10th December 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

Dear Parents/Carers,

And so 2015, the Golden Jubilee year of Annunciation School draws to a close. We have had a wonderful year with many, many highlights. It has been extremely fulfilling to see the hard work of the children and the staff and to know that the children are happy and feel secure each day, reassures me that Annunciation School is an excellent school for your children and we have, once again, had a very successful year.

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 GRADUANDS:
This year we are saying goodbye to Andy, Mia, James, Caitlin, Hasan, Victoria and Aidan. These children will all be wonderful ambassadors for Annunciation. They have proved themselves to be wonderful young people with strong Catholic values and we will be keen to hear of their future achievements. They are all set now for an exciting, new chapter in their lives. Good luck to each of you. We will miss you.

We will honor these children on Tuesday evening when we have our Graduation Mass at 7:00p.m. to be followed by a very short ceremony in the Community Room. All school families are very welcome to attend to help us congratulate and farewell an impressive group of children.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC
Our end of year Picnic Day will be at the Williamstown beach this year on Tuesday December 15th. Parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the day with us.

We will be leaving school, by bus, soon after 9:00a.m. and we will be returning at about 2:30p.m. The weather prediction is that the day will be partly cloudy but 28 degrees – certainly a strong sun day. We will be enjoying the beach and the nearby parks and gardens through the day. We will all be having fish and chips for lunch.

The children may wear casual clothes, BUT must wear their school hat so that we can easily see them all day. Please ensure that your child has sunscreen on that will last the day, or that they bring sunscreen and know how to apply it. The children will be able to walk and splash in the water if the weather is warm, but will not be swimming.

There is no cost for the children for the picnic. We hope that we have a wonderful day to celebrate our year together.
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
It was a very good turnout for our Christmas Concert last Friday evening and I hope that everyone enjoyed the children’s performances and the entertainment that Peter Kearney provided. We were thrilled with the day that the children had with Peter, and the way they shone during the concert.

FINAL DAY FOR CHILDREN
Next Wednesday, the 16th of December, the children will finish at 1:00p.m. Our final Assembly will begin at NOON in the Community Room. During this assembly everyone will have the opportunity to see the year 6 children’s powerpoint presentations and the Parents and Friends Christmas Raffle will be drawn.

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
In closing I would like to thank everyone for the contribution you have made to the Annunciation community during 2015. I would especially like to thank the staff for their very professional approach to all that they do and the wonderful guidance they provide for the development of our children. You all deserve a very restful break from the rigors of managing children.

I would also like to thank those parents who have faithfully attended our Parents and Friends meetings. You have provided me with ideas and feedback on school life and worked to provide many extra opportunities for the children.

To everyone, we hope that the Christmas season is a happy, holy and reflective time for you all.

Barry Ennis

ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. It is still not too late to send in donations if you have not already do so.

Don’t forget your raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December, at assembly. If you want more tickets please see Connie at the office.

There are some really good prizes up for grabs so get those raffle tickets in.

The Parents and Friends would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and wider community of Annunciation School, for all their help and support this year with fundraising and other events throughout the year.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON LAST DAY OF TERM 16TH WEDNESDAY 2015. PLEASE MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS DAY.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL RECOMMENCE ON MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2016.
# Calendar Dates To Take Note Of

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

### Term Four

#### Dates for the Calendar

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#### 2016 Dates

##### Week 1
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Jan: Staff Return
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>: Individual child assessments
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup>: Individual child assessments

##### Week 2
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: First day for all students
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>: Foundation students stay at home