Reflection

The Lord is My Shepherd
(A Psalm of David)

With sure and gentle love, God is our shepherd. Let us pray together:

The Lord is my shepherd,
I need nothing more.
You give me rest in green meadows,
Setting me near calm waters, where you revive my spirit.

You guide me along sure paths, you are true to your name.
Though I should walk in the death’s dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side, your shepherd’s staff to comfort me.

You spread a table before me as my foes look on.
You soothe my head with oil: my cup is more than full.
Goodness and love will tend me every day of my life.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I shall live.

Love of all loving, your compassion is without limit.
We turn toward you, the one who says:
‘Do not fear, for I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10)


Dear Parents/Carer’s

Last Friday we held a very respectful ceremony to mark ANZAC Day. The teachers prepared the children beautifully for the event and the children were very reverent throughout the assembly.

I’d like to thank Mrs. Johnson for going to a lot of trouble to set up the school foyer to honor the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day. The space became a focal point for the children’s learning and displayed our school’s commitment to ANZAC Day for all to see. Thank you also to Elliott Donovan for lending us some of his memorabilia for the display.

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN 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 family.
GRANDPARENTS DAY / BAPTISMS / YELLOW DAY - All next Wednesday, May 6th.

I hope that every family has passed on the invitation for all grandparents to attend our Grandparents Day Mass, next Wednesday morning at 10:00a.m. to be followed by morning tea in the Community Room. Parents and other family members are also very welcome, of course.

We are very excited that two children, Simon Dinh and Emma Phan will be baptized at that same Mass. We are very privileged that both families have chosen to involve the whole school community on this very special occasion. It shows the esteem in which this community is held.

On the same day we are asking all children to wear something with ‘yellow’ in it and to make a gold coin donation. Any money raised will be forwarded to the “Kids With Cancer” appeal.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT OPTIONS
School fees for Term 2 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)

MOTHER’S DAY PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
In the next day or two, all families will receive their raffle tickets for the Mother’s Day raffle which will be drawn on Friday 8th May. If you require more tickets please see Connie at the office. Again this year there are some fantastic prizes to be won.

Don’t forget to reply to your invitation to the Mother’s Day Luncheon, to be held on Friday 8th May. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other mum’s around the school, and grandmothers and aunties etc…. and just have a fun and relaxing afternoon.

A Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7th May. Gifts a plenty for children to purchase for mum, with prices starting at $2.00.
**AFTER SCHOOL CARE - AT ANNUNCIATION**
A Parent Handbook and an Information sheet is attached to this newsletter, today. I ask that all families register, online, for the service, even those who do not intend using the service. 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 will operate 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? Two of our mums – Lena Picoula and Amanda Alush have begun a playgroup on Monday April 20th. The playgroup will operate each Monday of the school term between 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. It will be 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. The playgroup is not just for Annunciation families. Other families are very welcome!

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**50th ANNIVERSARY NEWS**
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.

We are now asking families to start thinking about setting the date aside and how many tickets you will need. The details of the evening are as follows:

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Annunciation Golden Jubilee
Family Dinner Dance
Saturday October 10th
6:00p.m. - 11:30p.m.
Venue - Anzano Social Club
Cost - Adults $50 per head, Children (5-12yrs) $25 per head
Four Course Meal and drinks - Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks included
Tables of 10 (some flexibility)
Recognise any faces? The Annunciation Grade 6 class of 1975 recently celebrated a 40 year reunion with a tour of the school before heading out for lunch together and then a long night of reminiscing.

The group assembled for a photo in the same positions as they were for their class photo in 1975.

LIBRARY BORROWING
All children, mums and dads, are 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. Please remind your child that they can borrow any day.

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