Reflection

Eternal Life

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:9-17)

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a little child one of us, flesh and blood to share in our humanity: for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as Carpenter and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned: for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as Fisherman and yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come: for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as Teacher and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand: for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as healer and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness: for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as prophet, priest and king and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross; for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as servant and revealed to us the extent of his Father’s love for human king; for God so loved the world.

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner’s death to the triumph of a Saviour’s resurrection; for God so loved the world.

Dear Parents/Carer’s,

GRANDPARENTS DAY AND MOTHERS DAY
We celebrated two special events last week as part of Family Week. We were delighted to see many family members at our Grandparents Day Mass and morning tea. It was lovely for those families and also for the families of Simon Dinh and Emma Phan, who were both baptized in front of the school community.

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.

SCHOOL BROCHURE – WE NEED YOUR HELP
Today we are sending home two Annunciation School brochures. We need the support of all families to try to attract more students to our school. Please pass on a brochure to anyone you know that has young children. If anyone is able to put some brochures at your workplace, or if you know of more families with young children, please get some more brochures from school.

As the Brooklyn Kinder is closed we need to find new ways to attract enrolments. Parents, your voice is very powerful – please tell your friends about the benefits your family enjoys.
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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - AT ANNUNCIATION
Just a reminder to ask 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.

PLAYGROUP ON MONDAYS
Do you have a pre-schooler? Two of our mums – Lena Picoul and Amanda Alush are running a playgroup. The playgroup will operate 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.

50th ANNIVERSARY NEWS
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. We are now asking families to start thinking about setting the date aside and how many tickets you will need. 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

Cost – 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)

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.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Thankyou to all the mum’s especially Lena Picoulla, Amanda Alush, Josie Donovan and Emma Beik, who organized such a great Mother’s Day Luncheon last Friday 8th May. The day was a great success and enjoyed by all.

In all through the luncheon, raffle and mother’s day stall, Parents and Friends managed to raise approx. $1,000. Thankyou to all the families who participated in any way. This was such a fantastic effort and great support for the school.

Calendar Dates To Take Note Of
Term Two
After School Care Daily - 3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

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<td>Mon 8th June</td>
<td>Queen’s Birthday holiday.</td>
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<td>Tues 23rd</td>
<td>Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews – Children dismissed from school at 12:00p.m. (midday)</td>
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<td>End of Term 2 at 1:00p.m.</td>
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LION KING PERFORMANCE

To all the parents who ordered a ticket to the performance of Lion King on 22nd July. The school will be hiring 2 large buses and invite those parents to come on the buses with the children. You will be able to leave your car in the school car park and make use of the bus. More details closer to the date.
Musicians, singers, dancers, actors, back-stage, sound and lighting crews are well into final rehearsals for the Emmanuel College production of *The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* to be performed at McCoy Hall, St Paul’s Campus, 7.30pm on Thursday 21 May and Friday 22 May. For ticket purchases go to www.tickethost.com.au.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW TO IDENTIFY ANXIETY IN YOUR CHILD AND ALSO HOW TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN ALL CHILDREN?

PSYCHOLOGIST

Brooke Fielke

WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC ON WEDNESDAY 20th MAY from 7 - 8pm

ST MARY’S ALTONA

95A Railway St, Altona

***Enter Via Sargood Street.

Child minding available

Please RSVP to mmassen@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

List your name, number of adults attending, number of children for child minding service and name of your child’s school.

AFTER HER 45 MINUTE TALK, BROOKE WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.
Children in grades 4-6 are currently taking up the challenge to achieve their eSmart Digital Licence in their ICT class.

The online challenge which uses quizzes, videos and games to prepare Australian children to be smart, safe and responsible digital citizens, is produced by eSmart and the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. More about the initiative can be found on the information sheet attached.

Part of the Esmart Digital Licence challenge addresses social media. Recently it has come to my attention that more and more children are setting up social media accounts, such as Instagram and Facebook, before they are old enough. Age restrictions are set to keep children safe, for these sites it is set at 13 and older. Children are not permitted to use social media at school.

Where parents allow children to use social networking sites they are urged to make sure the device is in a common area (not in bedrooms) and that they they take part in many discussions with their child about what's happening online.

If your child is using social media please run through the following together and visit the website 'www.cybersmart.gov.au' for more information.

Thanks
Sarah Strybosch
ICT Teacher

There are some important things to remember when joining/using a social networking site and chatting with people online:

• **Set your profile to private**—customise your profile so only your friends can see it. Ask your parent for help or look for the Help section on the site you are using.

• **Keep your personal details private**—avoid posting personal information such as your full name, address, mobile number or school.

• **Keep your password secret**—don’t even share it with your friends.

• **Manage your friends list**—having too many online friends makes it harder to manage who can access your information. Don’t accept friend requests if you’re not sure about the person.

• **Be careful who you trust online**—a person can pretend to be someone they are not. If you want to arrange to meet someone you’ve met online, check with a parent first and ask them to go with you. Always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.

• Anything you add to your social networking site can be copied or printed, so if you want to put pictures up on your site, think before you post. Remember that your site may be seen by strangers and once a picture is online, it’s online forever.

Treat people the way you want to be treated. Avoid using bad language and don’t say nasty things. If someone writes something rude, scary or something you don’t like, tell your parents or another adult you trust.