25th November 2015

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

Praying for our needs

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.
This is the word of the Lord

St Paul is inviting us here to live as Jesus has asked us to live, with happiness, tolerance and love, and to pray for our needs to our Father in Heaven. He has reminded us that our Father will provide what we need, each day, and so we pray quietly for these...

Lord, there can be so many distractions for us every day. Help us to pause to make ourselves ready to celebrate Your coming at Christmas. Teach us to appreciate the gifts you bring – love, joy, happiness, freedom and peace. Give us the grace to invite you into our hearts every day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of the school year is racing up to meet us, but the staff and children are still very busy with quite a lot to achieve still.

We had a wonderful morning last Thursday meeting our new Foundation children for 2016 and their parents. We have 10 new Foundation students and they were delightful. The children return tomorrow morning for their second Orientation morning.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
We are all looking forward to our Christmas Concert on Friday 4th of December at 6:30p.m. We are expecting every child to attend the concert. In our preparations, every child will have an important role and we need to know that they will be there on the night. For that reason there is a return slip attached and we would ask all families to confirm that your children will be in attendance. Could you please complete the slip and return it to school by this Friday.
ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
We have had very few donations for the Christmas Raffle to date. The Raffle is to be drawn at the last school assembly of the year, but we still need lots more donations to help make the raffle a success.

The initial support is through donations to make up the hampers of Christmas goodies, that are to be the prizes.

Then, all families are asked to sell raffle tickets to ensure that the raffle is a fundraising success. Books of raffle tickets will be sent home to each family shortly. We would ask that you try to sell them all, even get a second book and sell the family and friends.

This year we kick off the hamper with a Brother Printer which has been kindly donated by one of our suppliers, Rapid Office Choice.

So that we don’t receive too many of the same item we have decided to allocate each grade a “category” from which to purchase and donate. The categories are as follows:

Grade Prep/1: biscuits, lollies, chips, chocolates, cordial, canned goods etc.

Grade 2/3: Christmas decorations, wrapping paper, cards, bonbons, baubles, etc.

Grade 4/5/6: Nuts, fruit mince, Christmas condiments, mince pies, tarts

Of course any donations you may want to make will be gratefully accepted. When you send in a donation could you please check the use by dates. Other donations besides food, will also be gratefully accepted.

Raffle tickets will be sent home early next week.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT
Just a friendly reminder. Term 4 fees 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).

Statements were sent home a few weeks ago. If you received one, could you please attend to payment of fees as soon as possible.

JELLYBEANS MUSIC CONCERT
It was very exciting for the children to see so many family members attend our concert last Friday. We were very proud of the way our children were able to perform and very impressed by the high levels they have reached with their music. Our thanks and congratulations to Lindsay Owen, our Jellybeans Music teacher, who has done a wonderful job with the children throughout 2015

END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC
Our end of year Picnic Day will be at the Williamstown beach this year on Tuesday December 15th. Parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the day with us. We will provide more details closer to the day.

Our back-up plan in case of inclement weather is to all go to the cinema.
**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The program operates between 3:30pm and 6:00pm on each day that school is open, except on the last day of each term.

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**REGISTRATION FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Any family may have the need to have their child go into After School Care. There have been a number of occasions this year, when parents have been caught out and have had to put the children into care, at short notice.

If the family is registered, which is free, then it is a simple process. It is more difficult when not registered. We have attached the relevant information to guide you through the registration process and I ask that all families please take a few minutes to register.

**How to enroll and book:**

Enrolment is easy – and completely free. No charge for annual registration fees. Just complete the enrolment form online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au), select our school, enter all required information and you’re done. Once enrolled, booking session is simple. An online enrolment form must be completed before your child can attend the program.

Payments are made either by credit card (visa or mastercard) or by direct debit from a nominated bank account. Parents are charged fortnightly in arrears with usage statements available online. Credit cards and/or bank accounts are automatically debited with the amount owed after any rebates are applied.

If you need any further information or assistance please see Connie at the office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST REGISTER TO BE ABLE TO USE THE SERVICE**

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**Calendar Dates To Take Note Of**

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**Term Four**

**Week 8**

Thurs 26th 2016 Foundation Orientation 9am – 11am (Second)

**Week 9**

Mon Nov 30th Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 4th Dec Children’s Christmas Concert – 6:30p.m.

**Dates for the Calendar**

Wed 9th Final Swimming Day
Mon 14th End of Year School Reports to be sent home
Tues 15th End of Year Picnic Day
          Yr 6 Graduation Mass – 7p.m.
Wed 16th Final day for children – Dismissal at 1:00p.m. (no after school care)

**2016 Dates**

**Week 1**

Wed 27th Jan Staff Return
Thurs 28th Individual child assessments
Fri 29th Individual child assessments

**Week 2**

Mon 1st Feb First day for all students
Wed 3rd Foundation students stay at home
As part of their World War One Project Based Learning unit, every Year 9 student prepared and conducted Remembrance Day commemorative services for each class across the College. These services, which were conducted in a respectful and reflective manner, were the result of the Year 9 students’ knowledge about the conflict, capacity for collaboration and communication, and their understanding both of the horrors of war and the capacity of the human spirit.

Congratulations to the many students who received Achievement Awards at this week’s Celebration of Excellence Evening held at the Atrium, Flemington Racecourse. Well done to Year 12 students Kostas Loe and Xavier Smith, and staff members Nick Blassis and Stephen Lunardelli, on their reception of the Marianist Excellence Awards, and to the winners of College Scholarships Nikolas Marjanovic and Rianne Pablo. Alumnus Anthony Sagona, Class of 73, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Melbourne, provided the keynote address. Over recent years Anthony has been engaged in the Joint Historical and Archaeological Survey of the ANZAC Battlefield.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY CONCERT

Special Guest: Peter Kearney

With the children of Annunciation School
Friday December 4th 6.30pm.

Community Room
Annunciation Primary School

Free Admission
Reply slip

Children’s Christmas Concert

Please return by Friday 27th November

Family Name: ............................................................. Grade/s: ...........................................

☐ Yes my child/ren will be attending the Christmas Concert

☐ No my child/ren will not be attending the Christmas Concert