Reflection

‘I Am’
Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the bread of life.’
Satisfy our hunger for God, we pray to you.
Nourish us with the bread of life.
Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the light of the world.’
Light up our darkness with your message of hope, we pray to you.
Enlighten us with your word.
Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the gate of the sheepfold.’
Lead us to your truth and peace, we pray to you.
Guide us in the ways of peace.
Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the Good Shepherd.’
Gather us into your fold, we pray to you.
Identify us as your disciples.
Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.
Awaken us from the sleep of death, we pray to you.
Urge us forward into new ways of seeing.
Lord Jesus you said, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life.’
Show us the face of God, we pray to you.
Open our eyes to the presence of God in our midst.
Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the true vine.’
Help us to bear fruit in your love, we pray to you.
Gather from us a harvest of goodness.

Adapted from *Come Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has love me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.’

*John 15:8-12*

Dear Parents/Carers

We welcome in term 4 with the arrival of two new students. We would like to extend a warm welcome to both Mac Church (Yr 5) and Gloria Zhang (Yr 6) and their families.

We are all very much looking forward to some warmer weather and less wind!

**EXCURSIONS TO THE ART GALLERY**
As I said in the final term 3 newsletter, term 4 is looking very busy. Our first exciting event will be our visits to the Art Gallery. These activities will be ‘tuning in’ activities for each of our classes. Units of work in each classroom, this term, will have a strong link between art and history, which will be very interesting for the children, and will lead into our Art Show at the end of the year.

The three class groups will be going separately over the next fortnight:

- **Wednesday October 16th** - Yrs 5/6
- **Monday October 21st** - Yrs 2/3/4
Excursion Permission Forms for each child will be sent home tomorrow.

**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.

**NAPLAN RESULTS**
Yesterday the children in years 3 and 5 took home their NAPLAN test results. The teaching staff have had a chance to quickly consider our schools results and they are a clear indication that the school is doing a wonderful job with the education of our children. Of course we have a range of abilities within our students, but every child is achieving above the minimum standard in every area of the curriculum that has been tested. We have a number of children that are achieving at very high standards. We can all be very proud of Annunciation Catholic School.

**SCHOOL FEES**
A reminder that Term 4 fees are now due. Final statements will be sent home shortly. 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Calendar Dates for Term 4, 2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October 14th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 16th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 21st</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 23rd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 28th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 31st</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 1st</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 4th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 5th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 7th</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dates to Keep in Mind

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dates to Keep in Mind</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>November 20th &amp; 27th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 27th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 29th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 2nd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 6th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 9th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 13th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 16th or 17th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 17th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 18th</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Next Meeting: Monday October 14th at 7pm - all parents are welcome!

Mount St Joseph Girls College Open Day – Sunday 13th October 2013

All parents are invited to our Open Day on Sunday 13th October from 10am to 1pm. During the day you
will have the opportunity to see our school in action, speak with staff and students and learn about how our
College specializes in girls' education. If you are unable to attend at this time please contact the school to
make arrangements for an alternative tour time.
There are currently limited vacancies at some year levels. Applications for Year 7 2014 have closed but a
waiting list is available.
Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the
school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au