Dear Parents and families,

We had a very respectful Remembrance Day service last Friday, with the children commemorating 100 years since World War I ended. The respect children shown is something I have experienced very quickly on my arrival here.

I have spent time in both classrooms, and really enjoyed the friendly, confident approach the children have. Even our new Foundations look like they are right at home already. When children show such positive behaviours, it is a strong reflection of their families and the community. Even after such a short time, it is easy to observe that you are doing a great job raising your children, and creating excellent citizens for our future.

We wish our Year 5 and 6 children all the best for their camp next week. They will set path for Ballarat early on the Wednesday morning, and will return on Friday evening. We hope Miss Dalton and the children have a fun and educational time.

All the best,

Chris
Ballarat Camp Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 camp will be here before we know it. The excitement of the students is starting to increase as they can see the camp in their sights. A reminder to all that the camp is departing on Wednesday 21st of November from St. Joseph’s at 7:00am with the anticipated arrival back in Hopetoun on Friday 23rd of November at 5:10pm.

A big thank you to Mrs Gregory for all her organisation of the camp this year and to Julie for her internal organisation here at school. Thank you to those who have returned their paperwork. We are still waiting for a few payments which would be great to have finalised this week.

We have attached a camp reminder form and an itinerary with today’s newsletter. The itinerary also has my phone number on it should you need to contact me whilst we are on camp. I for one am very excited with the activities that have been organised. On our first night, we are viewing a Pantomime, which is a theatrical performance on the stage. Pantomimes are generally comedic in their portrayal, so I am sure we will be able to share a laugh together.

A reminder that any medication needs to be handed to me prior to departure with a medication permission form and clearly named and labelled medication.

Miss Dalton

Furniture Arrival

Our new classroom furniture is arriving tomorrow, which is very exciting for students and staff. A reminder that if anyone would like any free desks for shelving or general use they are available from today until Friday for pickup.

Christmas Stocking

Thank you to those who have donated to the stocking. A reminder that items for the stocking are to be in by FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER so it can be put together and displayed that day.

A parental concern was raised last year about the quality and variety of items. Please consider this when donating and make sure what is donated is something you would like to win yourself.

Donations can be left at the office, so feel free to have a look at what is already in there or ring to avoid doubling up. This is a very easy and profitable fundraiser so it would be great to keep it that way by keeping the quality up. Thanks for your support with this.

Any help selling tickets around town would be greatly appreciated.
Cassie’s Swim School
Swimming lessons will be offered for Parent/Child and Swim School classes in both Hopetoun and Rainbow during January 2019.
1 x 7 day program: Wed 2nd – Tuesday 8th Jan
Please contact Cassie via Facebook or text or call on 0428 833 265.

Drink Bottles
A reminder to ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day.
The school does have a number of school drink bottles for sale for $10. Please see Julie if you wish to purchase one.

eSmart Tip - Room 2
Just because they say they are someone does not mean they are that someone.

Book Covering Day
Our new classroom guided reading books for the Junior room have arrived and we are holding a book covering session on
Friday 23rd November from 8.30am onwards.
Coffee, cake & lunch provided. Please see reply slip attached if you are able to attend.

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LEARNING
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Room 1

In Room 1 we have been learning about letter writing. We have drafted and published many letters. I have also been lucky enough to receive a few letters! When writing letters, we focused on dating the letter, beginning with a greeting and concluding by signing off. We have also been learning how to address an envelope and put the return sender on the back. Thank you to those who provided us with addresses for their child's free choice letter. We hope to receive some replies to our letters in the near future.

This week we are beginning to write procedures. Therefore, I encourage you to get your child to read through any procedure you might come across in your day to day life, for example recipes or instructions.

In Religion, we have been learning about the Liturgical Seasons. At this stage, we have focused mainly on the seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost and Advent and Christmas. We have discussed how the seasons of Lent and Advent are times to prepare for Easter and Christmas. We talked about how this preparation is not just in cleaning and buying presents or Easter eggs but changing our behaviours in preparation for Christmas and Easter.

Miss Cook

Room 2

On Thursday afternoons Room 2 splits into two groups: grades 3/4 and grades 5/6. This term the grade 3/4's have been working hard on their math skills. In particular, their ability to recall basic addition facts and practice their times tables. A huge improvement and buzz around these concepts has developed. I can not reinforce it enough how beneficial it is for students to be able to quickly recall these facts as it will assist them in all areas of mathematics. Meanwhile, the 5/6's have been working on their technology skills and developing an iMovie about themselves using the iPads. These should be finished this week, ready to share with the 5/6's this Thursday afternoon. I look forward to watching their creations. Technology is becoming increasingly prevalent in their lives. It is important they have opportunities to explore these tools.

In Mathematics this week, we have been exploring Location & Transformation. This has involved students using the robotic Bee-Bots to navigate their way around pre-made courses. It has been fabulous to watch the students experiment with their knowledge of directions and use of the compass rose to assist in their instructions.

The school concert is also starting to take shape, as students are becoming more confident in their roles, they are becoming less reliant on their scripts. I am looking forward to having the students showcase their talent at the end of year concert.

Miss Dalton

If you have any questions about what is happening in your child's class please contact their teacher for the relevant area of concern.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly last Friday:

**Room 1:**
- **Elka:** for using a wide range of strategies to decode words while she is reading
- **Lilly:** for being able to recall words in Mandarin during Chinese sessions
- **William:** for being able to make connections between the text he was reading and his life

**Room 2:**
- **Taya:** for her selection of a creative object and development of challenging clues for her inference task
- **Macey:** for demonstrating excellent listening skills and accurate punctuation when writing dictation
- **Lana:** for demonstrating excellent listening skills and accurate punctuation when writing dictation

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**Star of the Week**

**Isabelle**

**Favourite School Subject:** Writing

**Favourite Colour:** Pink

**Favourite thing to do when you are bored:**
Play with my Barbie Doll

**What’s the most exciting thing you’ve done at school so far:**
Playing dodgeball

**If you could do anything or go anywhere in the world right now what would it be:**
Go to Melbourne to see my nanny and my other friends

**What’s your favourite thing that you like to do with your family:**
Have tea with my family

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LEARNING
**Vision Statement**
St. Joseph’s School is an inclusive community of faith and learning with Christ at its centre. St Joseph’s School will educate its students to be of service to society in the Catholic tradition of love, faith and hope.

**Mission Statement**
As a Christ centred school we celebrate our Catholic beliefs, values, practices and traditions.
As an educational institution we:
- Will support the development of the whole person.
- Will provide a comprehensive curriculum, which challenges all students in their pursuit of success.
- Will cater for the varied learning styles of our students.
- Will be a child safe school by providing a physical and online environment that is happy, safe and welcoming.
- Will respect the dignity of the individual and value the participation and contribution of all.
- Will work in partnership with parents, the parish and the wider community.
- Will encourage our students to make a difference in the local, national and global communities in which they live.

**HOUSEKEEPING!!**

**Student Absence from School**
A reminder that it is a legal requirement for parents to explain absences from school. We do not need to know ‘nitty gritty’ details, simply sickness, doctor’s appointment or family reasons will suffice. **Please remember to email or phone the school prior to 10am on the day of absence otherwise you will be contacted, or if a scheduled absence in advance.** Thank you.

**Sunscreen**
Sunscreen is provided by the school for our students, however we do encourage the children to bring their own sunscreen to school to assist with sun protection. Students are regularly encouraged by teachers to apply sunscreen throughout the day.

**Hats**
School hats MUST be worn at all times when students are outdoors, except for extremely windy days where hats blow over the fence. School Hats are now $15.00.

**Signing out**
Please remember to sign out your child at the office if you need to take them from school during the day. This is not only a legal requirement but also an important part of our emergency management plan.

**P & F docket**
A reminder that any purchases for P & F from IGA must be put on the P & F account (not school account). Dockets then need to be sent to school please.

**Pie warmer containers**
A reminder that students can bring lunch to school wrapped in foil or in a foil container to be heated in the pie warmer.

Pie warmer containers are available from the office for $10.00 for 50 containers.

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*Grounds Roster November: C Burdett & A Ryan*