Dear Parents/Carers,

Reflection

Prayer for the Season of Lent

We turn to you, O God. 
Hear the prayers of all who cry to you. 
You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.  
Psalm 86:1-10  
Incline your ear, O lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you: save your servant who trusts in you. 
Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. 
In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 
All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O lord, and shall glorify your name. 
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. 
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. 
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen 
You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Dear Parents/Carers

The Foundation/Year 1 class had a very exciting morning with the Fire Brigade today. If you have a child in that class, ask them all about it. They will have a lot to share.
We are all looking forward to a great afternoon of sport with the children and we are hoping to see many family members here also.

THREE-SCHOOLS - MASS AND ACTIVITY DAY

The children had a wonderful day at Yarraville last Wednesday with Fr. John cooking up a storm on the BBQ. 800 sausages, 600 drinks and gallons of sauce ensured happy faces all round. The sporting activities were well run and the Annunciation children did us proud. Their behavior, participation and manners were all at a high standard which made for a very pleasant day for everyone

SCHOOL FEES

Friendly reminder to families who have not paid school fees. Could you please bring your accounts up to date as soon as possible. If you wish to discuss any matters about school fees, could you please see either Barry or Connie. Thankyou

FAMILY WEEK – GRANDPARENTS DAY

During family week the school will be taking the opportunity to celebrate Grandparents Day, on Tuesday May 6th. All Grandparents and special people in your child’s lives are invited to help celebrate on this day.
The day will commence with a special whole school Mass at 10.00am. Morning tea will then be provided and the morning will continue with special activities with the children. Please consider coming along and enjoying this day with us.

LIBRARY BORROWING

A reminder that children, 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 for the children. Parents are very welcome to borrow books at any time during the day, before or after school. Please remind your child.

PLEASE HELP US TRY TO SAVE THE GORILLAS – WE NEED YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES
The production of new mobile phones contributes to the destruction of the gorillas' habitat. We can all help save the gorillas from extinction, if we just donate our old mobile phones to be recycled. The year 4/5/6 class have decided to take up this challenge. We are asking all the families and friends of Annunciation to support this cause by donating any old mobile phones they may have. There is a collection box in the office.

School Captains:
Mac Church
Rachel Dang

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

EASTER RAFFLE
Don’t forget to return your raffle tickets for the Easter raffle if you have not done so to date. The raffle will be drawn on 4th April (last day of term). Also donations are still needed for the raffle.

Could you please send along your donation as soon as possible. Anything you wish to donate will be gratefully appreciated. You can leave your donations at the office. Thankyou.

CAN YOU HELP? – BUNNINGS BBQ – Saturday May 3rd
We have been very fortunate to be given a day to run the BBQ outside Bunnings in North Altona. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for our school and for parents to be involved. The more helpers names we have, the less amount of time each person will be rostered on for. We have to man the BBQ between 9am and 4pm.

Could you please find your way clear to help out and complete the return slip attached to this newsletter.

MOTHER’S DAY
A couple of weeks into Term 2 will be Mother’s Day. Parents and Friends have already started making plans for the annual Mother’s Day Luncheon. Invitations for the luncheon will be sent home next week. Please mark Friday 9th May, in your diary.

PARTYLITE CANDLES
On Wednesday 2nd April, the Parents and Friends will be holding a Partylite Candle presentation in the Community Room, commencing at 10.00am. They have some great products in their range and now is the time to think about Mother’s Day. Why not come along and bring some friends with you. Enjoy quiet time, relax and take in the aromas of the beautiful scented candles and holders on offer. All products purchased need to be paid for on the day (cash or credit card). Catalogues are available at the office if you would like to see products on offer. Hope to see you there!!!

Life to the Full

Emmanuel College

Congratulations to Arts Captain Khoi Nguyen on the selection of his Art portfolio work for the Monash Gallery of Art Top Shots Exhibition. His work was one of twenty artworks selected from thousands of entries from across the State. He is also currently in rehearsal, with other cast members, for this year’s Musical Production, The Wiz.

It was great to see our Year 8 students having a lot of fun and learning some great skills during the first day of our Sportsworx program which involved developing Circus skills and playing a range of interesting team games including human tunnel ball and quidditch. Congratulations to our senior cricket team on reaching the ACC Grand Final after an undefeated season and to our SACCSS swim team on their impressive performance at the SACCSS swimming carnival.
**Week 9**

**Wed 26th**
Fire Brigade to visit the Yrs F/1 class
Twilight School Sports (2:00p.m – 6:30p.m.) BYO Picnic Tea

**Fri 28th**
Yrs 4/5/6 Interschool Summer Sports day. All children will need to wear sports clothes and will play either Touch Rugby or Volleyball

**Week 10**

**Fri 4th April**
Easter Raffle drawn at 12:30p.m.
End of Term at 1:00p.m.

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**Term 2**

**Week 1**

**Tues 22nd April** – School resumes
**Fri 25th**
ANZAC Day holiday

**Week 2**

**Mon 28th**
Parents and friends Meeting at 7:00p.m.
**Sat 3rd May**
Bunnings BBQ (9am – 4pm) Parent helpers needed.
**Sun 4th**
Sacrament of Confirmation – Corpus Christi Kingsville Church at 11a.m.

**Week 3**

**Tues 6th**
Grandparents Day.
**Thurs 8th**
Mothers’ Day Stall for children
**Fri 9th**
Mothers’ Day High Tea.
**Sun 11th**
Mothers’ Day.

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**HOBSONS BAY LIBRARY**

**National Youth Week**

National Youth Week provides a wonderful opportunity for local communities to acknowledge the contributions of young people, listen to their views and support them to organise events that showcase their talent, creativity and energy.

The theme of this year’s National Youth Week celebrations, ‘Our Voice. Our Impact’ and Hobsons Bay Libraries are hosting a Music on the Deck at Williamstown Library and a discussion taking place with Western Bulldogs alongside local young leaders about what it takes to become one of tomorrow’s leaders.

For bookings phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300462 542 or please go the library website [http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

**School holiday program: Time travellers**

Join Hobsons Bay Libraries on a journey across time and space from knights, to ANZACs, to astronauts.

This April school holidays we will travel to the moon with the Planetarium show, wing our way through 3000 years with the Marvellous Music Tour, explore our differences with the Immigration Museum, and write all about it with George Ivanoff’s Write your own adventure workshop.

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Return Slip

1 / We can help out with the cooking and/or serving at Bunnings on Saturday May 3rd.

Family name: ..........................................................

Tick preferred times

☐ 9:00am – 10:00am
☐ 10.00am – 11.00am
☐ 11.00am – 12.00
☐ 12.00 – 1.00pm
☐ 1.00pm – 2.00pm
☐ 2.00pm – 3.00pm
☐ 3.00pm - 4.00pm
☐ Preferred time: .........................................................

Signed: ..............................................................