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## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER NO. 1 – FEBRUARY, 2008**

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2008. I trust that you all had some time of rest, reflection and relaxation during the January break, although I realise that our Australian Executive would not have had too much down time, as they prepare for the SWWRM Conference in Toowoomba. Please pray for Deane and Lois and their preparation, also pray for all delegates as they travel to our country for this valuable meeting. Pray too for members of the Australian Executive as they meet together with the Mary Sumner House delegates in Brisbane in March.

Don and I were able to spend some very precious family time following the busyness of December, and had the joy of meeting our brand new great niece for the first time. As well as family time, January gave us some space to reflect and plan for the year ahead as we continue to minister in God's name.

### **PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

There are now many facilitators trained to run a Parenting Education Course, in most areas of Australia. The facilitators are doing a great job and we thank them for their work in this valuable ministry. However, we must be sure that we don't leave the job of recruiting participants for future PEP courses, solely to the facilitators. Please encourage your MU groups and grass roots membership to promote and recruit for this important part of our work. It would be very disappointing for the facilitators, who are keen to present courses, to not be able to do so because of lack of participants.

### **HOW TO RUN A PLAYGROUP**

I would like to prepare a PowerPoint presentation of 'how to set up and run a playgroup'. If there are any groups in your Diocese who could help me with photos and/or information of how their playgroup was set up and is now functioning, could you please ask them to send the information on to me? My email address is [muauseducation@bigpond.com](mailto:muauseducation@bigpond.com)  
Thank you to those who have forwarded information. If you had intended to reply and haven't done so, it is not too late – I have not received much information as yet.

### **YEARLY REPORTING**

Thank you and well done to all Education Department Heads for all your hard work in 2007. There is a tremendous amount of work being undertaken around Australia as we seek to equip, enthuse, encourage and educate our membership. If you have already sent your report for 2007 – thank you. If you have not, then it is not too late to forward a copy of your Diocesan report for 2007.

### **WELCOME TO NEW PEOPLE**

Thank you to all those Department Heads who have completed their term of office and have moved on to another area of God's vineyard and welcome to those who are receiving this newsletter for the first time.

The aim of this newsletter is to create a forum where each of us may be able to share ideas, concerns and successes with each other. To help this two-way sharing to grow and be of value to others, could you please forward programme ideas, bible studies, material used in training days and conferences to me so that they can be included in the Australian Education Department Newsletter – we can learn from each other.

We now begin the journey with our Lord Jesus, through the days of His earthly ministry towards the Cross. May we grow ever closer to our Lord Jesus as we journey with Him and may we use this time to share Jesus with those who don't yet know Him.  
I hope to have another newsletter for you after I have returned from Australian Executive.

With my love and prayers

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