Our vision says: In our community we aspire to create a just world that promotes the dignity of every human person.

G'day parents and friends,

TWILIGHT SPORTS
Congratulations to Green team for winning the inaugural House Sports at SJS.
The final scores were: Green 176, Red 120, Yellow 113, and Blue 110. Every one who attended earned points for their team, and then bonus points by gaining a place in any event. Most importantly, lots of fun was had by all present during the course of the evening, with some parents displaying some fine form in the sprints! The chants displayed enthusiasm and competitive spirit, but all the events saw good sportsmanship by all competitors and supporters. Meals appeared and were quickly consumed. Many thanks are owed to Miss McLean and the staff for the efforts in making it so successful. The new trophy will be engraved soon. Which team will win next year?
A beautiful day was ordered and delivered!

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
At the SAB is meeting last Friday morning a review of the Community conversation was made, and discussion of the outcomes. Generally it is considered a valuable way for student and parent voices to be heard in determining the future of learning at SJS. There was discussion about the benefits of having and not having student school captains. We will continue without them but will endeavour to enhance the shared responsibilities and name and acknowledge the leadership shown by students in the life of the school. The next meeting 28/11/2014 will be the AGM and all parents are invited to attend the staffroom at 9am.

CAROL SERVICE – for your diary
We are planning a Christmas Carol Service on Friday 12 December at 7pm.

LANGUAGE
The English language has a rich collection of descriptive words adopted from earthy Anglo Saxon, Norman French, German, Hindu and others. Some of the words are not generally used in polite society! However, many of your children are fond of using them in conversation at school. Some of the children tell us that they are allowed to use these words at home as part of normal conversation, and then do the same at school. Children heard using “swear” words are reprimanded. We need to work together to teach the children that conversation at school and other social times does not include these words that are kept to private times if at all! Thank you for support in this matter.

2015
As we are planning for next year, please let the office know if your children are not returning to our school in 2015.

God bless us all,
John
NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY
by Mary Coloe PBVM

A day of memories

I learnt about the meaning of this feast-day through my father’s death. Dad died on November 2nd 1994, and so the following year I arrived at the cemetery with flowers and memories to honour his anniversary. While I knelt rather solemnly tending the grave I noticed many cars arriving with families of a Mediterranean background. They came with chairs and picnic baskets, flowers and wine, and this was obviously a family festival. Younger children played games; the adults talked, shared their food and drank their wines. These people taught me the reality of ‘the communion of saints’. They had come on this day to spend time with their ancestors and to share communion with them. Their ‘Papa’ or ‘Nonna’ was still part of their family even in death.

I think this communion with our loved ones lies behind today’s ancient tradition of remembering and honouring all who have died. Theology has put words on this experience such as ‘All Saints’ or ‘All Souls’, and given us the language of heaven and purgation but beneath these words lies a deep human knowing that ties of love cannot be totally broken, even by death. The poetry of Banjo Patterson tells the simple truth of our Christian hope:

Child you are wise in your simple trust for the wise man knows no more than you,

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust, our dreams by a range our bounded too.

But we know that God has this gift in store, that when we come to that final change

We will meet with our loved ones gone before, in that beautiful country ‘Over the Range’.
Caring For Each Other

Maverick Mob Inc. is a local organisation managed by members of the community with lived experience of mental illness.

Maverick Mob Inc. would like to invite anyone suffering from mental illness, both diagnosed and undiagnosed to our street with no name social group.

Our social group will provide an avenue for people to socialise, have fun, share stories of struggles and recovery, and learn coping skills through the lived experiences of others in a similar situation. This will be done in a warm, caring and supportive environment.

Our social group will also be inviting professional practitioners from time to time to join us to explore available therapies.

Carers and family members are welcome at our social group.

Maverick Mob Inc. aim to demonstrate to the broader community that those with mental illness can have, and historically have had, a major impact in society through business, sciences, sports, community and the arts.

Meeting Places & Dates

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All meetings will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Maverick Mob Inc. is not a counselling service or emergency care provider for people in crisis, if you are experiencing a crisis please contact any of the following organisations:

- Crisis Assessment & Treatment Team (CATT): 1300 721 927
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Mens Line Australia: 1300 789 978
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467
- Suicide Line: 1300 651 251

Maverick Mob Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation, we would appreciate a gold coin donation toward our operating costs from social group attendees, this is not a requirement and those without a gold coin are welcome!

Contact Us:
Fiona Hopkins
Secretary
m: 0400 062 532
e: f@maverickmob.com.au
www.maverickmob.com.au

The Giving Tree – from 5th November – 21st November

During this time you are asked to take a tag from the tree in the foyer and donate a gift for a child under 12, which will be collected by St Vinnies. These gifts are taken to a ‘shop’ run by LinC, Anglicare and St Vinnies. These agencies then contact families in our local area they know are having difficulties and offer them the opportunity to come and choose some gifts for their children.

Please do not wrap the gift.
Morning Tea - Come to the staffroom for morning tea and a chat. We will hold one on the 1st Friday of each term, and then the 1st Friday of each month. Younger children welcome.

Next P&F Meeting: Friday 14th November, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Staffroom. We will be discussing our 4th term events, e.g. Lapathon, Special Lunch Day, Graduation, Christmas Hamper Raffle. We would love to see some new people attend. All welcome.

Lapathon - Monday 17th November. Sponsorship forms have been send home.

The Future of the P&F - several of our long standing members will be standing down at the end of the year. Now is the perfect opportunity to start coming to meetings and events to learn the ropes! The P&F is a great way to meet people, to know what is going on at the school, and to use your skills. It looks good on a resume if you are thinking of going back to work. See Cathy Linder if you have any questions about the P&F.

Dates to mark in your diaries:

Special Lunch Day- Friday 28th November.

P&F Dinner- Friday 28th November, evening. Time and location to be confirmed.

Have a great week!

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E.M.A. NEWS

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

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