15th July 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

Last week was NAIDOC week here in Australia. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. This week’s reflection is a blessing that has been used in Liturgies across Australia in NAIDOC Week celebrations. The symbol of fire is common to both our Catholic Tradition (Holy Spirit) and in the Indigenous culture. You could even replace the word fire with Holy Spirit as you read the blessing. I hope that you are able to find time to reflect on it, on your own, or with your family.

Fire Blessing

May the fire be in your thoughts,
Making them good and just,
May it protect you from all harm.

May the fire be in your eyes,
May it open your eyes to see what is good in life,
May it protect you from speaking against another.

May the fire be in your ears,
We pray that you may hear with deep listening,
So that you may hear the flow of water
And of all Creation and the Dreaming.
May you be protected from gossip
And from those things that harm and break down your family.

May the fire be in your arms and hands,
So that you may be of service and build up love.
May the fire protect you from all violence.

May the fire be in your whole being,
In your legs and feet,
Enabling you to walk the earth with respect and care,
So that you may journey in ways of goodness and trust
And be protected from walking away from what is true.
Dear Parents/Carer’s,
Welcome back to school everyone. I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the break from school. I know one family that had a very, very exciting time:

One of our families, the Li family, has welcomed a beautiful baby girl into their family. Datong was born on Friday July 10th and arrived home on Monday of this week. Datong is a little sister for Daxi in year one. Congratulations to Li Yang, Zhang Qing Yun and Daxi.

We are looking forward to a very exciting term here at Annunciation. Yesterday the children in years 1-6 all participated in Smart Start lessons based around understanding the value of money and wise management of money. The children will continue their participation in this program while at school here at Annunciation. The year one’s returned to their classroom chanting; “Speed to Your Needs and Wait for your Wants!” – let’s hope that message stays with them in future years.

The Lion King
On next Wednesday, July 22nd, the whole school is off to the Regent Theatre in the city, to see the matinee performance of The Lion King. It will be an amazing experience for the children and we are all very excited about it. We will be leaving school at 11:45a.m. and please remember that the buses won’t return to school until approximately 4:30p.m.

Parents that have bought tickets for the same performance will be able to come along on the bus with us. We have ordered two large buses, so that parents would not have to worry about parking in the city. Parents please remember that the buses will be leaving Annunciation at 11:45a.m., so if you are not there, we will presume you are making your own way to the theatre.

Remember that the buses will not be returning to school until 4:30p.m.

After School Care will still operate that afternoon for those families that wish to make use of it.

“OUTSIDE IN”
The Yr 4/5/6 class have, today, been involved in doing some work with the Polyglot team based around their views on The Arts and their expectations of the Outside In project. It will be interesting to see, at the end of the project, whether their views have changed and whether their expectations have been met. Next Tuesday the Polyglot team will begin their work with children. Very exciting! Check out the “Voice Lab” that some of the children experienced today.

SALAMI MAKING – ITALIAN INCURSION
Next Thursday, July 23, Loretta Bartilotta, our teacher of Italian, has arranged for a whole school incursion, where the children will all participate in the making of Salami. This type of activity adds tremendous interest to the Italian program and will be great fun.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT OPTIONS
School fees for Term 3 are now due. If you have any problems with these, could you please see either Connie or Barry to discuss the situation and other payment options.

Payment options are as follows:
Weekly – agreed amount
Direct debit from your nominated bank account (weekly, fortnightly or monthly)
Payment direct into school’s bank account (you will need to see Connie at the office to get these details)
WE ARE STILL TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES FOR 2016
Those families that have a child entering school next year are asked to collect an enrolment form from the office and complete it. If anyone knows of another family that wishes to enrol their child, or come and have a look at Annunciation, please encourage them to make contact also. We are always very eager to welcome new families into the Annunciation community.

Parents, your voice is very powerful – please tell your friends about the benefits your family enjoys at Annunciation.
If you know of families with young children, please get some brochures from school and pass them on.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Just a reminder that all families register, online, for the service, even those who do not intend using the service, on a regular basis. Any family can then use the service, at short notice, if for some reason they need to – for example if you get caught in traffic, have to work late, etc, etc.

The program operates between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each day that school is open, except on the last day of each term.

PLAYGROUP ON MONDAYS
Do you have a pre-schooler? A few of our mums – Emma Beik, Lena Picoula and Amanda Alush are running a playgroup. The playgroup operates each Monday of the school term between 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. The playgroup is not just for Annunciation families. Other families are very welcome!
It is held at the Frances Sullivan Kinder Building, just down the road from school. It is free and is an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of other mums and to provide your child with a socialization experience.

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL BAGS – COMPULSORY FROM 2016
The bags provided through the school look good and are of excellent quality and size. From the beginning of 2016, the school bag will be the only bag we would like children to use. Up until now, they haven’t been compulsory, but we have many issues with other bags.
If your child needs a new bag at any time this year, please replace it with an Annunciation bag.

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THE 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
The Parents and Friends are planning a Family Dinner Dance for later in the year to mark our 50th Anniversary on Saturday night October 10th.

The details of the evening are as follows:

Annunciation Golden Jubilee
Family Dinner Dance
Saturday October 10th
6:00p.m. – 11:30p.m.
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Register for your tickets at school

**Early Bird Price! (Until end of July)**

- **Adults** $50 per head, **Children (5-12yrs)** $25 per head

**Four Course Meal and drinks - Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks included.**