



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5 Friday 22nd May 2026

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL



Looking Ahead to Pentecost: A Spark of Inspiration

As we head into the weekend, we are approaching Pentecost Sunday. While it's a significant date on the Church calendar, its message is something we can all tap into, regardless of where we are on our own journeys.

Pentecost marks the moment a group of people found the sudden courage and inspiration to step out of their comfort zones and connect with the world in a brand-new way. It's often described as a "breath of fresh air" or a "guiding fire"—qualities that are just as useful in a busy school week as they were two thousand years ago.

How Pentecost Connects to Our Daily Lives

The themes of Pentecost offer some great guidance for our community:

- **The Courage to Act:** We all have moments where we hesitate to do the right thing. The spirit of Pentecost is about finding that inner "spark" to speak up, try something new, or help someone out when it matters most.
- **Building Bridges:** A huge part of the Pentecost story is about people from different backgrounds finally understanding one another. It's a timely reminder for us to be "good listeners" and to seek out what we have in common rather than focusing on our differences.
- **A Sense of Renewal:** Term time can be a bit of a marathon. Pentecost reminds us that we can always find a "second wind." It's about taking a breath, resetting, and approaching our friendships and studies with renewed energy.

A Breath of Fresh Air

As we approach this Sunday, let's look for small ways to bring that same positive energy into our own lives. Whether it's offering an encouraging word or simply being more present for one another, we all have the ability to be a positive influence in our community.

This Sunday is also a very special day for three of our students—CJ, Oisin, and Adrian—as they celebrate their First Holy Communion at Annunciation Church.

May the Holy Spirit guide them on this beautiful step in their faith journey, filling their hearts with joy and a deep sense of belonging within our community. We wish them and their families a wonderful day of celebration.

ANNUNCIATION Primary School



A Prayer for our Families

As we approach Pentecost Sunday, you might like to share this short prayer together at home:

Dear God,

As we celebrate Pentecost, send your Spirit into our hearts and our home. Fill us with the "breath of fresh air" we need when we are tired, and the "spark of kindness" we need when we are frustrated. Help us to listen to one another with patience and to use our words to build each other up. May your peace and joy guide us in everything we do this week.

Amen.



Take care,

Lucy

Acting Principal

Update Mrs Yorston and Miss Tess

It was wonderful to see Mrs Yorston when she visited the school last week. The students were so happy to see her and they miss her so much! We all do! Mrs Yorston is making a steady recovery and has appreciated all the love and support from everyone. Mrs Yorston will be back at school (on light duties) from June 1.

We have also had Miss Tess on sick leave and is gradually recovering from surgery. Miss Tess is very grateful for the support that staff and students have been providing while she has been on leave.

We hope that Miss Tess will return to work next week.

We continue to keep Mrs Yorston and Miss Tess in our thoughts and prayers.





DATES TO NOTE

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
6	25th May	26th May	27th May	28th May	29th May	30th May
	Assembly	National Sorry Day	Divisional Cross Country	Whole School Closure Day - No School today Berry St Training for staff		31 May
7	1st June	2nd June	3rd June	4th June	5th June	6th June
	Footy Colours Day				Newsletter day	7th June
8	8th June	9th June	10th June	11th June	12th June	13th June
	King's Birthday Public Holiday No School today		PSG Meetings		Feast of the Sacred Heart	14th June

OPEN
ENROLLMENT



2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Foundation 2027 enrolments are closing soon! If you have a child ready to start their school journey—or know a family who does—now is the time to act.

We're incredibly proud of our vibrant, welcoming school community, and there's nothing better than families sharing that story with others. So please spread the word to friends, neighbours, and family—let them know why our school is such a special place to learn and grow.

Enrolling is quick and easy—simply head to our website: www.asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au and complete the [online enrolment](#) form before places fill up!

Interviews will be held later this term.

ENROLL NOW

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LEARNING AND TEACHING

Mathematics and numeracy at home

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), in partnership with the Victorian Mathematics Ambassadors, Department of Education and VCEA, has shared a series of short videos to help families support early mathematics learning at home.

These practical, easy-to-follow videos are designed for parents and carers of Foundation to Year 2 students and focus on key number skills such as one-to-one correspondence, subitising, partitioning and teen numbers. The videos provide simple explanations and demonstrations that families can use at home to build children's confidence, fluency and understanding in mathematics.

We encourage families to view these resources and use the ideas to support maths learning in everyday moments. There are 5 short videos all together and we will share them in the newsletter over the coming weeks.

1. Strengthening Number Sense at Home - [Introduction](#)
2. One-to-one correspondence - [Aintree Primary School](#)

BERRY STREET - REMINDER - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026

Berry Street Focus: The Character Domain

Staff will be engaging in Day 4 of Berry Street training which focuses on the Character Domain. This isn't just about "being good"—it's about helping students build a toolkit of internal strengths to help them succeed in life.

What does "Character" mean for our students?

Instead of just focusing on what students do, this domain looks at who they are. We focus on:

- Harnessing Strengths: Helping students identify what they are naturally good at (like leadership, curiosity, or kindness).
- Values-Based Decisions: Teaching kids how to make choices based on positive personal values.
- Future Thinking: Encouraging students to set goals and imagine a positive future for themselves.

How you can help at home?

A simple way to support this is through "Strength Spotting." When you see your child do something well, name the quality they used. For example: "I loved the perseverance you showed with your homework today" or "Thank you for using your kindness to help your sibling."

By naming these strengths, we help our students build the confidence and resilience they need to thrive.



VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL



●●● HELP THOSE IN NEED ●●●

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER. WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN PROVIDING THE FOLLOWIING DONATIONS:

**Full Cream long life Milk
Small Boxes Cereal Corn flakes/ Weet-bix etc**

Pasta, Pasta Sauce

**Tin Soup , Bake Beans, Spaghetti, Tin Tuna, Tin Fruit
Tin Tomatoes, Small Pkts Rice, 2 minutes Noodles, Biscuits Sweet/ Dry
Tea/ Coffee/Hot Chocolate**

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap, Deodorant.

ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE OFFICE FROM MONDAY 25TH MAY



MOTHER'S DAY MORNING

On Monday, 11th May, we held a beautiful Mother's Day celebration. It was wonderful to see so many mums and special people join us for a morning of connection.

The morning began with a relaxed get-together, where mums enjoyed a hot drink and sweet treats before heading into our school assembly. The highlight was a heartwarming video featuring every student in the school sharing what they love most about their mum.

We also held our Mother's Day raffle, with plenty of exciting prizes finding new homes! A huge thank you goes to the parents who worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare and run both the Mother's Day stall and the raffle. A lovely time was had by everyone, and we appreciate the community effort that made it possible.



STUDENT AWARDS

A huge **well done** to all the students pictured below who have been awarded **Student of the Week** over the past fortnight! 🎉👏

These incredible learners have been recognised by their teachers for their **positive mindset, kindness, dedication, and hard work**—along with many other fantastic qualities! We are so proud of their efforts and the way they contribute to our school community.

Keep up the amazing work, and let's continue to inspire each other every day!



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

A huge congratulations to these 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!



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CROSS COUNTRY

We wish **Rinka** from Year 6 all the very best in her Cross Country run next Wednesday!!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

The Primary School Nursing Program (PSNP) is a **free** service provided by the Department of Education and is available to Foundation students attending Catholic, Government, and Independent schools in Victoria. In certain circumstances free health assessments may also be offered to primary school students in years 1 to 6.

Primary school nurses visit throughout the year and provide children with:

- the opportunity to have a free health assessment (testing of hearing, sight, growth milestones etc)
- information and advice about healthy behaviours
- a link for children and families to community-based health and wellbeing services.
- a report is returned to families and there is the opportunity to discuss the results with the nurse if needed.

This free program is designed to identify children with potential health-related learning difficulties and to respond to parent/carer concerns and observations about their child's health and wellbeing completed in the School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ).

If, due to increased demand on capacity in other schools, there is a risk of not being able to provide a service to all Foundation students. In order for the Primary school nurses to attend, 50% of consent forms need to be returned.

Although we highly encourage families to take up this free service, if you do not wish for your Foundation child to participate, you are encouraged to register and select 'No I do not consent' in the online questionnaire so that your response is recorded.



Reminder Letter - Free Health, Wellbeing and Development Checks

STUDENT:

Dear Foundation Parents/Carers,

Last term you were provided information and a postcard about the Primary School Nursing Program, along with a link to an online version of the School Entrant Health Questionnaire. You can access and complete this questionnaire on a mobile phone, computer or tablet.

If you have not yet completed the questionnaire and would like to do so, please use the QR code or link below to access the questionnaire. Before completing a School Entrant Health Questionnaire for your child on the VicStudents portal you must register for a parent/carer account.
students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/sehq/s



If you have started an online questionnaire but have not yet submitted it, please log in, complete the questionnaire, and submit it.

Participation in the program is not mandatory and parent/carer consent is required for the Primary School Nurse to see your child.

If you do not wish to participate, you are encouraged to register and select 'No I do not consent' in the online questionnaire so that your response is recorded.
If you need help, talk to your school or school nurse.

If you have any questions or concerns about this service, you can contact the Primary School Nurse:

Karen Donohoe

0437 252 839

Karen.Donohoe@education.vic.gov.au

If you have already completed the School Entrant Health Questionnaire, thank you.

TEETH ON WHEELS



TeethOnWheels[®]
a positive dental experience

This is a friendly reminder that Teeth On Wheels will be visiting our school for dental check-ups starting on June 11th, 2026.

The forms were sent home with students in Term 2, Week 1. If you would like your child to participate in the programme and have not yet filled up the forms, you can still register online, with the cut-off date being 4th June.

To ensure your child is part of this visit, please complete the consent form by clicking the link below:
[Complete Consent Form HERE!](#)

Once completed, the Teeth On Wheels team will check your child's eligibility for FREE care under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). If your child is not eligible, Teeth on Wheels is offering a special deal of \$125 for a full check-up, clean, fluoride treatment, and any required x-rays (which can be claimed through your private health insurance).

Important: **The cut-off date for completing your child's form is June 4th, 2026.** If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Teeth On Wheels team at (03) 9338 1191. Thank you for prioritising your child's oral health!



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find information about **Child Safe Standard 4**. We encourage all families to take the time to read and become familiar with this important standard, as understanding our shared responsibility helps us to keep every child safe.

The Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 requirements that organisations must follow to create environments where children feel safe, supported, and respected. They focus on preventing, responding to, and reporting concerns about child safety, ensuring that the wellbeing of every child is always the highest priority. Developed in response to recommendations from Royal Commissions, these standards guide schools in building a strong culture of care and accountability.

Child Safe Standard 4

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of students ensures they have agency and voice about all matters that impact their safety. Our Catholic communities ensure systems, processes, policies and cultures encourage and respect the voices of children and young people.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 4:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- Families participate in decisions affecting their child
- The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.
- Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation's policies
- Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.

"The role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable" This quote comes in the greater context of Pope John Paul's message about the family being at the heart of the ***"civilization of love"***.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Keeping families informed:** We provide parents, carers and the community with regular updates about child safety and wellbeing so everyone knows what is being done to keep children safe and so parents and carers can continue the conversation at home.
- **Inviting parent, carer and community involvement:** We create varied opportunities for families, carers and community members to participate in surveys, forums or school events that focus on child safety and wellbeing, and seek their feedback
- **Working together:** We build trust and open communication with families, carers and the wider community. We ensure families, carers and members of the community have access to a variety communication channels.
- **Welcoming different perspectives:** We are always open and welcoming of ideas that help keep children safe. We create varied ways for people to provide us with their feedback and share their ideas. We also actively seek to go beyond the school gate to meet families and the wider community at different places of learning, so we are all walking together.



How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Child Safe Standard 4 is about making sure schools, families, carers and the wider community work together to keep children safe. Here are some simple ways families can help:

- **Stay informed:** Read school updates about safety and wellbeing
- **Keep talking:** Have regular, open conversations with your child about what safety feels like for them and how they feel when they are at school or other places away from home. Ensure they know they have trusted adults they can speak to if they are concerned. Make sure they know who these adults are.
- **Get involved:** Attend school events, take part in surveys or forums that seek your feedback. Let your children see that you prioritise this connection with the school.
- **Share your perspective:** Contact the school with any ideas or thoughts you have that will help everyone to keep children safe. You may be able to offer a unique perspective or idea that the school has not considered.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

Check out these additional resources from below to learn more:

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AFIS): [Parents' involvement in their Children's Education Community Engagement](#)

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL): [Strengthening Parent Engagement to Improve Student Outcomes](#)





Gardening Club

The last two weeks have involved lots of weeding the garden and raking the Autumn leaves around the yard. Students made some wonderful signs for each vegetable that was planted in the garden. Everything is growing well in this weather (as well as 10,000 hay seedlings that Linda and Sid are dealing with each week.)



HAPPY GARDENING !



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SATURDAY 14TH
NOV 2026

10:00am to 4:00pm



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YUMMY FOOD
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Location: Corpus Christi School 380 Geelong Road KINGSVILLE 3012



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

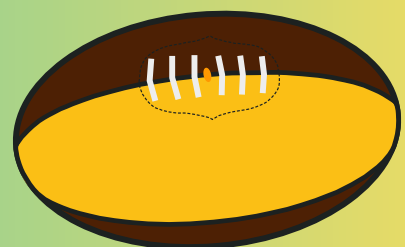
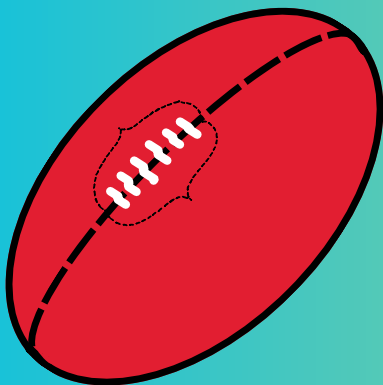


Monday, June 1, 2026

Western Bulldogs players will be visiting the school on Monday June 1, 2026.

Students may wear their Footy colours on this day.

Any football code will be fine to wear.





THE PACK
KIDS CLUB
IN SCHOOLS
WIN A MALVERN STAR MOUNTAIN BIKE

VALUED AT £600

Decorative elements: cartoon bulldogs, a star, a football, a hand-drawn triangle, and a hand-drawn circle.

PLAY



Free
Event

Serious Business! Why it's important – and how to do it

A free, hands-on workshop for families and carers of young children. Play isn't just fun. It's how young children learn, grow and connect. Join us for a practical, interactive workshop where you'll explore different ways to play with your child and understand why it matters in the early years.

Children are welcome and encouraged to attend

- Learn why play is essential for children's learning, development and wellbeing
- Try simple, hands-on play activities to use at home
- Build confidence in following your child's lead and strengthening connection
- Explore a range of play types – imaginative, sensory, loose parts and more
- Discover how everyday low-cost household items can become great play resources
- Understand when and where to seek extra support

Wednesday 3 June

10am to 11.30am

*Sutton Avenue Kindergarten
16 Sutton Avenue, Altona North*



Scan for
more details

For further info contact the early years team
1300 179 944 or earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to elders past and present.

Hobsons Bay City Council, in partnership with ECMS



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Stage School Australia, is a performing arts school for young people aged 4-18 years. We offer singing, dancing, and drama classes 25+ venues across Melbourne, helping students build confidence, communication skills, and creativity.

If you'd like to do some extra research into who we are, and what we have to offer, check out our [Info Pack](#).

In addition to weekly classes and school holiday activities, Stage School also offers costume, prop and set hire for school productions and concerts with our [Costume Dept](#).

A large advertisement for Stage School Australia. The background is split into red and orange. On the right, a young girl in a white and blue princess costume with a tiara and a silver star wand stands next to a young boy in a blue suit with his arm raised. In front of them is a young child in a green and yellow dinosaur costume with its mouth open. The text on the left reads "Stage School Australia" with a rainbow underline, followed by "BOOK YOUR AUDITION FOR 2026 TODAY!" in large white letters. Below that, it says "Singing, Dancing & Acting Classes For ages 4 - 18." At the bottom, a purple bar contains a location pin icon, the text "25+ Locations across Melbourne!", and the website "stageschool.com.au".

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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

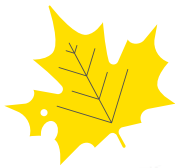


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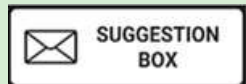
A message from the team

We took advantage of the beautiful autumn weather and had a picnic outside. The children helped organize the space by carrying the picnic blankets and food and choosing a spot to set up.



Upcoming Activity

Creative Canvas Art



Your feedback matters!
Grab a form and share your thoughts with us and let us know how we can improve our service.

School Closure

th
28 of May 26
OSHC will not operate a
Pupil Free Day

Anna Pitcher
Before and After School Care Coordinator

Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at Annunciation OSHC - Brooklyn today!

Call our friendly team: 0490 222 097 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: OSHC Brooklyn Before School Care 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM, After School Care 3:25 – 6:00 PM

Email: enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au | **Website:** www.macseye.vic.edu.au