26th August 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

Our Daily Bread

We eat bread. We need to eat: we cannot keep alive unless we eat. Our very need to eat reveals a profound dependence at the very heart of our existence. And so we pray:

Give us this day our daily bread.

We are not the source of our own lives and the very necessity of eating is a sign of this. We must take something from outside us and take it into ourselves in order to stay alive.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Jn 6:35

Jesus describes himself as the ‘bread of live’. He is inviting us to discover the radical nature of bread in our lives and to find in him a spiritual meaning that is greater than ourselves and that continues to sustain us as a community. So we pray:

The human reality of bread and eating is a window to the mystery which the eye cannot see, the ear cannot hear and the hand cannot touch.

God of life, through your sustaining gift of bread may we find common ground with all the human beings. Lead us beyond what we can see and hear and touch into the discovery and celebration of the mystery of the ‘bread of life’, Christ among us.

Adapted from This Time of the Church, Fr. Frank O’Loughlin

Dear Parents/Carer’s

The children enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on Monday, with visiting Author Nathan Gardiner and Illustrator Dom Hogan, doing an interactive reading of his book “Do you Believe” I’m sure the children would have told you all about the visit, if not, ask them at dinner time tonight. If any child would like a signed copy of his book, there is an order form attached to newsletter, please complete and return to school by Friday 4th September. The book is very reasonable priced at $15.00 each.

If they are in years 2-6, ask them about the Athletics sports day also.
Keep in mind the special occasions that we are having between now and the end of term.

**FIRST COMMUNION** – This Sunday August 30th, at the 11a.m. Mass, the four 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.

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

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**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

We need to know numbers for the BBQ Dinner on Friday 4th Sept so a return slip is attached.

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And in a few weeks’ time:

**Dads and Kids Night – Friday September 11th**. All the children, in our school are invited to a Sausage Sizzle to be followed by a Magic Show in the Community Room and they are to bring along Dad or a significant adult male in their lives.

A 6:00p.m. start – $10 per family to cover sausage sizzle and the Magic Show.
The evening will conclude by 7:30p.m. We will be needing volunteers on the night to assist with the barbecue between 5.00 – 6.00pm.

**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 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 ENROLEMENTS 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.

MATHS TALENT QUEST
Six children from Annunciation entered the Maths Talent Quest this year. This quest is run by the Mathematical Association of Victoria.

Congratulations to Ethan and Eric Nguyen, Victoria Nguyen, Joshua Sherri and Elisa Guaglianone who all received credits for their entries and to Lina Phan who received a distinction for her entry. They had all worked really hard to complete their investigations.

Each child had chosen their own topic and had carried out the research and maths that was necessary to show their results.

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 ba

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

Calendar Dates To Take Note Of

After School Care - Daily  -  3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Term Three

Week 7
Sun 30th  First Communion at 11:00a.m. Mass
Other Dates in Term 3

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End of Term 3. School finishes at 1.00pm.

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.

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

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

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.

Enrolment period is currently open for Year 7, 2017 enrolments. Application closing date 26th February 2016.

Dads and Kids Night BBQ Return Slip:

Name of family: .................................................................

Number attending: ............................................................

I enclose $10 payment.
Also if you are able to assist with barbecue between 5.00 – 6.00pm. please tick □