A Poem for Remembrance Day
“The inquisitive mind of a child”

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

(Author Unknown)
(http://www.anzacday.org.au/anzacservices/poetry/inquisitive.htm)

Excellence in Teaching Award

AGM started off in a special way last Tuesday. Earlier in the year the P & F nominated Mrs Marshall for a NEiTA ‘Excellence in Teaching Award’, which she subsequently received. She was one of only 14 recipients in NSW. Mrs Marshall was presented with a certificate and a lovely trophy from Neita. The citation was read by the President, Ms Schiller and a small section is included here.

Mr Terry O’Connell, NEiTA Foundation chairman, remarked: “These teachers have made a vital contribution to their communities through their teaching. They often give much of their personal time to help ensure their girls receive every opportunity to experience the gift of learning and knowledge in stimulating and welcoming environments. Teachers are among a child’s most important role models, second only to a child’s parents, so recognising and rewarding our most effective teachers is crucial … Mrs Marshall is an exceptionally positive role model for the girls. She is innately pastoral. She respects every girl, sees the good in everyone and never gives up on anyone. This strong relational focus is foundational to her success as a teacher … Mrs Marshall is a champion of the marginalised. She is constantly there, reaching out, partnering, encouraging and boosting self-esteem. In this very supportive way, she empowers struggling girls to step up and accomplish more than they believed they ever could.

Mrs Marshall is certainly a worthy recipient of this award and we heartily congratulate her on this achievement.
After our performance, we were spoilt with a delicious morning tea and we got a chance to meet and make conversation with the residents of St Anne’s. The girls in the Schola choir enjoyed mingling with the residents where they got to learn about their lives and their accomplishments.

The staff and residents of St Anne’s enjoyed both the performance and our company. A big thank you goes to Mr French for being the bus driver for the day, Mr McNeal for being the piano accompanist and guitarist for the performance, as well as the girls in the Schola choir who sang beautiful melodies with pride and are commended for their efforts:

Kathryn Delavere (Yr7 312), Dana Smith (Yr7 113), Kate Butler (Yr7 337), Jessica Stillone (Yr8 121), Lucy Keough (Yr8 321), Lauren Adams (Yr8 422), Pasepa Morell (Yr9 423), Samantha Debs (Yr9 333), Angelique Cutrone (Yr9 114), Jessica Selvaggio (Yr9 J1), Sara Delavere (Yr11 322), Nadine Lahoud (Yr11 J7), Grace Field (Yr11 J2), Hannah Monck (Yr11 124), Sarah Lee (Yr11 115), Hannah Cheers (Yr11 J3).

Miss Ciaglia (Choir conductor)
Sailing News

Riverview Regatta. There will be a TEAM meeting at a suitable time and venue next week (just to eliminate chaos on Saturday 21st November). ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

Saturday sailing this Saturday, 14th November, 10am-3pm (last Saturday before the Regatta). Remember to bring your sunscreen, sailing gear, swimmers, shorts, t-shirt or rashy, old sneakers, warm change of clothes, lunch or something to BBQ and $15.00.

Family BBQ and Christmas do on Saturday 28th November. Sailing to start at 3pm and then BBQ after that.

Thank you to all our Sports Night sailors – you were wonderful!

Some photos below of our girls sailing and Adrienne Cahalan’s last visit

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

Holy Cross Ryde - Year 7 & 8 Dance

Date: Friday 20th November 2009
Venue: Holy Cross College, Ryde – Patrician Hall
Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Cost: $15.00
Admission: TICKET ONLY
Pre-purchased through HOLY CROSS school

• NO TICKET will be sold at the door.
• NO ENTRY after 7:00pm
• Students NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE before 10:00pm.
• TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED after a signed permission slip has been returned.
• Parents will be phoned and asked to collect their children in the event of any discrepancies (identity and/or inappropriate behaviour).
• HOLY CROSS COLLEGE ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE POLICY applies at this function and therefore NO ILLEGAL substance should be taken to the dance.
• DRESS should be appropriate for the occasion (smart casual).
• DO NOT TAKE VALUABLES to the dance. SMALL amount of cash to purchase soft drinks.
• STUDENTS and PARENTS are asked to arrange APPROPRIATE TRANSPORT home from the venue following the dance.

Joeys Spring Fair

Sunday 15th November
Fun starts at 11am

FOOD, GARDEN, GIFTS, FASHION, BAR, ANIMALS, RIDES, CRAFT, MUSIC, WHITE ELEPHANT & MORE …

St.Josephs College
Enter via Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill

Member of Association of Marist Schools of Australia and Alliance of Girls’ Schools