29th July 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection
The Good Shepherd

Gather together your sheep, Lord, in all the places where they have been scattered during the mist and darkness.

Lead them to good pasturage, let them rest in good grazing ground.
Those who are lost, search out.
Those who have strayed, bring back.
Those who are wounded, bind their wounds.
Those who are sick tend with care.
Those bearing young, watch over them.
All of your sheep, keep them safe in your flock.

Lord Jesus, because you are our good Shepherd, guide us, your flock, in the ways of life and truth.

Gather all people into the fold of your love so that there may be but one flock and one shepherd.

From Biblical Prayers by Fr. Lucien Deiss

Dear Parents/Carer’s

Last week we welcomed a new family into the Annunciation community. A very warm welcome is extended to our new Grade 1, Brylie O’Connell, her mum Cassi and Cassi’s partner, Rob.

I am delighted that a small group of mums have arranged a “Mums Get-Together” for this Friday evening. It’s a fantastic initiative and I hope that it is well attended, as I’m sure it will be a lot of fun and a great chance to meet some new friends.

I constantly sing the praises of Annunciation to anyone willing to listen. It is a wonderful school community. The children are able to enjoy a very supportive learning environment because of the high standards within the school and the care of the staff and the parents. I would like to remind all parents of their responsibility when it comes to all the children in our school.

There will be occasions when your child comes home with a concern about some interaction with another child, or a staff member. If you feel the matter needs to be followed up, ALWAYS come to the school and speak to the appropriate teacher or to me. Please never approach someone else’s child or speak about someone else’s child in a detrimental way. This behavior will cause untold upset, within the school. I can assure you that the teachers are extremely professional and will follow-up any concern that you might bring to them.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP)
On Friday week, August 7th, we will celebrate the feast of Australia’s first saint – Mary MacKillop. The children will all be going to Mass at 10a.m. and the Parents and friends will be putting on a special lunch for the children at a cost of $5.00 per child. Please complete the return slip attached to this newsletter, and return it by this Friday.
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS
Accompanying the newsletter today, all families will receive a large envelope which contains a survey. We would ask that one member of each family complete the survey. The survey can be completed on the paper copy, or you may like to access the survey online. The instructions to access the survey online are contained in the envelope. The survey is anonymous and so we ask you to respond openly to all questions. The survey is a very valuable tool. It provides us with information that assists us in planning for the future. You can return any written surveys to school or post them in the return envelope. ALL SURVEYS ARE TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST PLEASE.

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.

LION KING PERFORMANCE
What a week we had at Annunciation, last week, with so many exciting activities. The Lion King was a marvellous experience for all the children and I’m sure it will be the highlight of the year for many of our children. Below left, is a photo of our school captains, Victoria and James, thanking Vish, the gentleman who sponsored the occasion for us all.

SALAMI MAKING

Salami-Making last Thursday – a terrific “Italian” experience.
**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
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**
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 at 35 Nolan Ave.

**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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**Other Dates in Term 3**

- Fri Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Interscholastic Athletics – Yrs 2-6
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Book Week – Author and Illustrator Visit
- Parents and friends Meeting
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Yrs 4/5/6 “Outside In” excursion to Newport Lakes 8:45am – 1:30pm
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> – First Communion at 11:00a.m. Mass
- Thurs Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – Father’s Day Stall
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – “Outside In” Presentation
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Dads and Kids Night
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Cultural Dinner
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 3.

On Wednesday 29th July, staff from Emmanuel College joined with the staff of John Paul College for a professional development faith day with Dr Richard Gaillardetz on the topic "towards a spirituality of compassion". This proved to be a wonderful day with our sister Marianist College at the catholic leadership centre in Melbourne.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015**

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school– and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.
You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (available from the office) or just hand in stickers at the school office. Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school.
At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
The chocolate drive is now coming to a close. All monies and/or left over chocolates are due to be returned by Friday 31st July. Thankyou to all families that have already done so. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated as it enables us to finalise our account on time.
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Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday 7th August, we will be having a Healthy Lunch as well as some afternoon activities to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) – Australia’s first saint.

The Parents and Friends will put on lunch on this day, which will be a special healthy lunch. This will consist of a “subway” style lunch. Children will be able to choose their own fillings in either a roll or a wrap. They will also receive a bottle of water and a piece of fruit.

Examples of fillings on offer will be:

Lettuce, tomatoes, beetroot, ham, chicken slice, cheese, grated carrot and cucumber.

Cost for the lunch will be $5.00 per child. Could you please complete the slip below and return to school no later than this Friday 31st July.

Thankyou

Barry Ennis
Principal

Healthy Luncheon – Friday 7th August

Name: .................................................................

Grade: ......................

Please tick your preferred fillings:

☐ Ham  ☐ Chicken slice  ☐ Cheese  ☐ Lettuce
☐ Tomato  ☐ Beetroot  ☐ Grated Carrot  ☐ Cucumber

I would prefer (please tick)  ☐ roll  ☐ wrap

Enclosed $....................