18th February 2016

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

The reading from St Paul reminds us that we encounter God through Christ. Where do we find him? We find him in our everyday life through the people we meet each day. We are challenged to see Christ in the face of all. ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.’

But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The Scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The word of the Lord.

Loving God, we are reminded of your constant presence in our lives. Help us to be always ready to reach out to you in times of trouble and rejoice with you when times are good. May we never lose sight of you.

Amen.

Dear Parents/Carer’s

It was wonderful to catch up with so many parents and other family members at last week’s Family BBQ. Wonderful also to have a new executive elected for our Parents and Friends group. The office bearers for 2016 are:

- President - Laura Patelmo
- Vice-President - Amanda Alush
- Secretary - Sarah Martin
- Asst. Secretary - Karen Thistlewaite

Thank you very much to those ladies and also to the parents who put up their hands to support them.

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR ALL PARENTS

Next Tuesday night, February 23rd, beginning at 7:00p.m., we are holding a meeting that we hope at least one parent from each family, will attend. The meeting will be concluded by 8:00p.m. There will be babysitting provided, in the Community Room, for those families that require it. We will meet in the Shared Learning Area initially and then move to classrooms to meet with your child’s teacher.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Tomorrow a number of teachers will spend the day participating in an Autism / Asperger’s Syndrome workshop. As many of you would be aware, we have a number of students with autism at Annunciation. This experience, with renowned expert Sue Larkey, will be invaluable in heightening our awareness of best practice.

PICNIC DAY FOR ANNUNCIATION, CORPUS CHRISTI AND ST AUGUSTINE’S

Our Parish Priest, Fr. John O’Connor, looks after three Schools – Corpus Christi, Kingsville, St Augustine’s, Yarraville and Annunciation School. Each year Father gathers us all for Mass at St. Augustine’s and then we all go to the Yarraville Gardens for shared games and lunch. This year our Picnic day is on Wednesday March 2nd, the first Wednesday that the Foundation children attend. It is always a very enjoyable day for everyone. A note and return slip have already been sent home. Please ensure the return slip is sent back to school.
OPEN DAY
On Tuesday March the 8th we will be throwing open the doors of the school for the public, between 9:00a.m. and 12:30p.m. We are hoping that many parents of young children will come along to see for themselves the wonderful learning environment that we enjoy. It is an opportunity also for all our current families to come along and see the school in action – please bring a friend, relation or neighbor with you!!! Spread the word.

Barry Ennis
Principal

SCHOOL FEES
1st Term school fees together with Pupil levy, Swimming Levy and Excursion Levy are due on 8th February. You can either by cash or cheque. Direct debit method is also available to pay school fees. Please see Connie at the office for details.

CAMP, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual amount per student is $125 for primary school students.

Please contact the school office to obtain an application form. All forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 26th February.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Attached to the newsletter is a winter uniform order. If you would like to order any uniforms could you please return the form by 26th February to ensure we have the delivery before the end of term. Not all sizes or items are in stock all the time, so to avoid disappointment please ensure to order now.

LIBRARY BORROWING
The children, mums and dads, will be 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
After School Care has commenced for 2016. The program operates between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each day that school is open, except on the last day of each term.

PLAYGROUP – “BROOKLYN FUN FOR TOTS”
A Playgroup called ‘Brooklyn Fun for Tots’ has begun operating in the Community Room each Wednesday February 10th between 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. Please note the details on the attached flyer. Anyone is welcome. Spread the word.

ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE
The parents and friends will be holding their annual Easter Raffle. As in previous years we are asking all families to donate something towards the raffle.

The Parents and friends make up a number of ‘Easter Baskets’ with all the donations of eggs that come in.

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. This raffle will be our only fundraiser for the term so we are hoping for a good response.
Congratulations to our 2015 VCE High Achievers:
Ali Noura, 97.6, Commerce, Melbourne Uni; Mohanad Abbas, 97, BioMedicine, Melbourne; Eden Krnac, 96.45, Exercise Science/Business, Deakin; Xanthe Lampropoulos, 96.2, Pharmacy, Monash; Dean Kotsianis, 95.75, Science, Melbourne; Tom Benning, 95.1, Science, Monash; Bridget Genovese, 95.05, Commerce, Melbourne; Michael Palatsides, 94.5, Physics/Engineering, RMIT; Nathan Alger 94.4, Arts, Monash; Reid Hadaway 94.2, Law/Commerce, Deakin; Brooke Lykopoulos, 93.4, Law/Commerce, Deakin; Lucy Chen 92.55, Commerce, Melbourne; Phillip Main, 90.85, Science, Melbourne.

Calendar Dates to Take Note Of

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

Dates for the Calendar 2016

Term One

Week 5
Tuesday 23rd
Parent Information Evening – 7:00p.m. (Baby-sitting provided)
Wed 24th
No school for Foundation class

Week 6
Tues 1st Mar
Life Saving Victoria – Beach program – Yrs 3/4/5/6
Wed 2nd
First Wednesday for Foundation children
Combined Parish Schools Mass and Picnic Day in Yarraville

Week 7
Tues 8th
THRASS for Parents – 7p.m.start in the ‘Shared Area’

Week 8
Mon 14th
Labor day Holiday – School closed
Tues 15th
Yrs 5/6 School camp to Warrnambool
Parents and friends Meeting at 7p.m
Fri 18th
Children return from Camp.

Week 9
Mon 21st
School Photos
Wed 23rd
School Athletics – Twilight Sports for whole school. (2p.m. – 6p.m.)
Thurs 24th
End of Term – 1:00p.m.

Term 2

Week 1
Mon 11th Apr
School resumes.
ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL
WINTER UNIFORM ORDER FORM
(as at February 2015)

PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 26TH 2016

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TOTAL DUE: $_____

PAID: $_____

BALANCE: $_____

Cheques should be made payable to “Annunciation Uniform Shop”.

Orders paid in full will be sent home as soon as uniforms are received from the manufacturer, if not stocked.