



Newsletter

Term 1| Week 9, Friday 27th March 2026

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am currently attending the bi-annual conference hosted by the Victorian Association of Catholic Primary School Principals, being held in the beautiful coastal town of Lorne. This gathering has already provided a rich and engaging opportunity for professional learning, reflection, and connection with fellow Catholic primary school leaders from across Victoria.

The theme of this year's conference, **"Nourish Your Purpose,"** has been central to all aspects of the experience. It has invited us, as leaders, to pause and reflect on the deeper purpose of our work in Catholic education. Through prayer, dialogue, and professional learning, we are being encouraged to reconnect with what inspires and sustains us in our leadership, ensuring that our work continues to be grounded in faith, hope, and service to others.

The conference program has been thoughtfully structured, with each day focusing on a key dimension of leadership. We have explored the importance of nurturing our own personal and professional growth as leaders, strengthening our understanding of how best to support and include every student, and reflecting on how to build strong, collaborative teams within our school communities.

Throughout the conference, a range of guest speakers have shared valuable insights and practical strategies. These sessions have deepened our understanding of contemporary approaches to working with young people, strengthening partnerships with families, and ensuring our schools remain places where faith is lived meaningfully and authentically. There has also been a strong focus on pastoral leadership and how we can continue to respond to the evolving needs of our communities with compassion and clarity.

A particularly valuable aspect of the conference has been the opportunity to connect with other principals from across the state. Engaging in professional dialogue, sharing experiences, and learning from one another has been both affirming and inspiring. These connections are incredibly important, as they allow us to reflect on best practice and bring fresh ideas and perspectives back to our own school community.

As we come to the end of the term, this will be our final newsletter. I would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community for their ongoing contributions, support, and commitment throughout the term. It has been a busy and rewarding time of learning and growth for our students. As we approach the school holidays, I wish all families a safe and restful break, and a happy and holy celebration of Easter. May this special time bring peace, joy, and renewal to you and your loved ones.

Take care,
Anna

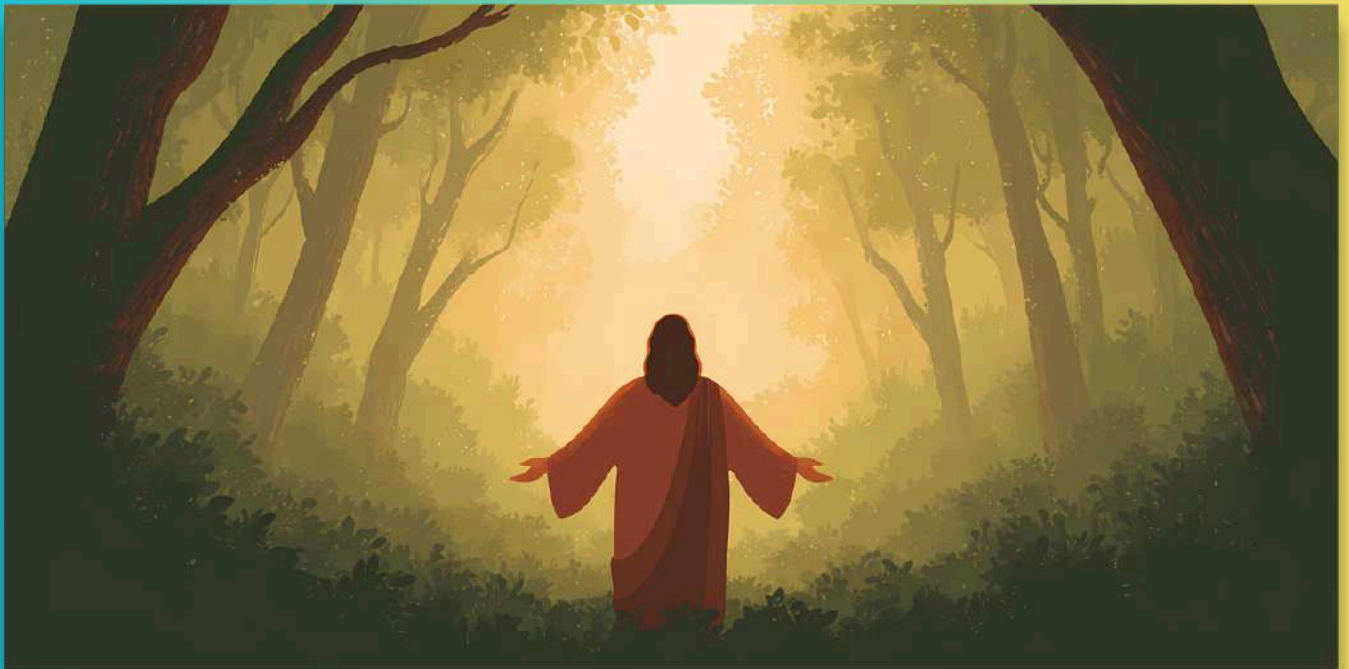


A Prayer for Easter Joy

Lord God,
we thank you for the gift of Easter
and the promise of new life.
As we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus,
fill our school community with the light of hope.

May the joy of the empty tomb remind us
that no challenge is too great and
that your love always has the final word.
Bless our students, teachers, and families during this holy season.
Help us to carry the spirit of "Alleluia" in our hearts as
we work, learn, and grow together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



DATES TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT:

Day/Date/Month

Event

Monday 30th March:

8:55 am – Assembly (Easter Raffle Drawn)
Pyjama Day (Gold coin donation)

Wednesday 1st April:

Last Day of Term for students
School finishes at **1:00 pm**

Thursday 2nd April:

Whole School Closure Day

Term 2 Dates:

Monday 20th April:

Whole School Closure Day

Tuesday 21st April:

School resumes for staff and students

Wednesday 22nd April:

7:00 pm – School Advisory Council Meeting
at Corpus Christi

Thursday 23rd April:

2027 Foundation Open Day (9:30–10:15) & (2:30–3:15)
6:00 pm – Eucharist Workshop at Corpus Christi

Friday 24th April:

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EASTER RAFFLE



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A friendly reminder to please return all raffle tickets by Monday morning, as the raffle will be drawn at our assembly.

We encourage everyone to have their tickets in on time so they can be included in the draw—there are some wonderful prizes up for grabs!

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm and to the parents for helping us put the prizes together. We wish everyone the best of luck.



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!



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!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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ANNUNCIATION FEAST DAY

We had a wonderful Feast Day Mass this week! Fr. Werner spoke to us about the importance of saying "Yes" in our daily lives—to our parents, our teachers, and our friends in need.

He challenged us to say "Yes" even when it's hard or when we'd rather be doing something else. Inspired by Mary's courageous "Yes" to God, our school community was reminded that with faith and trust, we can overcome any challenge, for "nothing is impossible to God."

Following the Mass, the children dove into a variety of creative activities centred on the story of the **Annunciation**. These sessions allowed the students to explore the meaning of Mary's "Yes" in deeper, hands-on ways.

The day was made even sweeter by a special treat—delicious jam donuts provided by Mrs. Yorston! It was a wonderful way to cap off our celebrations, and we are very grateful for the thoughtful gesture that truly made the day for our students.



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SOME REMINDERS



After School Care & Bookings

It is great to see so many students enjoying our After School Care program! However, we have recently had a number of instances where children believe they are booked in, but Anna, our After School Care manager, has no record of their booking.

Please remember:

- **Bookings are Essential:** For safety and staffing ratios, we cannot send a child to After School Care unless they have been formally booked.
- **Stay Reachable:** On occasions where a child is unbooked and not collected, we attempt to call parents immediately. Please ensure your contact details are up to date, and you are reachable during pick-up times.
- **Talk to Your Child:** Help your child feel secure by confirming with them each morning whether they are heading to After School Care or being picked up at the gate.

Changes to Pick-Up

To ensure every child leaves with the correct adult, we require **written or verbal permission** before we can release a student to another parent.

- **Notify the Office:** If your child is being picked up by someone else, please **email or call the office** directly.
- **Speak with Naina:** You are also welcome to pop into the office in person to let Naina know of any changes.
- **Why the Office?** While our staff on morning duty are always happy to chat, the start of the day is very busy. To ensure your message about a child's appointment or change in pick up arrangements isn't lost in the morning rush, please contact the office rather than passing a verbal message to staff at the gate.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find information about Child Safe Standard 2. 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 2

"Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture."

Rooted in the Gospel and the teachings of the Church, MACS Catholic schools uphold the sacred dignity of every child as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). This belief places Catholic educators in a privileged and profound position to protect and nurture the most vulnerable.

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 2:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- A public commitment to child safety
- Champion a child safe culture at all levels
- Ensure governance supports child safety policies
- Develop and enforce a Code of Conduct
- Implement risk management strategies that focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children
- Ensure staff, volunteers and contractors understand their obligation and the role they play in keeping children and young people safe. This includes information sharing and record keeping

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.

This standard promotes a shared responsibility for safety across the entire school community and all levels of the organisation. It ensures a child safe culture is actively championed and modelled from the top down and bottom up.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Leadership commitment:** School leaders actively promote child safety and wellbeing as a priority in decision-making and daily operations.
- **Ongoing training and professional development:** Staff are provided with ongoing training and professional development opportunities that increase capacity and confidence surrounding all aspects of child safety.
- **Clear governance:** Policies and procedures reflect child safety responsibilities and are regularly reviewed, updated and publicly available.
- **Staff modelling safe behaviours:** Expectations of staff are clearly defined. All staff demonstrate respectful, inclusive, and protective behaviours towards children. All staff are encouraged and empowered to speak up if any alternative is observed.
- **Ongoing culture building:** Child safety is embedded in school values, professional development, and community engagement with the objective to continually improve practice.
- **Thorough recruitment processing:** Applicable to all staff working in a school context, extending to volunteers and contractors. Valid credentials, references and Working with Children Checks apply. Ongoing monitoring and supervision of all staff and intervention if required.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Here's how you can support:

- **Familiarise** yourself with the school's child safety policies and understand how they support student wellbeing.
- **Provide feedback** when you notice something that may impact a child's safety or wellbeing.
- **Support** your child when they express their views and that their opinions are valued and heard.
- **Join in** on school activities, parent committees or forums that promote child safety and wellbeing.

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](#).



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OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

2026

Welcoming all parents to our Open Day sessions
Our School Motto :
'Every child matters to every teacher'

SESSIONS INCLUDE

- ✓ Meet the Principal & Teachers
- ✓ A snapshot of our Curriculum
- ✓ Take a tour around the school grounds
- ✓ Learning in Action



CLICK THE LINKS/QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER



Session 1 : 9:30-10:15 am



Session 2 : 2:30-3:15 pm



For further inquiries call the school office on: 9314 6271 Monday-Friday : 8:30-4:00 pm

GARDENING CLUB

This week the students helped prep the veggie patch for the winter crop that we will plant at the start of next term. We dug through compost scraps and turned the soil. We also pulled out old flowers, freshened up the potting mix and planted native seeds in the tyres along Heather Ave.

Next week we will be doing some crafting to celebrate Easter.



CLASSROOM CUISINE – Term 1

Classroom Cuisine has updated their menu for Term 1. They have added a Wrap with Chicken, Mayonnaise & Salad and Prawn Rice Paper Rolls. We are committed to supporting local Victorian producers and businesses. Their subsequent courses now include an ANZAC biscuit and Yo Yo biscuit from the Red Hill Cookie Co., and Dried Pineapple Pieces from Peels, which are absolutely delicious!



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School

ANNUNCIATION – Term 1, 2026 – Wednesday!

Order until 8:30am on the day! 2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45!

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

	2 Course	3 Course	
Main Course Menu			Snack/Drink Menu
BAKERY – All items freshly baked this morning!			FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar +\$1.00
Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Fresh Fruit Combo Freshly Chopped +\$1.00
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95	Orange Segments Freshly Chopped Included
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Watermelon Pieces Included
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95	Whole Fruit -Apple Included
Scroll with Ham & Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85	Whole Fruit -Banana Included
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Bag of Grapes Included
PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PUFF PARCELS – SERVED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!			Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Included
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Included
Margherita Pizza TWIST(V)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli Included
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45	Edamame (Lightly Salted) Included
Margherita PITA Pizza (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45	BAKERY – SWEET
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	ANZAC Biscuit Included
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Choc Chip Cookie Included
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	Cinnamon Doughnut Included
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Cornflake Cookie Included
Lamb & Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Finger Bun with Sprinkles Included
Mushroom & Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Hot Cross Bun Included
Spinach & Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Lamington Included
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) – Soy Sauce (GF) Provided			Blueberry Muffin +\$1.00
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.30	\$14.80	Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg) +\$1.00
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.30	\$14.80	Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg) +\$1.00
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$12.30	\$14.80	Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) +\$1.00
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.30	\$14.80	YoYo Biscuit +\$1.00
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.30	\$14.80	SUSHI
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.30	\$14.80	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF) +\$1.00
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$12.30	\$14.80	POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) – (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)			Popcorn –Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Included
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Popcorn –Lightly Salted Included
Prawn Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg) Included
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES
SANDWICHES/ ROLLS/WRAPPS/SOFTSHELL TACOS			Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Included
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Roasted Chickpeas Included
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans Included
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$8.95	\$12.85	Dried Pineapple Pieces by "Peels" +\$1.00
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.85	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Cheese & Salad Roll (V)	\$9.95	\$13.65	Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.75	Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$10.95	\$13.75	Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Corn Chips with Salsa (GF) +\$1.00
Mild Salami & Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS
Wrap with Chicken, Mayonnaise & Salad (H)	\$11.50	\$14.95	Raspberry Jelly Cup Included
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS			Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad –Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries +\$1.00
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard +\$1.00
Greek Style Salad with Feta & Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95	DRINKS
Mexican Inspired Salad with Corn Chips (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V) (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Full Cream Milk Included
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Wrap –Ham & Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	

GF = Gluten Free, DF = Dairy Free, H = Halal, V = Vegetarian, Vg = Vegan

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