I wish to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. On Wednesday the teaching staff were involved in our 4 year review of the school and on Thursday the admin staff and myself were involved with the annual audit of the school. We did not get the chance to do the newsletter on time.

Reflection

United in Christ

This week we celebrate the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. We reflect on St. Patrick, his office as bishop and teacher and we celebrate the Irish Catholic Heritage of the Catholic Church in Australia.

We also remember the great love, protection and self-sacrifice of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. Both saints found their purpose and strength in the service of Christ. May our lives be in deep communion with Christ.

Dear Parents/Carer’s,

The children had a very old-fashioned school day yesterday, with marching, lots of silence, eating outside, standing up when visitors enter the room, lessons from the catechism, reciting tables, handwriting, the old school bell, afternoon play, the Angelus……

I think the children would have had quite a few stories and quite a few questions for you yesterday. It was terrific fun and will have reinforced much of what they have been learning about in their classroom units, this term.

END OF TERM ONE:

Please remember that the last day of each school term always concludes at 1:00p.m. As the raffle is being drawn on Thursday evening at the school sports, we will have a short assembly at 12:40p.m. prior to dismissal, at 1:00p.m. next Friday 27th March.

PUPIL FREE DAY _ MONDAY APRIL 13th

Monday April 13th will be a pupil-free day. On this day all staff will be undertaking First Aid training and there will be NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN. The company providing the training is Provide 1st Aid by St. Johns Ambulance, and we will be doing level 2. There are some places still available if parents would like to undertake first aid training. The cost is $130 (usually $195). Could you please let Connie or Barry know if you are interested in attending.

Term 2 will begin for the children on Tuesday April 14th

SCHOOL FEES

Thankyou to all families who have paid school fees and levies for term 1. If you have not as yet paid for term 1, could you please do so as soon as possible. If you want to pay by direct debit please see Connie at the office.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION MASS

We were very proud of our year 5/6 children who represented Annunciation at the Catholic Schools’ Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, in the city, on Tuesday. Both school captains had special roles, to celebrate Annunciation’s 50th Year. Victoria processed into the cathedral with our school banner before Mass and James was involved in the offertory procession.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT ANNUNCIATION
We are still on track to begin our program straight after the holidays. We are still waiting for final approval from the Education Department and for the Child Care Benefit, but have been assured it is “on track”. Very shortly I will be sending home a form advising how families can register for the program. We will be asking all families to register, even those who do not intend using the service. Any family can then use the service if for some reason they need to – for example if you get caught in traffic, have to work late, etc, etc.

The program will operate between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each day that school is open, except, at this stage, not for the last day of each term.

PLAYGROUP
Do you have a pre schooler? Two of our mums – Lena Picoula and Amanda Alush are beginning a playgroup after the holidays. The playgroup will operate each Monday of the school term between 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. It will be 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. The playgroup is not just for Annunciation families. Other families are very welcome!

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY PILGRIMAGE NEXT WEEK.
Our very exciting trip to Sydney will be happening from Monday March 23rd to Wednesday March 25th. The children are flying out of AVALON and need to be at the airport before 8:00am to catch the plane. The children will arrive back at 5:45p.m. on Wednesday, full of exciting stories to share.

TWILIGHT SPORTS - WHOLE SCHOOL – NEXT THURSDAY 3:30 – 6:00P.M.
Please remember that next Thursday, March 26th, is the day that we will be having our school sports. The sports are held at this time to enable as many parents and family members as possible to come along and see their children in action. The children can wear their sports uniform on both Wednesday and Thursday next week.

The Parents and friends will be cooking a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy ($2 for a sausage in bread). These can be paid for on the night. If any parents are unable to be here by 5:00p.m., and wish to pre-pay for your child’s sausage, please send along the money for your child in an envelope. A form is attached if you wish to use it.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the sports.

LIBRARY BORROWING
All children, mums and dads, are 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.

ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE
We have had a good response for the Easter Raffle tickets. Please don’t forget your donation towards the Easter Raffle. All donations can be left at the office with Connie. Remember the raffle is being drawn on Thursday 26th April.

LION KING TICKETS
A number of parents are interested in attending the same matinee performance of The Lion King that the children are attending on Wednesday July 22nd. If you are interested, please complete the return slip and the Parents and Friends will try to make a group booking, which will enable you to get tickets at a reduced price. This will be your last chance to express an interest.

FOOTY TIPPING
Footy season starts soon. Again Annunciation will be running their footy tipping competition. The entry fee will be $10.00. The prize money will depend on the number of entrants. First prize will be 60% of the pool, second prize 30% of the pool, and third prize 10% of the pool. Weekly results will be posted on the noticeboard in the foyer.

If you are interested in participating this year please complete the slip below and return to school with money attached, no later than Tuesday 24th March. You will then be sent home a footy fixture (and footy tipping rules) to pick your selections for rounds 1, 2 and 3 as the season starts during the school holidays.
Children at Annunciation Primary will take part in a national day of action against bullying and violence this Friday. Children are asked to wear orange as part of the campaign.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly to get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check-in** regularly with your child.

The campaign is put on by 'Bullying, No Way!' which can be found here [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) and also on their Facebook page. A link to the Facebook page can be found on our school Facebook page here - [https://www.facebook.com/annunciation.primary](https://www.facebook.com/annunciation.primary)

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**Calendar Dates To Take Note Of**

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Tues 14 Apr   Term 2 Commences for Children.
THE LION KING

I would like to attend the Lion King on Wednesday July 22\textsuperscript{nd}. I would like ____ tickets, please.

Name: _________________________ Signed: _______________________

Return Slip

SCHOOL SPORTS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Name: ................................................................. Grade: ...........

I would like to pre order .................. sausages for school sports day.

I have enclosed $....................................

Return Slip

FOOTING TIPPING COMPETITION

Yes I am interested in competing in the footy tipping competition for 2015 and have enclosed $.................. as payment for ............... entries.

Name: .................................................................