



7th October 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

The Heart of Eternal Love

*Heart of Love, source of all kindness, teacher of the ways of goodness.
You are hidden in the pockets of daily life, waiting to be discovered.*

Heart of gladness, joy that sings in our souls, the dancer and the dance. You are music radiating in our cherished times of consolation.

Heart of Compassion, the healing one weeping for a world burdened and bent. You are the heart we bring to the wounded, worn and weary.

Heart of comfort, sheltering wings of love, refuge for sad and lonely ones. You embrace all who bear loss, gathering their tears with care.

Heart of all hearts, the first and best of all companions. You are the gift hidden in our depths, connecting us with others.

Heart of understanding, one who gazes upon the imperfect, the incomplete, the flawed, the weak. You never stop extending mercy.

Heart of freedom, the uncontained spirit bearing truth, great liberator, forever calling to us. You urge us toward unrestrained trust.

Heart of generosity, abundance of insight and hope. Daily you offer us gifts of growth, leading to continual transformation.

Heart of deepest peace, centre of tranquillity, resting place at the core of our being. You are waiting always for our return to this sacred home.

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Dear Parents/Carer's,

Welcome back for term 4 of 2015.

We finished off Term Three with another wonderful Cultural Dinner during the last week of term. Many thanks to all who made a special dish and added to the night. The company was wonderful, the food was amazing and it was terrific to see a few of the children in their National dress.

The fourth term of any school year is always a very busy one and this year will be no exception. Please note the Calendar of Events and add important dates to your diaries or your calendar at home.

ANNUNCIATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday 10th October, we are celebrating our school's 50th Anniversary with an Open Day between 2p.m. and 5p.m.

The school will be open for visitors and there will be a display of photos and memorabilia in the Community Room.

We are hoping that all current families will come along for a short visit. We are photographing all visitors, in a photo booth to add their details to a Celebration Book, which we can keep for the next major celebration. Afternoon tea will also be provided.

We will also require some helpers on the day. If you are able to help for an hour or two, either setting up on Friday or on Saturday afternoon, it would be appreciated. A return slip is attached for this purpose.

Tomorrow we begin our **swimming program**, for all students, which runs each Wednesday for ten weeks, concluding on Dec 8th. **The program will have the dual emphases of Water Safety and stroke development.**

Venue: Paul Sadler Swimland, 67 Darnley St. Braybrook.

Dates Wednesday October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
Wednesday November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.
Wednesday December 2nd and 9th.

Times:

| Grades | Depart School | Lesson Time | Arrive back at school |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Prep – 3 | 12.30pm | 1.15pm.-2.00pm | 2.45pm. approx. |
| Grades 4 – 6 | 1.30pm | 2.00pm. – 2.45pm | 3.30pm. approx. |

Transport: Bus

What to wear? Children are to wear their **SPORTS** uniforms, to school, but wear their bathers underneath.

What to bring? Children will need to bring **in a separate bag**: towel, underwear, brush/comb, thongs/sandals, goggles (optional) and bathing cap (optional)

Before leaving for the pool, children will take off their shoes/socks and wear their thongs/sandals to the pool. At the end of the lesson, children will get dressed in the change rooms and then return to school.

SOCKTOBER



Tomorrow the children are invited to wear 'crazy or colorful' socks to school and donate a gold coin for 'Socktober'. Socktober is an initiative of the Catholic Mission and this year any funds raised will be used to support improving the provision of clean water in Madagascar.

LOUD SHIRT DAY

Loud Shirt Day is a positive fundraising campaign. The national day for celebrating Loud Shirt Day is on Friday 16 October 2015. Loud Shirt Day is all about getting LOUD to support deaf children.

All around Australia people will be wearing their brightest clothes and raising money to help give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children.

Whether you fancy stripes, florals, polka dots or paisley, as long as your clothes have colour and pizzazz, it will be perfect for Loud Shirt Day.

All money raised will go to Tarayle, the oral language centre for deaf children, it is Victoria's leading oral language centre that provides services to deaf and hearing impaired children and their families throughout the State. Tarayle is a not-for-profit located in Blackburn, Victoria, which offers a range of programs from early intervention and early childhood programs. Miss Jacqui's daughter Sophie, who was born with a hearing impairment is part of Tarayle.

As a newborn, Sophie received a 'not clear' result on her new born hearing screening test, however, her parents weren't worried. She appeared to be responding to noises and there was no history of hearing loss in the family. At 4 weeks of age however, Sophie was diagnosed with a moderate hearing loss. After the acceptance of her diagnoses, Miss Jacqui and her family realized the best thing for Sophie was to find out all they could so she could have the best possible future. After a research frenzy, they decided they wanted Sophie to experience the world of sound and enrolled her into an early intervention program at First Voice Centre, Taralye.

Sophie is now 4 years of age and wears hearing aids to assist with her sound and speech development. She goes to kinder and is a real chatterbox. She is adored by her friends and family and is continuing to thrive at Taralye.

We hope you can support this special day next Friday, October 16th, by wearing your LOUDEST shirt and bringing a gold coin to donate to Taralye

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).

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.

Calendar Dates To Take Note Of

After School Care - Daily - 3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Term Four

Week 1

Mon 5th Oct

School resumes for Term Four

Wed 7th

Swimming commences for all children

Sat 10th

School Open Day – (2p.m. – 5p.m.) - 50th Anniversary Celebration

Week 2

Tues 13th

Yrs 4/5/6 Public Transport Incursion

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| Wed 14 th | Swimming continues (lesson 2) |
| Week 3 | |
| Mon 19 th | 7p.m. – Parents and Friends meeting in staffroom |
| Wed 21 st | Swimming (lesson 3) |
| Sat 24 th | Brooklyn Party – see attached Flyer. |
| <u>Dates for the Calendar</u> | |
| Mon 2 nd Nov | Pupil-Free Day – Report Writing Day |
| Tues 3 rd | Melbourne Cup holiday |
| Fri 6 th | Movie Night for children |
| Thurs 19 th | 2016 Foundation Orientation 9am – 11 am (First) |
| Fri 20 th | Whole School Jellbeans Music Concert – 2:30pm – 3:30p.m. |
| Thurs 26 th | 2016 Foundation Orientation 9am – 11 am (Second) |
| Fri 4 th Dec | Children’s Christmas Concert – 6:30p.m. |
| Tues 15 th | End of Year Picnic Day |
| | Yr 6 Graduation Mass – 7p.m. |
| Wed 16 th | Final day for children – Dismissal at 1:00p.m. |

**MSJ Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am
(Thursday)**

12th November 2015

**MSJ Open Day
2015**

Sunday 11th October, 11.00am –
2.00pm

Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at our website 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.

The Graduation Mass for the Class of 2015 was held this week at St Patrick’s Cathedral, followed by the Graduation Dinner at the Sofitel. The evening was a wonderful time of celebration for our Year 12s, their families and teachers. Congratulations to the graduands on the growth and learning achieved over their years at Emmanuel. We wish them all success as they complete final classes and prepare for their VCE exams which commence in coming weeks.