11th May 2016

NEWSLETTER

WE NOW HAVE A SMARTPHONE APP!
Our School now has our own Skoolbag Smartphone App. We will be using the app to send you important information, including our school newsletter. Please download and install it by searching for our school name ‘Annunciation’ in either the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or Windows Phone Store. You can also click and scroll through the Skoolbag Communication Centre on our school website. Instructions for downloading the app are attached to this newsletter. By the beginning of term three we intend distributing the newsletter only via Skoolbag. The newsletter will continue to be available on our website.

Reflection
Today we will join in prayer with Christians all over the world to pray for Christian unity.
The theme for 2016 is: ‘Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord’. By joining in this annual novena (nine days of prayer concluding on Pentecost Sunday) Christians raise their voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfilment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, ‘that they all may be one’, that the divided Christian groups will be united. The prayers and resources for 2016 have been prepared by a group of representatives from different parts of Latvia.

Dear Parents/Carer’s,
We are currently in the middle of NAPLAN testing for our year 3 and year 5 children. These have been going smoothly. These tests will conclude tomorrow. All parents of year 3 and year 5 students should have received a NAPLAN information sheet last week.

LEGO LAND
Last Tuesday our Foundation, Year1 and Year 2 children were introduced to many new concepts and skills as they entered into challenges they were set at the LEGO Centre in the docklands. Despite the extreme weather we had to bear, the children loved the day. What a stimulating day they had. I think Mrs Mary and Miss Tran had the most fun!
GRANDPARENTS DAY AND MOTHER’S DAY ACTIVITIES
What a great week we had for our families last week. Thank you to the staff members and the Parents and Friends committee who worked to ensure that Grandparents Day and Mother’s Day activities all went so well. Activities such as these are so important for our children and to build our wonderful school community.

“DRESS AS A ROCK STAR” - GOLD COIN DONATION
Our school is one of a number of primary schools across Victoria getting involved in “A Day in May”, an annual fundraising event that aims to provide positive musical experiences for children living with cancer.

On Monday May 16th we ask our students to come dressed as rockstars and wear yellow in support of Melbourne based charity, Challenge, who support children and families living with cancer. Students will be raising funds for musical scholarships for Challenge children who live in metropolitan, regional and rural locations throughout Victoria.

Further information on ‘A Day in May’ is available on the Challenge website at www.challenge.org.au.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
Our students have been invited to watch Emmanuel College production of “High School Musical” on Thursday 19th May. The production will be held at St. Pauls Campus. A permission slip will be sent home shortly.

Barry Ennis
Principal

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR OUR VEGIE GARDENS
We still need to collect enough newspapers to make two 1 meter piles, in readiness for the development of our garden beds. Please send some along with your child and we’ll soon have enough.

PLAYGROUP – HERE AT ANNUNCIATION, EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
A Playgroup called ‘Brooklyn Fun for Tots’ is operating in the Community Room each Wednesday between 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. Anyone is welcome. Spread the word.

Meet the Principal and Tour
Emmanuel College is holding a Meet the Principal and Tour for parents of prospective students of the College on:
● Tuesday 17 May - 9.30 am Notre Dame Campus Point Cook
For more information contact our College Registrar Donna Grech on 8325 5119 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Reunion for the Class of ’76…’86…’96…06
Emmanuel College invites old Collegians who graduated in 1976…1986…1996…2006 from St Paul’s College to a reunion on Friday 17 June to be held in the McMahon Centre, Emmanuel College, St Paul’s Campus, Blackshaws Road Altona North at 6.30 pm.

RSVP: Tuesday 14 June to alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au
After School Care - Daily  -  3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Dates for the Calendar 2016

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

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