10th June, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

At the supper to which all are invited, Christ gives his body and blood for the life of the world. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

That, through celebrating the Eucharist, we may bear fruit in service to the world, we pray:

Lord Jesus Christ give us the bread of eternal life.

That all people may find faith and welcome to the Church’s table, we pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

For all who hunger for the bread of freedom, we pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?
The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Cor 10: 16-17

Through the gift of the Eucharist, may we become more fully the mystery we celebrate: bodies broken in love, lives poured out in service, through Christ, our Lord, whose body was broken and whose blood was poured out. Amen

Dear Parents/Carer’s,

“OUTSIDE IN”

The Yr 4/5/6 class had their first session with the Polyglot team last Tuesday and really enjoyed it. The project will really hot up next term, beginning in the second week, when the team will be working in the school for up to three days each week. We are very excited about this wonderful experience for our children and the resulting outcomes.

NEW INITIATIVE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT
The State Government have introduced financial assistance via a Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. This is a payment of $125 per primary school students. If you hold a current Pension Card or Health Care Card, you may be eligible. Please see Connie at the office to obtain a claim form. ALL APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY 26TH JUNE 2015.

SCHOOL REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER/CHILD INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all those families that returned the return slip, indicating your preference for an interview time. Next Friday, June 19th, all families will receive your children’s reports and a time for your interview with your child’s teacher on Tuesday June 23rd. Please note there will not be any After School Care program on this day.
HEAD LICE NOTIFICATION
All families would have received a note last week, informing you that there have been cases of head lice in the school. I would like to stress a few points to parents:

- The responsibility for detecting and treating head lice rests primarily with parents.
- Hair longer than shoulder length, must be tied back at school.
- Children with live head lice will be sent home from school and may return the day after they have been treated.
- No treatment kills all the eggs so treatment must involve two treatments, seven days apart.

About head lice

Enlarged image of head louse. Actual size 2 to 4 mm.

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

Step 1
Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

Step 2
Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

Step 3
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 4
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 5
Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.
Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully.

The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person’s eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT OPTIONS

School fees for Term 2 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 NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES FOR 2016

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 enrol 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 community.

Parents, your voice is very powerful – please tell your friends about the benefits your family enjoys at Annunciation.

If you know of families with young children, please get some brochures from school and pass them on.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Just a reminder that all families register, online, for the service, even those who do not intend using the service, on a regular basis. Any family can then use the service, at short notice, if for some reason they need to – for example if you get caught in traffic, have to work late, etc, etc.

The program operates between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each day that school is open, except on the last day of each term.
Calendar Dates To Take Note Of
Term Two
After School Care Daily - 3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

**Week 10**
**Mon 15th**  Fire Brigade to visit yrs F/1 at 9:30a.m. (second visit)
Student Teacher, Julie Tran, begins in Yrs 4/5/6.
**Fri 19th**  School reports to be sent home.

**Week 11**
**Tues 23rd**  Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews – Children dismissed from school at 12:30p.m.
Book Fair at school.
**Fri 26th**  End of Term 2 at 1:00p.m. *(N.B. - No After School Care on the last day of term)*

**Term 3**

**Week 1**
**Mon July 13th**  School resumes

**Week 2**
**Tues 21st**  “Outside In” gets under way.
**Wed 22nd**  Whole school attending Lion King performance in Melbourne.
**Thurs 23rd**  Salami Making – whole school activity

**PLAYGROUP ON MONDAYS**
Do you have a pre-schooler? A few of our mums – Emma Beik, Lena Picoula and Amanda Alush are running a playgroup. The playgroup operates each Monday of the school term between 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. **The playgroup is not just for Annunciation families. Other families are very welcome!**
It is held at the Frances Sullivan Kinder Building, just down the road from school. It is free and is an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of other mums and to provide your child with a socialization experience.

**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

**BOOK FAIR**
As in previous years, we will conduct a Book Fair in the open plan learning area on the day of the Parent Teacher Interviews, 23rd June, commencing at 1.30pm.

There will be a wide range of children’s books and novelties available.
Cash or credit card payments on the day will be accepted. All purchases on the day benefit our school by us being able to purchase more new books for the Library. The books available at the book fair are from Scholastic Books.

Thanking you in anticipation.
THE 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
The Parents and Friends are planning a Family Dinner Dance for later in the year to mark our 50th Anniversary on Saturday night October 10th.

The details of the evening are as follows:

Annunciation Golden Jubilee
Family Dinner Dance
Saturday October 10th
6:00p.m. – 11:30p.m.
Venue - Anzano Social Club
Leakes Rd, Laverton

Register for your tickets at school
Early Bird Price! (Until end of July)
Adults $50 per head, Children (5-12yrs) $25 per head
Four Course Meal and drinks – Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks included
Tables of 10 (some flexibility)

Best wishes for all success to our SACCSS senior girls netball team and to our ACC senior and intermediate football teams and senior soccer team who compete in upcoming Grand Finals. Congratulations to Khoi Nguyen, 12Luke, on being selected for the Monash Gallery of Art – Top Shots, winning the overall award for best photograph which was titled ‘escape & freedom’. He has also been shortlisted in the Hobsons Bay Pixel8 photocomp for this same photograph.

BLOGGER! We're blogging!

See what children are learning on the 'ICT at Annunciation Blog'!
It’s updated weekly!

Each student in grade 2-6 also has an individual blog called 'My Learning'.
To access individual blogs visit myclasses. Your daughter/son can tell you the username and password to access myclasses. Enjoy!