27th April 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 open our minds and hearts to listen to the holy gospel for the Fifth Sunday of the Easter season.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel of John

Jesus said:
'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another;
just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Jesus spoke these words to prepare his disciples for the fact that he was going to leave them. He had this one very important message for them.
Jesus has this same message for each of us today.
Let us say these words together:

Love one another; just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
God is with us
When we are worried or afraid ...
God is with us
Whatever we do and wherever we go ...
God is with us
Let us pray for God’s blessing.
May God’s everlasting love fill our
Amen! Alleluia!
Dear Parents/Carer’s,
The Confirmation of our year 6 children was a wonderful celebration, just over a week ago. Many thanks to the staff involved in the preparation of the children: Katy Hall, Jacqui Perrett and especially Dora Johnson. The children presented beautifully and were a credit to their families and to the school.

INTER-SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL FOR YRS 5/6
Recently, the children in years 5 and 6 participated in the Spotswood District Sports Association Volleyball competition. What a day they had. The first and second sides both won their competitions while the third side, who had to play one member short all day, finished third. The first team will go on and represent all the schools of the Spotswood District at regional finals later in the year.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT ANNUNCIATION - MAY 4TH - (8:30-11:30AM.)
We hope that each family has been able to arrange for someone to be coming along for Grandparent’s Day, on the morning of Wednesday May 4th. (If no grandparent is available, you may have a neighbour or friend who could fill the role.) We are looking forward to seeing as many grandparents or special people as possible.

MOTHER’S DAY EVENTS

- Mother’s Day Stall - Thursday Morning, May 5th.
  Each year the Parents and friends holds a Mother’s day stall for the children. Gifts for ‘mum’ can be purchased from as little as $1.00, with the most expensive being $7.00.
  (HELPERS REQUIRED - if you are able to serve on the Mother’s Day Stall between 8:45a.m. and about 10:00am next Thursday, please complete the return slip attached).

- Mother’s Day Luncheon - Friday May 6th
  Every family will have received an invitation for the luncheon. To date we have not yet received many replies from people who intend coming along. Please get a friend, neighbour or relation to come along with you and help ensure the success of the occasion. It is always a very enjoyable event. There is an excellent guest speaker from ‘Mama Knows West’ presenting and the school children will be making a special appearance later on.
  (HELPERS REQUIRED - if you are able to help to set up for the Mother’s Day Luncheon between 3:30p.m and 5:00p.m. next Thursday, please complete the return slip attached).

Barry Ennis
Principal

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR OUR VEGIE GARDENS
We need to collect enough newspapers to make two 1 meter piles, in readiness for the development of our garden beds. One of our dads, Ryan Thistlewaite, is setting about the rejuvenating of the beds. Some of the children will be involved at various stages of development. You may like to wander around and check out the development over the coming weeks.
HEAD LICE
We have had a reported case of head lice at Annunciation. This is not a cause for serious concern, as your child may not be affected, however, head lice are extremely contagious.

In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, **WE ARE ASKING ALL PARENTS TO INSPECT THEIR CHILD'S HAIR.** We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of head lice:

- General: child scratching his/her head excessively
- On pillows: fine black powder or pale coloured material.
- In the hair: signs of lice eggs (nits) – cream or coffee coloured specks close to hair roots.
- Lice: small white or “greyish” parasites the approximate size of a pinhead.

If you notice any of the above signs, or if you require further information, please contact your local pharmacy. There are several effective treatments readily available and easy to apply.

**IF YOU CHILD IS INFECTED WITH HEAD LICE YOU MUST ADVISE THE SCHOOL AND YOU MUST TREAT YOUR CHILD. CHILDREN MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL ONCE TREATMENT HAS COMMENCED.**

OLD MAGAZINES
Foundation, Grades 1 and 2 are in urgent need of any old magazines you no longer want. If you have any could you please send them to school. Your help would be very much appreciated.

**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.

Letters regarding applications for Year 7 in 2017 were sent recently. Parents are reminded that acceptance of an offer of a position at the College should be returned no later than Friday 6 May. As there is a waiting list for positions it is important that offers are accepted by the above date. Please contact the Admissions Office regarding any related queries.
## Term 2

### Week 3
- **Mon 25th**: ANZAC Day Holiday

### Week 4
- **Tues 3rd May**: Years F - 2 LEGO Excursion - How Exciting! (A separate note has gone home)
- **Wed 4th**: Grandparents Day (8:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.)
- **Thurs 5th**: Mother’s Day Stall from 8:45a.m.
- **Fri 6th**: Mother’s Day Luncheon 12:00p.m.- 3:00p.m.

### Week 5
- **Tues 10th**: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 and 5)
- **Wed 11th**: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 and 5)
- **Thurs 12th**: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 and 5)

### Week 6
- **Tues 17th**: Yr 4 & 5 girls to receive visit from staff of St. Aloysius’ College, North Melbourne.
- **Thurs 19th**: Whole school to attend Emmanuel College performance of “High School Musical”
- **Fri 20th**: Brooklyn Community to hold Movie Night at Annunciation “Inside Out”

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### REPLY SLIP FOR MOTHERS DAY HELPERS:

**Name:** ………………………………………………………………………………….

- ☐ Yes, I am able to help on the Mother’s Day Stall
- ☐ Yes, I am able to help setup for Mother’s Day luncheon
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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).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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.

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.

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3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
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