

# John Pierce Centre

*Spirit of the Deaf Community*

Newsletter: April 2015

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The Spirit of Easter is all about Hope, Love, and Joyful Living.

HAPPY EASTER

From John Pierce Centre, Board and Staff

## **From the Executive Manager's Desk**

**By Rachel Miers**

Hello,

Welcome to our Easter edition. I couldn't believe it's already April around the corner. I really enjoyed the warm weather and BBQs outside...

We have been busy with organising, and planning exciting events for this year. Deaf Art plans to invite people to teach the participants different kinds of art including scrapbooking, lino cut, and screen printing this year. Let us know if you would like to teach art or be involved in learning or making things. Please do come along. Katrina has also organised a couple of events for Ladies Outings. The events include an outing to the South Wharf and lunch at a German Restaurant and a trip to the Peninsula Spa (popular outing).

Josephine has organised exciting events for Signee Tots including trips to the local library and to Fairy Park in Anakie. Everyone is welcome to come along. One lady told me that she enjoys coming to JPC as she sees people and staff always with a smile.

Mariana has been busy preparing for the two fundraising BBQ at Masters. Don't forget to put down the dates in your diary 28<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> September. It's at Masters Box Hill South. Please come along and support us as a volunteer or enjoy and buy sausages while looking around at Masters.

JPC is having their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 15<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

JPC Board extends their invitation to people who would like to join the Board. Megan Broome, Catherine Costa, Catherine Perry and Peter Thorne have submitted their resignations due to their terms and / or family commitments. I thank them all for their support and commitment to JPC.

On behalf of JPC Board and staff, we would like to wish you a very Happy Easter with plenty of chocolates and Hot Cross Buns. Have a lovely Easter break and stay safe on the roads.

Rachel

## **Interested in joining JPC Board?**

We are asking if you know of someone or two who is interested in joining JPC Board and please pass on the information to them. We are looking for people who are thinking of joining JPC Board, who may have an expertise in finance, strategic planning or legal fields.

JPC Board attends bi monthly Board Meetings at JPC Community Centre from 5.30pm on Wednesday evenings. It's only six times a year.

Please contact Rachel Miers, Executive Manager via email [manager@jpc.org.au](mailto:manager@jpc.org.au) to discuss of your interest or speak to a Board Member

## **From the Chaplain's Desk**

Fr John Hill CSSR

### **Easter Celebration**

I'm writing this from Perth on holidays. This morning I went down to the beach, and swam in the beautiful Indian Ocean. The water was calm. Near the shore it was a clear green colour, but further out it turned a beautiful sapphire blue. I try to go down to the beach every day for a swim. When I come out of the water, I feel so fresh and clean. My mind is clear and relaxed, and my energy is renewed. It's almost like I am a new person.

Going to the beach, swimming and feeling fresh and clean makes me think of Easter. Easter is about something new. At Easter we celebrate the new life: when Jesus came back from the dead, he had a new life. Although he was God's son, before he died he appeared as just a normal human being. After he came back from the dead, he was different. He was still a human being, but God's life filled him completely so that he even looked different.

At Easter we also celebrate that we have a share in God's life. We received that life when we were baptised. Most of us can't remember our baptism because we were babies then, but at Easter we remember what baptism means: that God's love is deep inside us. In baptism we use water as a sign of new life. Just like a swim in the ocean makes me feel like a new person, so baptism does the same for all of us. Deep inside of us, God is at working, making us into a new person. All this starts at baptism, but continues throughout our lives. This Easter, why not ask God to help you appreciate this great miracle, and to be grateful for this gift of love.

### **Pope Francis**

Pope Francis visited the Philippines recently in January this year. He was the third pontiff to visit the country after Pope Paul VI and John Paul II. About six million people went to see the Pope. Pope Francis went to see the people who were affected by the typhoon and the earthquakes.

There were three families, chosen to meet the Pope and be blessed by Pope Francis. One of the family whose father is deaf. Rene Cruz, the father, gave the Pope his message in sign language. This made a huge impact on the Filipino Deaf Community and Deaf Community worldwide. There were sign language

interpreters who appeared on the television coverage, in a small box on the corner of the television. It is important to give access to information for the deaf through the use of sign language.

(3 photos of Pope Francis)

Pope Francis and Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle salute with the hand sign for 'I love you' at the Mall of Asia Arena in Manila.

Pope Francis uses sign language to say thank you to the deaf family during an encounter with families in the Mall of Asia Arena in Manila, Philippines.

Pope Francis signs thank you to family.

## **Mass For You At Home**

**By Mariana Voggenreiter**

What a busy and great couple of weeks it has been for me. I am finally back in the office. I had an interesting start to the year recording the Mass For You At Home at channel 10 studio in South Yarra in mid-January 2015.

I was very "holy" and blessed at the end of the week.

There were so many people and organisations that were involved. We are very grateful to all involved, special thanks to Archdiocese of Melbourne, Channel ten, John Rowland Media, Echo interpreting, Ephpheta Centre and John Pierce Centre. Thank you for the wonderful support and help.

The Masses were filmed, recorded and then will be aired once a week over the course of the year.

I appreciate Gail's very handy advice to "bring your jacket!". It was freezing in the studio due to the lighting effects that were required to keep the room cool.

There were priests from different parishes who came to say Mass, some were new and others who were familiar with this program.

It was great to have interpreters with varied styles and signs. We had 2 interpreters from Sydney and 6 interpreters from Melbourne to interpret.

Thank you to Echo and Sydney interpreters for the wonderful job, it was a pleasure and delight working with the interpreters.

Many thanks to Father John Hill for all his support and advice.

Mass For You At Home has moved from Ten to channel Eleven at the new time of 5.30am to 6.05am then it is repeated on Channel Ten from 6.00am to 6.30am. I hope you will wake up early on Sunday mornings to watch and enjoy the mass.

(Photo of Gail Finn, Mariana Voggenreiter and Fr John)

## **50th Anniversary for Sister Bernadette Wallis MSS**

Congratulations to Sr. Bernadette who has reached her 50th year as a Sister, Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS). She is well known within the Deaf Community for her parents, Don and Kath were both deaf. Sr. Bernadette was inspired to join the order of Missionary Sisters of Service by her uncle, Father John Wallis. Fr. Wallis was a founder of that order in Tasmania starting in 1944.

Sr. Bernadette worked at John Pierce Centre as a pastoral worker and counsellor for many years. Since she left John Pierce Centre, she is still very much involved with our community. We are so grateful to have her with us. At the moment, she is writing a book of her lifetime experience including the deaf world.

(Photo of Sister Bernadette Wallis MSS)

### **Staff Profile**

#### **Gail Finn**

**Favourite colour?** Blue

**AFL team?** Collingwood

**Favourite holiday place?** Italy

**Ideal dinner guests?** Johnny Depp and Meryl Streep

**Favourite meal?** Italian foods

**Coffee or Tea?** "Skinny Café Latte"

**Favourite TV show?** New Tricks

**Favourite part about working at JPC:** Meeting/communicating with deaf people.

(Photo of Gail Finn)

## **Community Activities**

By Katrina Mynard

### **Ladies Day Out**

Ladies Day Out continues to be popular amongst the ladies every month. It is great to see all the ladies catching up with friends and enjoying their day when we go out.

The dates have been made for Wednesdays each month:

15th April – South Wharf – German Restaurant.

20th May – Movies – Cinema / Lunch

17th June – to be confirmed

15th July – to be confirmed

19th August – Peninsula Spa.

On Wednesday 18th March we enjoyed a great day in Frankston at the Sand Sculpting event. All the ladies that attended said it was a great day and enjoyed catching up with friends.

Photo of all ladies standing in front of sand sculpture event “San Sculpting Australia: Friends, Foes and Super Heroes”

Photo of sand sculpture of Mini Mouse and Daffy Duck

Photo of sand sculpture of Snow White and the Dwarfs

### **Deaf Men’s Group**

Deaf Men’s Group is run on a Monday, each fortnight from 10am to 2pm. Most of the men come to the JPC Hall and have fun catching up with their friends.

They always enjoyed playing cards of UNO and Five Hundred. Some of them played Rummikub. If you would like to attend please contact Katrina.

#### **The dates until August 2015 are:**

20th April

4th and 18th May

1st, 15th and 29th June

13th and 27th July

10th and 24th August

## Deaf Art and Wombat Craft Group

Wombat Craft group is no longer available anymore here at JPC, but instead they have merged in with the Deaf Art group.

You are welcome to join Deaf Art on Fridays at JPC. Many of them do their own thing; it could be Mosaic, Knitting or Drawings.

### The dates from April to August are:

27th March	– Outing.
10th April	- Scrapbooking
17th and 24th April	– Normal class.
8th May	– Floral Craft Art.
15th, 22nd and 29th May	– Normal Class.
5th June	– Floral Craft Art.
12th, 19th and 26th June	– Normal Class.
17th, 24th and 31st July	- Normal Class.
7th August	– Floral Craft Art
14th, 21st and 28th August	– Normal Class.

There is a chance that we will have Screen Printing date some time during in Term two. A date has not been booked yet. Please do not hesitate to contact JPC anytime for update information or join us on our JPC Facebook.

## Deaf Art Scrapbooking

**Date: 10th April**

**Time: 10am - 2pm**

Jackie Keeble , AZZA Consultant & Joy Ashfield, Close to My Heart Consultant will demonstrate how to use several photos and make an impact on a page. It's called scrapbooking!

Book your place with Katrina - [k.mynard@jpc.org.au](mailto:k.mynard@jpc.org.au)  
Please bring your tools for the workshop.

Cost \$ 45.00 for two workshops / Auslan interpreter provided  
Refreshments provided & don't forget to bring your own lunch.

**List to bring for the workshop:**

Small & Large scissors

Tape Runner / Glue stick

Tweezers

Pencil

Rubber

Ruler (Clear)

Photos - bring as many as you like:

\* 3-5 photos of birthday party, friends lunch, or family photos

\* Some 5x7 and some 6x4 photos

(Horizontal photos would be easier for CTMH workshop)

**JPC Volunteers**

You may have seen that we have our volunteers who are often working in the background, providing plenty of support for the staff at JPC.

We would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful volunteers here at JPC!

(5 photos of some of the volunteers at JPC).

**Signee Tots**

By Josephine Hynes

Welcome back for 2015, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. There is a lot planned for Signee Tots this year and we've already had a busy start to 2015! Once again it has been great to welcome new faces to Signee Tots and we look forward to meeting new families throughout the year.

Our last Signee Tots for 2014 was of course our Christmas party, with a special visit from Santa.

The children enjoyed some Christmas crafts and everyone brought a plate to share of Christmas goodies. We also said farewell to some children who were beginning school in 2015.

Already this year we've had a great start to the year with an under the sea spectacular and also a sports madness day.

I look forward to the rest of the year with plenty of fun and exciting activities that are planned.

(3 photos of children playing at the Christmas Party)

**Upcoming Dates:**

**14<sup>th</sup> April** – Let's get outdoors

**28<sup>th</sup> April** – Mothers Day

**12<sup>th</sup> May** – Building

**26<sup>th</sup> May** – Teddy Bear Picnic

**9<sup>th</sup> June**—Outing to the Library

**23<sup>rd</sup> June**—Shapes and colours

**7<sup>th</sup> July**—Fairy Park Outing

## **Fairy Park Outing**

On Tuesday 7th July we will be going on an outing to Fairy Park in Anakie. This day is during school holidays which will allow for previous Signee Tots families to attend. Please contact me if you would like to attend so I can book an undercover shaded spot for us at Fairy Park.

### **Costs:**

-Children under the age of 3 are FREE

-Children aged from 3 to 13 years: \$8.00

-Adult price (14 years+): \$16.00

## **Easter Crafts**

This is a great little craft activity for the family to get involved in. It could also be an extra special way to hide those Easter treats!

### **Magic Balloon Treats (as featured on [thewhoot.com.au](http://thewhoot.com.au))**

You will need:

- Small chocolates
- Water balloons
- Craft glue
- Water
- Yarn / string

To make:

- Insert chocolate into the water balloon and inflate
- Mix equal parts of craft glue with water
- Dip yarn into glue mixture and wrap around balloon until evenly covered
- Once dry, pop balloon and remove.

## **The Nails in the Fence**

**By Rachel Miers**

I'm writing this as I heard of a group of people talking about a friend they knew. I came across this story "The Nails in the Fence" and wanted to share with you.

"There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day, the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

He said "You've done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there and a verbal wound is just as bad as a physical one"

The little boy then understood how powerful his words were. He looked up at his father and said "I hope you can forgive me father for the holes I put in you".

"Of course I can" said the father. (Author unknown)

That group of people I mentioned earlier were talking about a friend and did not realise that they were putting nails in the fence (friend) and leaving a scar.

There is a difference between "news" and "gossip". People spread the good news to share with everyone. For example: Julie had a baby girl yesterday, she's beautiful / or did you hear of John and Kelly's engagement. It is okay to share the news. Katrina often calls it "Deaf Radio" as we cannot hear the radio every day. For deaf people, they catch up with friends at the movies, go out or at workplace, they like to know what was happening. People like to share the news or their personal stories.

Gossip is spreading the news, which can be very hurtful and nasty. It is like a person putting nails in the fence. Bad gossip can be like, "oh I saw Mary say that bad things about you" or "Did you hear of Margaret and Andrew breaking up, oh its Andrew's fault" People may say awful things and not respecting other person's dignity. And the rumours may be not true and it could look bad on that person.

This story is a reminder for all of us and we are still learning. Some people may get angry and resolve things quickly; some people get angry and stay angry for a long time. We are human, we do things and we make mistakes. Sometimes we say or do things of frustration or being hurt. It is better to say “I’m sorry” quickly not to say hurtful things again.

It is important to remember and think about our actions. It makes us a stronger person. You can say “I don’t like you talking bad things about my friend” or “my good friend is really a lovely person and he needs support during the difficult times”.

## **Thankful Thought**

*Our words and actions reflect our wisdom.*

-Anthony Williams

## **Pankina**

**By Cheryl Clarke– Secretary**

On January 19th we had our welcome back day and we were so excited to be back after holidays. We talked about the Christmas lunch at Ferntree Gully Hotel and discussed about how the food was so delicious. Also, some Pankina members won prizes as part of the Christmas raffle.

### **Dates for April to June 2015**

March 16th - Crazy Whist.  
March 30th - Bingo and Easter Raffles.  
April 13th - 777s.  
April 27th - Bingo.  
May 11th - Crazy Whist.  
May 25th - Pankina s AGM.  
June 9th - (Tuesday) Bingo.

## **Emmaus Liturgy Group**

**By Gail Finn**

Emmaus group continues to meet once a month on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 12:00 at John Pierce Centre. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the third Sunday Mass as well as other services, Easter and Christmas. Not only to prepare Masses, we can reflect and discuss on what the Gospel means to us with the help of Fr. John Hill. If you are interested to develop your faith, see Gail Finn. Email: [g.finn@jpc.org.au](mailto:g.finn@jpc.org.au) SMS: 0402 446 950

## **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Margaret and Terry Symons were married at Sacred Heart Church, Tatura (187 kms north of Melbourne) on 23rd January, 1965. According to Janet McDonald, two days before they were married, there was a fire at the back of the church and all priests' vestments were all burnt out.

(Photo of Sacred Heart Church)

## **REST IN PEACE**

Tania Mary Foott - 12th January (sister of Natasha Logan)

Robbie Wright - 17th January (brother of Brendan and ex Portsea student)

Wally Piper - 2nd February

Pearl Martin - 17th February

## **CALENDER FOR SIGNED MASSES 2015**

**First Sunday Mass** every month at John Pierce Centre

**Second Sunday Interpreted Mass** at St. Francis Church, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

**Third Sunday Mass** every month at John Pierce Centre except December (second Sunday)

## **EASTER SERVICES**

<b>2nd April, 2015</b>	<b>Prahran, JPC 3.00pm</b> <b>(Holy Thursday)</b>
<b>3rd April, 2015</b>	<b>Prahran, JPC 3.00pm</b> <b>(Good Friday)</b>
<b>5th April, 2015</b>	<b>Prahran, JPC 11.00am</b> <b>(Easter Sunday)</b>
12th April, 2015	City, St. Francis 1.30pm (2nd Sunday of Easter)
19th April, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter)
3rd May, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (5th Sunday of Easter)
10th May, 2015	City, St. Francis 1.30pm (6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (Ascension of the Lord)
7th June, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (Body and Blood of Christ)
14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015	City, St. Francis 1.30pm (11th Sunday of Ordinary Time)
21st June, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time)
1st July, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
12th July, 2015	City, St. Francis 1.30pm (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
19th July, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
2nd August, 2015	Prahran, JPC 11.00am (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
9th August, 2015	City, St. Francis 1.30pm (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

## **Christmas Rally 2014**

**By Katrina Mynard**

The Christmas Rally for 2014 was a fantastic day for everyone who attended. Christmas time is a wonderful time for all us to get together. The food and desserts were delicious and there was plenty of feedback from the community about how smoothly the day ran.

It was a whole new experience for our new staff member, Mariana who is a new face and wonderful person who is quickly learning about JPC. So for her to be involved in such a big event for JPC, she would have learnt that JPC is all about helping people and bringing the community together.

It was great to see some old and new faces at the Christmas Rally and I would like to thank all of the volunteers and staff for their work on this wonderful day of a celebration for Christmas.

**Raffle Winners:**

1st Prize: \$150 Crown restaurant voucher

-Tammy W

2nd Prize: Mountain Bike

-Celia Compton

3rd Prize: Handmade Quilt (handmade by Lesley Tucker)

-Cathy Costa

4th Prize: \$100 Good Guys gift card

-Susan Papotto

5th Prize: \$100 Westfield gift card

-Mark and Diane Backholer

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:**

Tammy W, Shane, Geoff Treloggen, Celia Compton, Liz Raynor, Susan Papotto & family.

(Photos from Christmas Rally day)

**Auslan Cooking Classes****Pulled Pork Sliders with Asian Slaw**

(Photo of Pork Sliders with Asian slaw)

**Ingredients:**

1kg Pork Neck OR Collar butt scotch

Mini bread rolls (can use dinner rolls)

Pickles or gherkins

2 brown onions

1 granny smith apple

150gms fennel

2 garlic cloves or 2 tbsp. chopped garlic

375ml Pear Cider

375ml Beer (we use Peroni)

2 tbsp. Olive Oil

**Slaw:**

1/4 red cabbage  
1/4 white cabbage  
1 red onion  
400g snow peas  
3 green apples

**Dry pork rub (marinade):**

1/2 tsp chilli flakes  
1/2 tsp caraway seeds  
2 tsp salt  
2 tsp garlic powder  
2 tsp ground cumin  
1 tsp ground coriander  
2 tsp sweet paprika  
2 tsp dried oregano  
1 tsp dried basil  
1 tsp raw sugar

**Dressing:**

1/2 tbsp. chopped chilli  
2 tbsp. fish sauce  
1 tbsp. sesame oil  
2 tbsp. rice wine  
1 tbsp. brown sugar  
1 tsp chopped garlic

**Method:**

Mix all ingredients in a bowl  
Cut pork in half and dry with paper towel  
Add pork to dry ingredients and rub all over pork.  
Cover with cling wrap and put in fridge for 1-2 hours or overnight.

**When ready to cook meat:**

Pre-heat oven to 180

Roughly chop onion, fennel, apple (1.5cm squares) and dice garlic into very small pieces.

Heat a non-stick pan on high until it starts to smoke.

Pour olive oil into pan and add pork. Cook for 15 seconds each side to seal in the flavour.

Add onion, apple, fennel and garlic to the frying pan, cook for 2-3 mins.

Pour in pear cider and stir with a wooden spoon and cook for 2 mins.

Now add this mixture to the pork.

Pour in the beer, put on the lid to the casserole dish and now it's ready to cook.

Cook for 4-6 hours in the oven or until you can pull the meat apart with two forks.

Depending on how hot your oven is you may need to add more beer (or cider) to the pot if the liquid evaporates OR if you have too much liquid in the pot you may need to cook without the lid so that it will evaporate.

**To make the slaw:**

Thinly slice the onion

Shred the red and white cabbage

Cut apples and snow peas into Julienne (long thin strips, same size as a matchstick)

Mix all together in a bowl

**Dressing:**

Mix all ingredients together in a jar and shake.

Pour dressing onto salad and mix well just before you are ready to serve.

To assemble the pork slider, cut the bread roll open and add some slaw and the pulled pork.

To finish add a toothpick with a small pickle or gherkin.

**Did you know that Auslan Cooking Classes have video recipes online that you can watch!**

**To find out more go to their website:**

**[www.auslancookingclasses.com](http://www.auslancookingclasses.com) or search them on Facebook**

## Advertisement – Good Guys Partnership with JPC

The John Pierce Centre is fortunate to have been selected as a Community Partner with the Good Guys Store.

The Good Guys Stores are a chain of Independent Electrical and White-goods stores spread throughout Australia that support local Communities by donating a portion of all sales to their Community Partners.

Mr Travice De Silva the proprietor of the store chose to support the Family Support Services provided by the Centre and especially to Deaf families in the wider Chadstone area.

If you visit the store which is located at the Chadstone Lifestyle Precinct at 675 - 685 Warrigal Road in Chadstone, keep an eye out for the JPC display on the community board and you can be sure that the staff of the Good Guys will give you special and attentive service.

We plan to have a couple of events at the Good Guys stores this year to publicize the work of the John Pierce Centre in the area of Family Support. You are welcome to be a part of these events.

Photo and advertisement of Mr Travice De Silva  
The Good Guys Chadstone  
Lifestyle Precinct  
675-685 Warrigal Road, Chadstone.  
Ph: 03 9567 0000

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### Newsletter Deadline

Next Newsletter Deadline – July 2015

### Office Hours

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