11th November 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

Solidarity

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (Mk 12:41-44)

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus

I give you my hands to do your work
I give you my feet to go your way
I give you my eyes to see as you do I give you my tongue to speak your words
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humanity
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me so that it is your Lord Jesus who live and work and pray in me. Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

This newsletter is later than you might have expected as Connie had a few days away last week in preparation for the wedding of her daughter, Erin, last Friday. It sounds like they had a wonderful day.

At this stage of the year we are working and planning for 2016. Our numbers are creeping up and we expect to begin 2016 with around 70 children.

We are very excited about some changes and some improvements that we are making for next year.

- We will be employing another classroom teacher for 2016 and so will have four classroom teachers.
- We are promoting greater teamwork opportunities for the teachers with more open spaces in which to teach.
- Probable class structure is F/1 and Yr 2 – taught by our new teacher and Mrs Mary with Mrs Hynes and Mrs Johnson/Mrs Hall teaching the Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 classes.
- Mrs Johnson will be reducing her teaching commitment to four days each week from next year and Mrs Hall will be replacing her in the classroom for one day each week (possibly Wednesdays).
- Miss Jacqui and Mrs Strybosch will be increasing their teaching time from one day a week to two days each week.

These are exciting changes and we look forward to increased benefits for our children. Our class sizes across the school will average between 17 and 18 children and we will continue to be able to offer the Physical Education, Italian, Technology and Music specialist programs.

With the very low school fee cost and the very high standards of education and personal development that are maintained, the families of Annunciation School and especially the children are receiving an excellent educational opportunity. Tell your friends and neighbours about the benefits at Annunciation.
SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT OPTIONS
Just a friendly reminder. Term 4 fees are now due. If you have any problems with these, could you please see either Connie or Barry to discuss the situation and other payment options.

Payment options are as follows:
Weekly – agreed amount
Direct debit from your nominated bank account (weekly, fortnightly or monthly)
Payment direct into school’s bank account (you will need to see Connie at the office to get these details).

Statements were sent home a few weeks ago. If you received one, could you please attend to payment of fees as soon as possible.

JOSEPHS CORNER
Last Friday Victoria Nguyen and Aidan representing Annunciation School, took a cheque for $400 along to Joseph’s Corner in Yarraville to present to Sr Jeanne. You may remember having the opportunity to donate money at our Cultural Dinner.

Representatives from St Augustine’s Yarraville, and Corpus Christi Kingsville also presented Sr Jeanne with cheques for $400.

Each school community raised the money to help re-carpet an area of Joseph’s Corner. At centres in Yarraville, Laverton and Hoppers Crossing, Sr Jeanne offers counselling and other support for the carers of people with alcohol or drug addictions.

Sr Jeanne is a Sister of St. Joseph and has been doing this voluntary work for 15 years. You may know that Annunciation School was started in 1965 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, the very same order that was founded by Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) – Australia’s first saint.

JELLYBEANS MUSIC CONCERT
On Friday afternoon, November 20th between 2:30p.m. and 3:30p.m., Lindsay Owen, our music teacher and the children will present a concert for all families and friends. We have chosen to present the concert in the afternoon, as there are so many events on at this time of the year in the evenings. We hope that many parents, grandparents and friends are able to come along and see the results of the children’s efforts in music, throughout 2015.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC
Our end of year Picnic Day will be at the Williamstown beach this year on Tuesday December 15th. Parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the day with us. We will provide more details closer to the day.

Our back-up plan in case of inclement weather is to all go to the cinema.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Parents and friends will be having a meeting on Monday 16th November at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME!
ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Each year the Parents and friends organize a Christmas raffle that all families are urged to support. The initial support is through donations to make up the hampers of Christmas goodies, that are to be the prizes.

Then, all families are asked to sell raffle tickets to ensure that the raffle is a fundraising success. Books of raffle tickets will be sent home to each family shortly. We would ask that you try to sell them all, even get a second book and sell the family and friends.

This year we kick off the hamper with a Brother Printer which has been kindly donated by one of our suppliers, Rapid Office Choice.

So that we don’t receive too many of the same item we have decided to allocate each grade a “category” from which to purchase and donate. The categories are as follows:

Grade Prep/1:   biscuits, lollies, chips, 
                chocolates, cordial, canned 
                goods etc.

Grade 2/3:   christmas decorations, 
              wrapping paper, cards, 
              bonbons, baubles, etc.

Grade 4/5/6:   Nuts, fruit mince, christmas 
                condiments, mince pies, tarts

Of course any donations you may want to make will be gratefully accepted. When you send in a donation could you please check the use by dates. Other donations besides food, will also be gratefully accepted.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The program operates between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each day that school is open, except on the last day of each term.

REGISTERING FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Any family may have the need to have their child go into After School Care. There have been a number of occasions this year, when parents have been caught out and have had to put the children into care, at short notice.

If the family is registered, which is free, then it is a simple process. It is more difficult when not registered. We have attached the relevant information to guide you through the registration process and I ask that all families please take a few minutes to register.

How to enroll and book:

Enrolment is easy – and completely free. No charge for annual registration fees. Just complete the enrolment form online at www.oshclub.com.au, select our school, enter all required information and you’re done. Once enrolled, booking session is simple. An online enrolment form must be completed before your child can attend the program.

Payments are made either by credit card (visa or mastercard) or by direct debit from a nominated bank account. Parents are charged fortnightly in arrears with usage statements available online. Credit cards and/or bank accounts are automatically debited with the amount owed after any rebates are applied.

If you need any further information or assistance please see Connie at the office.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST REGISTER TO BE ABLE TO USE THE SERVICE
Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at our website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007.

Enrolment period is currently open for Year 7, 2017 enrolments. Application closing date 26th February 2016.

This week we welcomed refugees from the Mercy Connect and Catholic Justice and Peace programs to our annual Refugee Dinner. Families and staff from the Emmanuel community joined our guests in celebrating a very enjoyable night of welcome and hospitality, sharing a delicious meal together. Hearing the stories of the difficulties and challenges experienced by refugees filled us with admiration for the hope and resilience which sustained them in reaching Australia.

### Talk and tour dates – Term 4

Each Friday morning of the school term at 9.30am
November – 13th, 20th & 27th December – 4th
Excellent results, excellent transport links and expert staff in the education of girls.
Please register by contacting our Community Development Manager Mrs. Jodie McLeod on 9329 0411 or register online at [www.aloysius.vic.edu.au](http://www.aloysius.vic.edu.au)
31 Curran Street, North Melbourne
CHristmas family concert

Special Guest:

Peter Kearney

With the children of Annunciation School
Friday December 4th 6.30pm.

Community Room
Annunciation Primary School

Free Admission