Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7, Friday 20 November 2026

Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



What a fantastic day we had at our inaugural Community Fair last Saturday! Despite the rain making an appearance, it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended, and it was wonderful to see so many families come together to enjoy the festivities and support our school community.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing our three parish schools come together, working collaboratively as one wider community. The fair provided a wonderful opportunity to strengthen connections, build relationships and celebrate the sense of belonging that brings our parish school communities together. It was lovely to see families, students and staff from across the three schools sharing in the occasion.

As Principal, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success. Events like these simply don't happen without the generosity, commitment and willingness of so many people to get involved.

A very special thank you to our staff members who generously volunteered their time on the day. Your willingness to give up part of your weekend and support our school is genuinely appreciated. A special mention must also go to Ms Denise, who bravely agreed to take a turn in the dunk tank! Your good humour and willingness to get involved certainly added to the fun of the day!

I would also like to acknowledge the members of our Fair Executive Committee, who have dedicated countless hours behind the scenes planning, organising and coordinating the many details that go into an event of this size. Your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to our school community have been outstanding, and we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you, too, to all the parents and families who brought their children along to enjoy the activities, support the stalls and share in the day. Your attendance and involvement helped create such a wonderful atmosphere and sense of community.

Our inaugural Community Fair was a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when communities come together. Thank you once again to everyone who played a part, whether through planning, volunteering, donating, attending or simply lending a helping hand. Your support is never taken for granted.

Take care,

Anna
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
8	23rd November	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November	28th November
	8:55am - Assembly (All invited) F-2 Swimming Lesson	F-2 Swimming Lesson	F-2 Swimming Lesson Yrs 4-6: Courage to Care Incursion 7:00 pm - SAC Meeting/Dinner	Teeth on Wheels		29th November
9	30th November	1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	5th December
	F-2 Swimming Lesson	F-2 Swimming Lesson	F-2 Swimming Lesson	6:00 pm - Carols on the Green	Newsletter Published	6th December
10	7th December	8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December	12th December
	8:55am - Last School Assembly for 2026(All invited) 7:00 pm - Yr 6 Graduation	State Secondary Schools - Transition Day	2027 Step Up Day 11:50 am - End of Year Mass (All Welcome)		Reports go Live on Nforma	13th December

COMMUNITY FAIR – FAMILY FEEDBACK



We would appreciate families taking a few minutes to complete the Google Form to provide feedback on our recent Community Fair. Your thoughts, suggestions and reflections are important to us and will help us celebrate what worked well and identify areas for improvement. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us plan and shape future community events. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and for your ongoing support of our school community.

Click here to access the form



SCHOOL FEES

A sincere thank you to the families who have finalised their 2026 school fee payments over the past month. Your prompt attention to this is greatly appreciated. For those families who are yet to finalise their fees, this is a reminder that all payments, or agreed payment arrangements, are expected to be completed by the end of **November**. Families currently paying through an established direct debit arrangement can continue as scheduled, with no further action required. The timely payment of school fees is essential in enabling us to maintain the quality of education, programs and resources we provide for our students. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our school community.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

As we approach the Christmas season, we will once again be collecting donations for St Vincent de Paul. We recognise that this can be a challenging time of year for some families, particularly following the recent Community Fair, and we are genuinely grateful for the generosity and support our families have already shown towards our school and parish community.

However, there are many people within our wider community who are experiencing hardship and for whom Christmas can be an especially difficult time. As a Catholic school, this provides us with a meaningful opportunity to put our faith into action by living out the values of compassion, generosity and social justice. In the true spirit of Christmas, we are invited to think beyond ourselves and extend a helping hand to those who may be less fortunate.

Any contribution, no matter how small, will be gratefully received by St Vincent de Paul and will help make a difference to someone in need. Thank you for continuing to support this important act of kindness and generosity.

YR 6 GRADUATION



A note was sent home today with all Year 6 students outlining the arrangements for their upcoming Graduation. This is a special occasion as we come together to celebrate our Year 6 students, reflect on their primary school journey and acknowledge their achievements as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their lives. We ask families to please take the time to read the information provided and note the important details.

We look forward to celebrating this significant milestone with our Year 6 students and their families!



2027 STAFFING

Staffing allocations for 2027 are nearing completion. We are currently finalising arrangements for the coming school year and look forward to sharing staffing announcements with families in our next newsletter, which will be our final edition for 2026. Thank you for your patience as we work through these arrangements.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – WE NEED YOU!



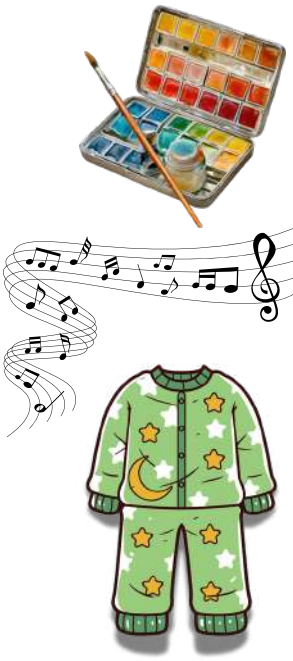
Our Community Room will be transformed into a polling station for the upcoming State Election on **Saturday 28 November**, and we're taking the opportunity to raise some funds for our school!

We'll be firing up the BBQ and running a sausage sizzle from 10:00am–2:00pm. To make it a success, we're looking for a few willing volunteers to spare just an hour or two to cook a snag, serve our hungry voters and support our school.

Every helping hand makes a difference, and all money raised goes directly back to our school! **If you can spare a little time on the day, we'd love to hear from you. Please email office@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au to put your hand up.**

A few hours of your time can make a big difference to our school community. Thank you for your support!

WATCH THIS SPACE!



2027 – A Year of Creativity, Music and Performance!

Get ready for an exciting year of creativity, music and performance in 2027! At Annunciation we are looking forward to providing students with even more opportunities to explore their creative talents, express themselves and shine.

As part of our specialist program, **Art will be offered every week,** giving students regular opportunities to create and develop their artistic skills.

We will also have a return of our much-loved winter event, **Poetry in Pyjamas!** This special evening will once again celebrate storytelling and performance (and donuts)!

And that's not all! A drama/musical performance is also in the planning stages, stay tuned for more details in the new year.

Carols ON THE GREEN



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Annunciation! Join us on **Thursday 3rd December from 6:00 pm** for our much-loved Carols on the Green. Bring along a picnic, gather your family and friends, dress in your favourite Christmas outfits (the more festive, the better!) and get ready for an evening filled with Christmas cheer, music and community spirit.

There will be plenty of singing, smiles and festive fun, with a very special surprise visit from the man in red himself! 🎅

We have also partnered with **Little Fork Collective** to offer families the opportunity to order grazing boxes to enjoy on Carols Night. You can order your box from the link below.



Grazing Boxes
Password: annunciationgrazing

Delivery and Collection

- Orders will be delivered to the school at approximately 4:30–4:45 pm on the day itself.
- All grazing boxes will be individually labelled with the ordering family's name.
- Families can collect their orders from the school office from 5:00 pm, ready to enjoy during the evening's celebrations.
- Orders to close off COB on Friday 27/11

So, dust off those Santa hats, put on your Christmas sparkle and join us as we celebrate the joy of the season together. We can't wait to see our Annunciation families come together for a magical evening!







Community Fair



































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2027 BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are pleased to share a positive update regarding Before and After School Care services at our school for 2027.

Following the previously announced changes to MACSEYE services, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has been working to secure a new provider to support our school community.

We are pleased to advise that **TheirCare** has confirmed its commitment to providing Before and After School Care services at our school from 2027.

This is welcome news and an important step towards ensuring families continue to have access to these valued services. MACS is now working with TheirCare to finalise the necessary agreements and transition arrangements ahead of the 2027 school year.

Further information regarding service arrangements, enrolments and other practical details will be shared as these are confirmed.

We understand how important these services are to our families and appreciate your patience and understanding throughout this process.

We look forward to sharing further updates as arrangements progress.

HELP PROTECT FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

With the Victorian state election approaching, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) has released its Catholic Education Election Scorecard to help families understand the major parties' commitments to Catholic education.

While both parties have committed to investing in school infrastructure, significant differences remain on protecting existing school funding arrangements and abolishing payroll tax on non-government schools.

These decisions would affect school fees, staffing, resource and facilities.
We have attached a copy of the election scorecard and a letter from VCEA Chief Executive Officer Professor Elizabeth Labone.

We encourage all families to read the materials and learn more about the commitments made by both parties.

Victorian Catholic Education Authority

17 November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Victorian Catholic schools face serious threat to funding approaching state election.

Iam writing to share our *Catholic Education Election Scorecard* and provide information about the funding commitments made by Labor and the Liberal-National Coalition.

Catholic school families deserve clear information about school funding decisions that could affect their children's education. The policies adopted by the next Victorian Government will have important implications for school resources, staffing, facilities and affordability.

Over the past year, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) has advocated to both major parties on five Catholic education priorities:

- No cuts to school funding
- Capital funding to build and upgrade schools
- Abolish payroll tax on schools
- Better new school planning
- New early learning facilities.

The parties have taken significantly different positions on these priorities.

While both major parties have committed $500 million for non-government school infrastructure, VCEA's Catholic Education Election Scorecard reveals major differences in their commitments to protect existing school funding arrangements and abolish payroll tax on non-government schools.

The Liberal-National Coalition has committed to maintaining existing recurrent funding arrangements and abolishing payroll tax on non-government schools.

Labor has decided to change the recurrent funding model and has not committed to abolishing the payroll tax on non-government schools, leaving VCEA concerned about the potential major financial impact on Catholic schools.

VCEA's modelling estimates that changes to the existing recurrent funding arrangements would leave Catholic schools more than $200 million worse off over the next four years.

Our concern is that changes to longstanding recurrent funding arrangements would leave Catholic schools receiving substantially less funding than they would under the existing formula. In real terms, this is a funding cut.

This comes at a time when Catholic schools are facing rising costs, particularly the need to provide competitive salaries and conditions for teachers and staff, including those benchmarked against the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement.

Any reduction of the magnitude that would be created by not delivering the 25% funding linkage would place substantial pressure on school budgets, with potential consequences for fees, staffing, educational programs and facilities.

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Catholic schools already save taxpayers billions of dollars by educating one in five Victorian students with substantially less government funding per student. Catholic school communities also fund more than 85 per cent of capital investment themselves. Supporting our schools helps governments deliver education and new school places at a lower cost to taxpayers.

With around 90 per cent of Victorian Catholic schools being low-fee, they play a critical role in providing an affordable high-quality education for more than 218,000 students.

On school planning reform, Labor has committed to streamlining school approvals, while the Liberal-National Coalition has committed to accelerating precinct planning and working with VCEA to improve the identification of new school sites.

On early learning, Labor has committed to continuing the Building Blocks program. The position of the Coalition to continue ongoing funding for the Building Blocks program is unconfirmed, however, they have committed to undertaking an Early Learning Structural Review, including a review of early learning infrastructure needs and existing service capacity.

Catholic Education Election Scorecard

We have prepared the enclosed *Catholic Education Election Scorecard* to explain what Labor and the Liberal-National Coalition have committed across our five priorities.

The scorecard is intended to help families understand the parties' policies and their potential implications for Catholic schools. It does not constitute an endorsement of any political party or candidate.

I encourage you to read the scorecard and the full assessment at vcea.catholic.edu.au/state-election/.

In addition, we would be grateful for support with sharing VCEA's social media posts about this campaign to help us draw attention of other impacted parents and carers to this critical issue. These can be found on our Facebook and LinkedIn pages.

VCEA will continue to advocate for the funding and policy settings required to support Catholic schools, irrespective of the election outcome.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Elizabeth Labone
Chief Executive Officer

2026 VICTORIAN ELECTION

Victorian Catholic Education Authority

Catholic Education Election Scorecard

	Victorian Labor	Liberal & Nationals
Funding For Our Schools		
No cuts to school funding	✗	✓
Build and upgrade schools	✓	✓
Abolish payroll tax on schools	✗	✓
Planning & Early Learning		
Better new school planning	½	✓
New early learning facilities	✓	?

The scorecard focuses on Labor and the Liberal-National Coalition, the two political groupings that have formed government in Victoria in recent decades. Assessments are based on written responses, public commitments and previous positions communicated to VCEA on our key priorities.

Full assessment and sources: vcea.catholic.edu.au/state-election

Authorised by E Labone Level 6, 486 Albert St, East Melbourne

TEETH ON WHEELS

TeethOnWheels
a positive dental experience

This is a friendly reminder that Teeth On Wheels will be returning to our School on **November 26th 2026.**

Regular dental check-ups are essential for maintaining your child's oral health, and this convenient school visit means no time off work and no need to schedule external appointments.

During the visit, Teeth On Wheels will assess and help prevent common dental concerns, including:
- Thumb-sucking – which can affect tooth development
- Teeth eruption – ensuring teeth are coming through correctly
- Bite issues – preventing misalignments that may cause future problems
- Hypoplasia – weakened tooth enamel that can lead to decay
- Decay and cavities – catching early signs before they become bigger issues
- Deep grooves and pits – which can trap food and bacteria
- Gum infections – preventing long-term damage to gums and surrounding tissue

If your child has already participated in the program this year, there's no need to complete the form again unless your contact details or your child's medical history has changed.
To secure your child's place, simply complete the E-form by November 19th 2026.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM!

If eligible under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), your child may receive FREE dental care.

If your child is not eligible, Teeth On Wheels offers a great value $125 package, which includes a full check-up, clean, fluoride treatment, and any required x-rays (claimable through private health insurance).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Teeth On Wheels team at (03) 9338 1191.

Congratulations

Students Awards



Congratulations to all our students who continue to strive and thrive in both their learning and their behaviour.
We are so proud of the way you represent our school. Thank you for your hard work and for making such a positive contribution to our school community every single day!

Principal's Award

A huge congratulations to the outstanding students for receiving the Principal's Award! 🎉👏

They have shown an incredible attitude and have gone above and beyond to support our school community. Their kindness, generosity, and commitment to our school values truly make a difference.

Well done! We are so proud of you!



MELBOURNE CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

We are delighted to have one **FREE Family Pass** to Melbourne's Christmas Wonderland to give away to one lucky Annunciation family!

The pass is valid for the **Friday 27 November, 6:00pm session** and includes four tickets (for adults and/or children). Children under 3 years of age do not require a ticket.

If you would like to go into the draw to win this wonderful prize, simply send an email to Mrs Yorston expressing your interest.

All entries will be placed into a raffle, with the lucky winner drawn at Assembly on **Monday 23rd November.**

Good luck, everyone! We hope one of our Annunciation families gets to enjoy a little Christmas magic!



INFORM AND EMPOWER



We are gearing up for our final round of Inform and Empower sessions for 2026.
The **Term 4** focus for each year level has been:

F/1 – Navigating uncomfortable feelings, identifying trusted adults, becoming digital detectives, and understanding advertising and online kindness

2/3 – Becoming digital detectives, understanding advertising, practising online kindness, and managing privacy settings and unsafe online interactions

4/5 – Understanding privacy settings, safe online interactions, artificial intelligence, influencers, and spotting digital red flags

5/6 – Exploring artificial intelligence, influencers, and online red flags

Further resources to support you as parents with cyber safety and digital wellbeing can be found at **https://www.informandempower.com.au/**

YEAR 7 TRANSITION WEBINAR

Local Accredited Mental Health Social Worker and Family Therapist Marie Vakakis is running a one hour online webinar for parents of children starting Year 7 in 2027. Learn what helps kids settle into high school, how to tell first term nerves from anxiety, and how to stay connected as your child wants more independence.

Choose from two dates, both 7pm to 8pm on Zoom: **Wednesday 2 December** or **Wednesday 13 January**.

Families from our school can use the code **local2026** for 50% off.

Gardening Club



A busy few weeks of garden club in the glorious sunshine.
We harvested slightly wonky carrots and garlic. Students also got to plant sunflower seeds which they will get to take home to grow over the summer break.

We planted lettuce and a few more cucumbers in the garden and are watering and caring for the crops during our lunch break. Patiently waiting for all the gorgeous passion fruit flowers to turn into fruit!













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