friday **11 December between 2pm and 5pm**, St Joseph’s School will be celebrating the Visual Arts and Creativity. (This will be followed by the presentation of our dance program 5-7pm) We are looking at displaying works/work created by students within their classrooms but with a focus on art created during Visual Art sessions. We wish this to be an enjoyable and interesting occasion for all the family.

1. Relatives or friends who have a talent in this area and who would like to **demonstrate or show off their skills** for this celebration. This could be painting, drawing, quilting, sculpture, bonsai, woodwork, photography or knitting; use your imagination! We would also like to encourage any scrap or junk art that we could display outside. If you feel you have a creative skill to demonstrate please fill in the return slip and **return by 17th November**.

2. **I know what I like!!!!** Calling on all parents, friends, teachers and students! We would like to know what you like about art and artists. Who is your favourite artist? What is your favourite piece of art? Make a copy of that work and attach your reasons for liking it. Keep it brief and send it to school and we will display it on a board for all to see the diversity of interests and art in our community. It may range from classic paintings, street art and sculpture to graphic design and decorated hotrods. Send them to the classroom teachers and we will collate them here. They just need to be ready for display.

3. Volunteer to busk your musical talent for a session.

4. Any art created at home may be entered into our art competition. More information about entry will come later.

All will be displayed along with a number of pieces of work by each child. Book in the date now!

*Please return the slip below by 17th November*

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I am able to demonstrate an activity on .................................................................................................................................

I can busk this instrument: ........................................................................................................................................................

A suggestion for the creative arts festival is ....................................................................................................................................

Full name...........................................................................................................

Contact number.............................................................................................
Giving our Best

Jesus talks about role models. He contrasts the scribes and the rich with the widow. The scribes, Jesus says, draw attention to themselves, seeking the crowd's praise. Some people make large donations, but none that require real sacrifice. Meanwhile, a widow quietly sacrifices her meagre income to offer something to her religion. Widows were some of the poorest people in Ancient Israel. A widow’s gift to the temple is small compared to those of the rich men around her, but her gift means the most to Jesus because he recognises how much of a sacrifice her pennies are. We don’t have to be rich to give; giving what we can with love is the best gift of all.

Where do you look for role models? Our culture often promotes modern-day scribes as role models for young people to follow – athletes and corporate CEOs who flaunt their wealth, politicians who love their power, and religious leaders who profit from their connections to powerful people. Jesus says, look for another way if you are seeking a life of holiness. Search out people who make quiet but significant sacrifices for others. Think about your parents. How have they sacrificed to improve your life? How about your teachers? Many teachers don’t make a lot of money, but stay committed to teaching because they like helping young people. Don’t forget the people who are working at your parish. Church workers often work long hours because they believe the world needs to hear Jesus’ message. Jesus asks for our very best, even though it is very different for each person.

Karen McQuade
Christian life leader
This Term in Japanese the Senior students have been building a vocabulary around Animals. Gabriella has written two sentences about a horse below.

Horses eat vegetables. Horses are Herbivores.

Now draw any animal you like and write the sentences yourself.

すきな どうぶつの えを かいてください。ぶんも かいてください。

Now draw any animal you like and write the sentences yourself.

うみ は くさ を たこべまし。

うみ は そろしけく です。
Pictured here are the latest NEW books the library has received at no cost due to the profits made at the second hand book sale and the purchases you make from the Scholastic book club. THANK YOU from the staff and students who get to use and read these great additions to our library!
The final Scholastic book club brochures for this year have gone home with the children & orders are due back by Friday 20th November 😊

SOME IMAGES FROM HOUSE SPORTS
“Country Rock a Billy Night”
Powelltown Hall
SATURDAY NOV 21 2015 7pm to 11.30pm

Featuring
THE BLACK HILL RAMBLERS

Admission $20; under15s $5
BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES
Sausage sizzle, hot roast beef rolls, tea, coffee available

TABLE BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: 0359667431

ALL PROFITS HELP TO KEEP THE POWELLTOWN HALL GOING

Giving tree – Please take a gift tag and place a gift (UNWRAPPED) under the tree.

These are distributed to families who will be finding it difficult to provide gifts for their children this Christmas.

Foster Care Information Session
More foster carers are desperately needed to help fill the gaps for emergency, respite and long term care situations within your local community. Learn how you can make a difference by attending our next information session on Monday 23 November, 7.30pm, 47-51 Castella St, Lilydale. Carers come from all walks of life and can be single, married, older, younger, with our without kids. You can work full time, part time or be at home. For bookings and enquiries call 1300 889 335 or visit www.anglicarevic.org.au/events