Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting Catholic education by continuing the enrolment of your child at St. Louis de Montfort’s.

Our parish has a rich and wonderful history, a beautiful church, excellent facilities and a strong commitment to providing a Catholic education for our children. We provide spiritual and pastoral care to over 1000 families. Parishioners of the past have given generously in order that the parish may have a solid foundation and continue to provide a living experience of being church in Aspendale.

The Parish School is an integral part of the parish community and the mission of the parish. By choosing to send a child to a Parish School, the parents choose to be part of the parish community.¹

By enrolling your child or children in 2016 you have chosen to be part of this community and I’m sure that you wish to avail yourselves of what the parish has to offer; pastorally, sacramentally and adult faith formation to name a few. We hope that you will join us at mass on weekends, be involved in parish life by joining a group or parish ministry and to financially support the works of our parish.

All parishioners, including school families, have an obligation to provide for the needs of the church. We are all benefitting from the contributions made by former parishioners but we too need to support our current and future communities. Financial contributions support:

- Liturgy and sacramental programs including First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, school and class masses
- Pastoral resources and programs, including support for new families, visits to sick and aged and bereavement support.
- Pastoral Associate
- Repairs, maintenance and insurance for our church, presbytery and parish office
- Administration expenses
- Staff wages and superannuation
- Parish loans

13th April, 2015
We need all school families and community members to commit to the ongoing life and development of our parish. A parish Thanksgiving or Stewardship Program, which commenced in 2013, provides an opportunity to come on board. If you have chosen not to be on this program then we ask you to support the parish through a Parish Contribution.

As of the 2016 school year, those families not already on the Thanksgiving program are asked to choose either:

1) To enroll in the Thanksgiving/Stewardship Program, with a minimum of $200.00 per year
   OR
2) Contribute to the Parish Contribution for $200 per family per year

The commitment that you make is approx $4 per week but this will allow the parish to continue to enrich the faith life of your school children and other members of your family.

We understand the pressures of the family budget and hope that you too realise the difficulties of trying to budget for a family the size of our community in Aspendale.

There will be a follow up letter that will offer different ways of making the parish contribution.

If you have any concerns or require further information please don’t hesitate to call me (details on front page).

Together, let us continue to keep supporting and building up our community.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andrew Jekot
Parish Priest

Mr. Tom Lindeman
School Principal

(Parish Finance team: Glenice Loughlin, Peter Wain, Stephen Pooley, Gerard Burke, Niko Tovia, Dermot Reiter, Bill Atherton, Amanda Owen–Tucker, Michael Barker, Trevor Tracy)

**Parish Contribution Agreement**

The Parish Contribution exists to help support the employment of Parish staff who work with our Parish Priest supporting the school in the care of staff and students, the sacramental program and the promotion of the values that make for a life giving Christian community.

This contribution is seen as a just sharing in the ongoing life and development of our parish.

Therefore:

I / We, the parents of .......................................................... agree to pay the Parish Contribution of $200 per year for the duration of his / her attendance at the parish school.

This Parish contribution is not applicable to families already supporting the pastoral care and maintenance of the school through their regular voluntary contribution to the Thanksgiving program.

Signed  ..........................................................  Date  .................

Parish Priest  ..........................................................  Date  .................