Reflection
A Kingdom of Peace
“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”
Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury let me sow pardon
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where there is despair let me sow hope
Where there is darkness let me give light
Where there is sadness let me give joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not try to be comforted but to comfort
Not to be understood but to understand
Not try to be loved but to love.
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

God of all peace, help us to build your Kingdom. May our lives bear witness to the love, light understanding and joy provided through the life of your Son, Jesus. May your great peace always reign in our hearts. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear Parents/Carer’s

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2015 – CAN WE RUN IT?
In 2015 the Active After School program is not continuing. The funding for this program has been cut. A new program will replace it but we are yet to hear the details. It won’t be started until late 2015.
We are looking at the possibility of starting an After School Care Program at Annunciation to support families. Attached to the newsletter today is a short survey that we ask every family to consider and return to school.
What we are considering is a program that is open from 3:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday to Friday, each school week. If you are working or studying the cost would be a maximum of $11 per child per day, and could be as low as $6 per child per day if you qualify for the Child Care Benefit (after rebates).
If we can get the program up and running, there will be ongoing benefits for our school. We have missed out on a number of enrolments over the years, because we don’t offer such a program.
Please complete the survey, even if you are not interested, as then we are sure of who is, and who isn’t, interested.

SCHOOL FEES
Term 4 school fees and any arrears payments are now due. Could you please bring your accounts up to date as soon as possible? If you wish to discuss any matters about school fees, could you please see either Barry or Connie. Thank you.

“OFF TO THE RACES”
We’re once again entering into the spirit of the Spring Carnival on Derby Day, Thursday Nov 6th. The children have two weeks to prepare for our “Hat Parade”. The children can simply bring a hat of their choice, or the more creative children might like to MAKE a hat, or decorate one.
On the day we will have school as normal till lunchtime. We are having a special healthy lunch, cost $5 per child, as the notice below explains. After lunch we will have the Hat Parade, to which all family members are invited. Following the parade, we will hold some fun activities for the children.
A return slip about the lunch will be sent home early next week.
ADULT HELPERS REQUIRED – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

We need 6-8 parent helpers to prepare and supervise a Children’s Healthy Lunch on our “Off to the Races” afternoon at school on Derby Day. At the Parents and Friends meeting it was decided to do a ‘Subway’ type meal where the children can choose the fillings for their roll. We would require help from about 11:30am till 2:00pm. If you are able to help please complete the return slip.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

VicHealth’s Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school students and their families to walk to and from school during October, building healthy habits for life. We haven’t signed up as a school but you can as an individual family at www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au.

Calendar Dates To Note

**Term 4**

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<td>Yrs 4 and 5 – Soccer fun Day at St Paul’s Campus of Emmanuel College.</td>
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Other Key Dates this term:

| Mon 17th     | Yr 6 Caritas Leadership day, at school. |
| Wed 19th     | 1st Orientation Morning for Foundation class of 201, for children and Parents |
| Tues 25th    | Yr 6 Transition day at St. Leo’s, North Altona. |
| Wed 26th     | 2nd Orientation morning for Foundation class of 2015, children only. |
| Fri 28th     | Parents and Friends members night out. |
| Wed 10th Dec | Final Swimming day for the year. |
| Thurs 11th   | Christmas Carols night – 7:00-8:00p.m. - children and parents. |
| Tues 16th    | School Picnic Day – “Puffing Billy” Families welcome to come along! Graduation Mass at 7:00p.m. for year 6 children and their families. |
| Wed 17th     | Final Day for children – 1:00p.m. finish |
| Fri 19th     | Final Day for staff. |

Barry Ennis

The journey of schooling of our senior students, which commenced in prep twelve years ago, reaches its conclusion in their final exams, including the English exam, sat by all students, conducted on Wednesday. Please keep our students in your prayers that their dedicated effort and perseverance over the years will culminate in achievement of their best in coming weeks.

PCW

PCW Melbourne is a centrally located Year 7-12 girls Catholic school with a reputation for academic excellence, wellbeing, inclusion, innovation and leadership. They are holding an open morning On Friday October 24th, from 9.30am to 11.00am. Booking are essential. If you require any additional information please contact Ms. Caitlin Terris, College Registrar, on 8517 2792 or via her email enrolments@pcw.vic.edu.au
TACKERS – Sailing Program at Altona Yacht Club
The Boatshed Team and Altona Yacht club are running a Tackers Program at Altona Yacht Club and would like to offer a special deal on Tackers.

TACKERS is the main accredited introductory kids sailing course recognised by Yachting Australia. Ages 7 years – 12 years. Think Kids sail training think Tackers. Tackers is a great way to increase children’s life skills such as communication, self-reliance, team work, problem solving and self-confidence all while having fun in a kid-centric environment.

For more information visit www.theboatshed.net.au and hit Enrol Now, or contact Tom Cotter at info@theboatshed.net.au or call 9686 2571.

PARTYLITE CANDLES
On Monday 10th November, the Parents and Friends will be holding a Partylite Candle presentation in the Community Room, commencing at 9.30am, conducted by Angela McCoubrie. They have some great products in their range and now is the time to think about christmas. Why not come along and bring some friends with you. Enjoy quiet time, relax and take in the aromas of the beautiful scented candles and holders on offer. All products purchased need to be paid for on the day (cash or credit card). A catalogue is available at the office if you would like to see products on offer. Hope to see you there!!! The school will benefit from sales on the day.

Helpers for Children’s Healthy Lunch on Thurs. Nov. 6th
(11.30 till 2.00pm.)

Name_________________________________

I will be able to help prepare and serve the lunch. On Thursday Nov 6th.

I am available the following times: …………………………………
(please list time you will be available and for how long.)

Signed________________________________