23rd October, 2013

Reflection

Prayer for Mission Sunday

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and Superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

We are called to love.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that we may work for economic justice for all people.

We are called to be just.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, hunger, homelessness and rejection, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

We are called to compassionate action.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world so that we can do what other claim cannot be done.

We are called to serve the poor.

Amen

(taken form the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative)

Dear Parents/Carers

We are just in the process of ordering 18 new Apple Macbook Pro laptop computers and 12 more iPads for our school. The children will now have access to both windows based and apple based computer hardware. Being familiar with both operating systems will be a significant advantage for the children in the future. We are hoping that all this new technology will be in place in the next few weeks.
ARTS CENTRE VISITS
Our year F/1 class has today visited the Arts Centre, the last of the three classes to visit over the last week or so. The children have, in each case, been given a guided tour, each with a particular focus, and then a one hour workshop. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the visits and learned a great deal. We were very proud to hear from the Arts Centre teachers, just how impressed they were with the behavior, participation and knowledge of art that our children displayed. It has been a great introduction to this term’s units of work, which is based around history and a lead into our School Art Show.

LACROSSE FOR YEAR 5/6 THIS FRIDAY
The Spotswood District Sports Association are holding a Lacrosse competition this Friday and the children ion Years 5 and 6 have been preparing to participate. Miss Jacqui and myself will be taking the children on the day. We are using the bus, generously made available by the St Paul’s Campus of Emmanuel College.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAM
Next Monday all the children will participate in a short 40 minute program that will help them understand the responsibilities that go with owning a pet. The children will attend in two groups F/1/2 and then 3/4/5/6.

S'OCTOBER – CRAZY SOCK AND HAIR DAY - THURSDAY OCTOBER 31ST
On Thursday of next week we will be holding some special lunchtime activities to raise money for the Australian Catholic Mission. The theme is Soctober. A group of Year 6 students have planned the activities and invite all children to wear Crazy SOCKS and can also color and style their hair if they wish. The children are asked to donate $2 to participate in all the fun. There will be a Dance Party at lunchtime.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER
This week our Prayer was based around the Rosary with each child using Rosary Beads and introduced to the Joyful Mysteries. Later on Monday, which was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, all the children were very appropriately able to view the story of Our Lady of Fatima. We will continue our Rosary theme for the duration of October, traditionally the month when Catholics are asked to focus our prayer life around the saying of the Rosary. Please stay for 15 minutes each Monday morning and join us for this special community prayer.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that Term 4 fees are now due. Could you please endeavor to bring your fees up to date as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss payment options please see either Connie in the office or myself to make alternative arrangements.

2ND HAND UNIFORMS:
As your children grow, uniform items become outgrown. If you have good quality school uniform items that you would be happy to donate back to the school, we would be very pleased to receive them. Sometimes we use them to help out other families or use them when a child needs to change a uniform item.

PARKING IN OUR CAR PARK – LETS MAKE IT SAFER:
There have been some close calls after school with cars being reversed out of car spaces and young children walking through the car park to their own car. As most parents and carer’s arrive just prior to 3:30, it would be far safer to reverse into the park, when you arrive, and to drive forwards on the way out, so that you have much clearer vision.
ICT FOR PARENTS

Want to be cybersmart and learn some new skills to help yourself and your child/ren at home?

Or maybe you need to update your resume, print something or want to play with an iPad?

If yes, then come along for a cuppa/learning session each Thursday morning at 9am in the computer/Italian room. Let Connie in the office know if you’re interested. Hopefully we’ll see you soon!

Have no skills!! Then come along and see what you can learn!! You will be surprised at just how easy it is!!!

TWILIGHT TALK AND TOUR

St. Paul’s Campus       Tuesday 12th November – 6.00pm
Notre Dame Campus       Tuesday 19th November – 6.00pm

Emmanuel College is passionate about helping each student achieve their personal best in ALL aspects of their growth and learning. Our dedicated teachers, Catholic tradition and well equipped facilities ensure that each student can achieve their best. Find out more by meeting our Principal Christopher Stock and joining us for a personalised tour of our quality learning areas.

For more information contact us on www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or call 8325 5100

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

CHILDREN’S MOVIE NIGHT - Parent Helpers needed!
On Friday November 22nd, the Parents and Friends are putting on a movie night, in the Community Room, for all the children that attend Annunciation. The evening will begin at 6:30pm and finish at 8:30pm. We require a few parents to help supervise the children during the evening. If you are able to help out, on the evening, please leave your name with Connie, in the office.

OAKS DAY LUNCH
On November 7th the Parents and Friends will be putting on a luncheon for the children consisting of a sausage sizzle and zooper dooper. If you would like your child to participate in the luncheon could you please complete the slip below. Thankyou.

OAKS DAY LUNCHEON
7th November 2013

Child’s name/s: ………………………………… grade/s………………………………

Pack 1 - Sausage in bread and zooper dooper $3.00
Pack 2 - 2 Sausages in bread and zooper dooper $5.00

Order: (please tick)

☐ Pack 1
☐ Pack 2

Total enclosed: $.............