Dear Parents/Carers,

The School Newsletter is usually sent home every second Wednesday. This is a special note at the start of the year.

Welcome to the 2014 school year here at Annunciation. We would like especially welcome all the new families to Annunciation.

We have had an exciting holiday period with the school being completely re-roofed and obviously the beautiful new playground surface has been laid. These two projects were at significant cost, but have greatly enhanced our facilities. We hope the children really enjoy the bright new playground surface in their sports and leisure time. We hope that the bright new look makes our school even more appealing for prospective families.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN**
The following children are all new to Annunciation this year: Jayde Armstrong, Simon Dinh, Gabriel Donovan, Hamzeh El-Hassan, Hannah El-Khoder, Abigail Ibrahim, Daxi Li, Alex Qui, Chloe Razlog, Thomas Spiteri-Jasky, Sofia Velardo-De Los Reyes (all in Foundation) and Kevin Tian (Year 3).

We hope that each of the children settles very quickly into life at Annunciation and that each family soon feels very much an important part of our Annunciation School community.

**NEW JELLYBEANS MUSIC TEACHER**
We are delighted to welcome Beth Stephen who will be teaching The Jellybeans Music program across the school this year. The Jellybeans program is timetabled for Friday Mornings.

**SPORTS UNIFORM ON WEDNESDAYS THIS YEAR**
This year, Miss Jaqui Perrett our Phys Ed teacher, will be working on Wednesdays. Therefore we ask that the correct sports uniform is worn, by all children, on Wednesdays throughout the year.

**FOUNDATION (PREP) CHILDREN STAY HOME ON WEDNESDAYS**
I would like to remind all families with a child in Foundation that there is no school on Wednesdays, for the Foundation children, until Wednesday March 12th, after the long weekend. The children need this break in the school week for a little while, while they make the transition to school and while the weather can be so hot.

**MASS THIS WEDNESDAY**
This Wednesday morning, Feb 5th, the whole school will be going to Mass to celebrate the beginning of our school year. Mass begins at 10am and will go for about 35minutes. All parents and family members are welcome to come along.

**INFORMATION NIGHT FOR ALL PARENTS this Thursday!**
This Thursday evening, February 6th at 7:00p.m., there is an important meeting for all parents. Child minding will be provided in the community room. The evening will conclude at 8:15p.m. Please ensure that you are able to attend. Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese and Burmese Interpreters will be present on the evening to assist parents, who have difficulty understanding English. Part of the evening will be spent all together to share whole school information and then there will be time with your child’s class teacher.

**LIBRARY BORROWING**
This year the children, and mums and dads, will be able to borrow books from the library on any day of the week. Katy Hall will be available at the start of lunchtime, each day, to supervise the borrowing of books. Please remind your child that they can borrow any day.

**SWIMMING IN 2014**
The swimming program for all children has been booked, at the Paul Sadler Swimland, for each Wednesday in term 4. The program is not in Term 1 this year.
WELCOME BARBECUE
Please keep next Tuesday evening the 11th February free so you can attend a barbecue night for all families at Annunciation. The BBQ will go from 6:00pm until 7:30pm and in the last 20 minutes we will ask the parents to come inside for the Parents and Friends AGM.

The BBQ is free! We will be providing sausages and hamburgers and an icy pole for the children. This is a chance for staff, parents and children to meet up with new and old friends. 
**Attached to the newsletter is a slip to be returned for catering purposes.**

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**Emmanuel College Important Dates**
Saturday Feb 8th - Information Morning - 9:00am at Notre Dame Campus
- 10:30am at St. Paul’s Campus
February 28th - Applications for Year 7 2015 close.

We look forward to seeing everyone on this Thursday evening at the Information night and then at our Family BBQ, next week, on Tuesday February 12th.

Barry Ennis
Principal

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Return Slip - Welcome Barbecue - Tues Feb 11th.

Name………………………………………………………

Our family (will / will not) be attending the Welcome Barbecue on Tuesday Feb 11th at 6pm.

No. of Adults ________ No. of children ________.

Signed…………………………………………………….