Reflection

Dear Parents/Carer’s

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Help us to remember the smallest amongst us:
We gather in the name of the God who is love, and so we begin.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
O God from everlasting to everlasting, God of our childhood, God of our future, we have come to this day and we give you praise.

We praise you, aware that life is brief and our days are measured – as fragile as the grass and the flower in the song of the psalmist: ‘One gust of wind and Their glory is gone.’

There are times when we encounter you in the small and the ordinary moments of grace, when we glimpse you in what is earthy and transitory.

In a glance, a sound, a symbol, a touch, in the fleeting moment filled with infinite grace. In the parables as we hear them again, and remember that, in these small things, we finch echoes of your Kingdom.

He put before them another parable. ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ (Mt 13:31-32)

Lord Jesus, help us to remember the smallest amongst us. Well nurtured they can achieve the greatest wonders. Like the birds that build nests in the branches of the tree, help us build places imbued with love, that enable life and growth.

Amen

The first week back was very exciting for our year 4/5/6 class as they headed off to Torquay for their school camp. We were very pleased to be able to use the St. Aloysius College, North Melbourne school camp, in Torquay, and to have the use of the Mount St. Joseph, Altona, school bus. These two Catholic Girls colleges are great supporters of Annunciation and we are very grateful to them, along with Emmanuel College, for their ongoing wonderful support of our school.

The weather was kind to us and we were able to do all that we wanted. Our walks on the beach, both day time and night time, our touring and hard work at the Werribee Mansion, exploring the Shipwreck Coast at Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles, the Airey’s Inlet Lighthouse and the Surf Museum.

The children’s behavior was exemplary as usual. The children appreciated all that we did and were very cooperative. It was a pleasure taking them away. Many thanks to Mary and Katy for giving generously of their time to be away from their families.

Our coastal winter camp was very successful with the children and the experiences that they enjoyed together. Special thanks to Tina Sutera and Tammy Dempster, who came along and did a magnificent job with all the catering for the three days.
The teachers that travelled into the Kimberley region of Australia, during the final week of last term, had a marvelous experience. Not only did we enjoy wonderful 28deg days and a magnificent pristine tropical environment, but the staff had a taste of life and education in an Aboriginal community, met many of the local people, engaged in some cultural activities and learned more about Australia. This activity is not only personally very rewarding, but helps inform teachers when implementing an Aboriginal perspective across the curriculum.

SCHOOL CROSSING
We have had a complaint from a person, not associated with the school, regarding the school crossing. It seems that some parents are dropping off their children in the mornings at the school crossing. If you do not wish to park in the car park to drop your children off either in the morning or afternoon, you must adhere to the signs posted out in the street and keep within the parking zones. It is not only unsafe to pick up or drop off at the crossing or in the middle of the crossing, but it is also illegal. Your co-operation in the matter would be appreciated.

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN 2015?
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 enroll 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.

CHANGE OF DATE – NEXT PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
I hope it doesn’t inconvenience anyone, but the next P and F meeting has been pushed back by one week to Monday July 28th. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL FEES
Friendly reminder Term 3 school fees are now due. Could you please bring your accounts up to date as soon as possible? If you wish to discuss any matters about school fees, could you please see either Barry or Connie. Thank you.

LIBRARY BORROWING
A reminder that 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 for the children. Parents are very welcome to borrow books at any time during the day, before or after school. Please remind your child.

UNIFORMS
There have been quite a lot of problems this year with uniform items being misplaced, lost etc. Could you please make sure that you label each item of uniform with your child’s name. You must check on a regular basis that their name is still visible after a few washes. We have also had cases where an item has been labelled but unable to be found anywhere in the school. Could you please check to see if your child has brought home a windcheater/bomber jacket that is not theirs and return to school.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
On Friday 1st August is Jeans for Genes day. Children can wear any item of denim clothing (jacket, hat, pants etc.) for the day and donate a gold coin. There are also Jeans for Genes day badges ($5.00 each) and pens ($6.00 each) for sale at the office. All proceeds go the Children’s Medical Research Institute.

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