12th August 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

Feast of the Assumption

And Mary Said,
‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
For he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me,
And holy is his name,
His mercy is for those who fear him
From generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
And lifted up the lowly;

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
In remembrance of his mercy,
According to the promise he made to our ancestors,
To Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
You have revealed the beauty of your power
By exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth
And making her the mother of our Saviour.
May the prayers of this woman clothed with the sun
Bring Jesus to the waiting world
And fill the void of incompleteness
With the presence of her child.

Amen

Feast of the Assumption (15th August) is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times for the Assumption as follows:
Vigil – Friday 14th August – 7.00pm – St Augustine, Yarraville
Saturday – 15th August – 9.15am – St. Augustine, 10.00am – Annunciation, Brooklyn and 11.00am Corpus Christi – Kingsville
Please note Saturday Vigil Mass fulfils only the Sunday Mass.
Dear Parents/Carer’s

Congratulations to the Khupthang family who welcomed a new son and brother into their family last week. Samuel - Year Foundation, pictured below, has a new baby brother – Joshua, who was born on August 4th. Samuel already has a baby sister who is only one.

We were sorry to hear that Tom Jasky’s (Year One) grandmother, and Helen’s mother, passed away after a long illness, last week. Our condolences and prayers are with the family at this sad time.

Between now and the end of Term 3, we have some occasions to which we would like to invite the whole school community:

1. **FIRST COMMUNION** – On Sunday August 30th, at the 11a.m. Mass, the five children pictured below will all make their First Holy Communion. All community members are welcome to come along. In the meantime, please remember each of these children in your prayers.

2. **OUTSIDE IN** – ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES are invited to attend the presentation of the Year 4/5/6 Arts project:

   WE INVITE YOU TO AN ARTS EVENT
   “OUTSIDE IN”
   Created by the Annunciation Year 4/5/6 Class with Polyglot Theatre

   Dance, Animation, Film and Sculpture are all to be experienced.

   The evening will begin with a Family BBQ at 6:00p.m.
   “Outside In” will open at 6:30p.m.

   Date - Friday September 4th

   Venue - Frances Sullivan Kindergarten
   35 Nolan Ave, Brooklyn

3. **Dads and Kids Night** – Friday September 11th. All the children in our school are invited to a Magical evening in the community and they are to bring along Dad or a significant adult male in their lives. A 6:00p.m. start – more information to come.

4. **Cultural Dinner** – To finish our term off, on Thursday evening September 17th, we invite all families to come along to celebrate the multi-cultural nature of Annunciation School. This will be held at school at 6.00pm. We are asking that families bring along some food from their country of origin, so that all family members can have a very small portion. Last year a number of people also wore national dress, which added a great deal to the evening. If you are able to wear national dress, please do.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS
Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the recent surveys that were sent home. Staff members and children in our senior grades also completed a survey. We will receive the collated feedback later in the year and we use this information for future planning.

**INTERSchool ATHLETICS CARNIVAL** –(YEARS 2 – 6) – Friday August 21st.
On Friday week, August 21st, all the children in years 2 to 6 will participate in the Spotswood District Sports Association’s Athletics Day at the Newport Athletics Track. All children have already received a note about the day which includes all the necessary details.

**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).

Statements will be sent home within the next few days. If you are in arrears, it would be appreciated if you could bring your balances up to date.

WE ARE STILL TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES FOR 2016
If anyone knows of a family that wishes to enrol their child, or come and have a look at Annunciation, please encourage them to make contact. 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.

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.

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

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SIGN!

We are continuing to have congestion and problems with vehicles arriving and leaving school. Please note the sign inside the school car park entrance. This was installed several years ago and, when drivers take notice, the congestion and the associated difficulties are far less. We are very eager to see that people follow directions, so that we don’t end up with an accident or parents in conflict.

Could I also ask that able-bodied drivers do not park in the Disabled Space. We do have family members who this space has been designated for, and they rightly are very annoyed when others take their space.

Thank you

Barry Ennis

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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 15th July to Tuesday 8th 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. Please ask family members, friends even neighbours if they are not collecting for anyone, could they please start collecting for us. The more stickers the more resources we can choose.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Thankyou to all the families that participated in a recent chocolate drive. There are still some families who have not returned either chocolates and or monies. If you are one of them, could you please return same by Friday. Our account now needs to be finalized. Thankyou.

MSJ Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am
(Thursday)
13th August, 10th September, 12th November
2015

MSJ Open Day
2015
Sunday 11th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm

2016
Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007.