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

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION

Mothers' Day Blessing

Gracious God,

We thank you for the love and care of our mothers

And those who are like mothers to us.

We place our mothers in your tender care

*And ask you to give them strength when they are weary, knowledge
and understanding when they are unsure, compassion and*

Kindness when they are struggling and hearts full of love and joy.

We ask this prayer through Jesus, your Son.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I believe Winter may have arrived! It always amazes me how quickly Melbourne weather changes. There are a few children coughing and sniffing already. Children may bring warm jackets, beanies and/or gloves as the weather really cools. They may wear scarves to and from school but we are unable to allow scarves out in the playground for safety reasons. Let's hope that we can keep winter illnesses to the minimum this year!

As this newsletter goes to the printer the Mother's Day Luncheon is happening over in the Community Room. Events such as this are wonderful for our school community and it is really heartwarming to see so many people enjoying themselves. As it is not quite over I will do thank yous and acknowledgements in the next newsletter as I do not want to miss anyone out.

Speaking of events our staff meeting this week was on Parent engagement and how we can best involve parents in not just the learning but what we do here at Annunciation. It is really important to us that parents feel and experience a partnership in their child's education. We have planned some things where you will have opportunities to do just this so please keep an eye out in calendars for such events. (Once again I can't emphasise how SKOOLBAG is a wonderful communication tool for these things. Every week I put notices out via this App. If you don't know how to access it please come into the office and either myself or one of the more tech savvy staff members will assist you!)

Finally to all the Mums, Grandmas, Aunties and ladies who influence our lives have a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. May it be a lovely time with your families!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,
Mrs Robyn Kelly



Dates for your Calendar 2018

Term 2

May 15/16/17:	NAPLAN Testing for Grades 3 and 5 students
May 15	Camp Meeting for all Grade 5 Parents 3:30pm
May 21:	Parents and Friend's Meeting (all welcome)
May 23	Whole school watching school production "Beauty and the Beast" at Emmanuel College
May 30/31/June 1:	Grade 5/6 Camp
June 2	Selling sausages outside Bunnings (Fundraiser - more details to follow)
June 5:	Reconciliation 7pm

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY: TUESDAY JUNE 12

As part of our Visible Learning the school will be closed on this day so that staff can meet with the other schools involved in the Professional Learning. There will be no After School Care on this day.



SCHOOL SHOES

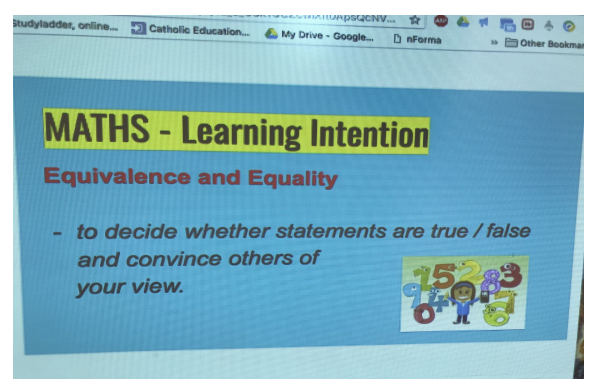
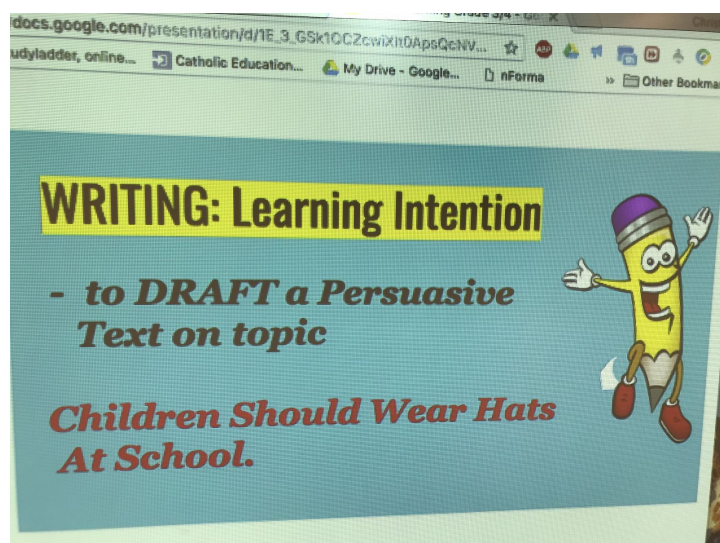
Many children are wearing runners instead of school shoes. School shoes need to be black and leather. Runners may only be worn on sports days. Please check your child's shoes. Some of the older children are saying that they don't have the proper shoes. As it is only the start of the year it is essential that they are in correct uniform.

ABSENCES

We are now mandated to follow up unexplained absences. This means if a child is away and we do not receive a call/note/email etc we then have to call parents to check where the student is. As this could be a very time consuming task we ask that you please let us know if your child is away. This will assist us greatly!

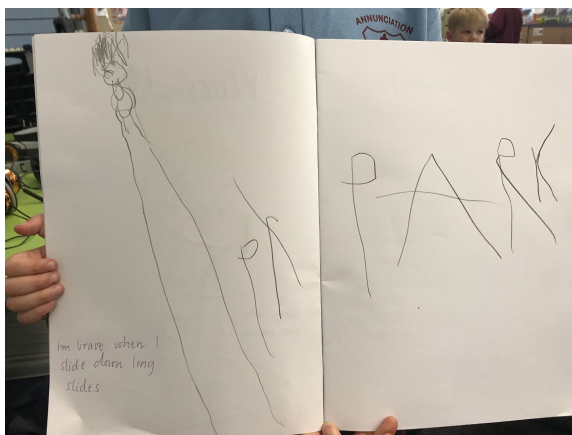
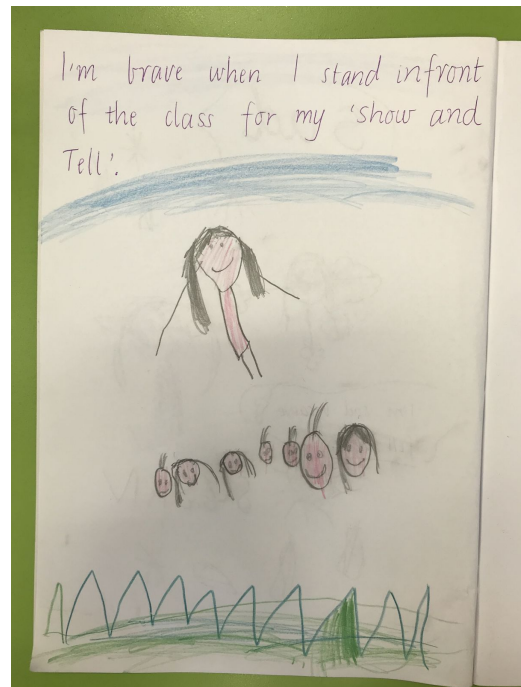
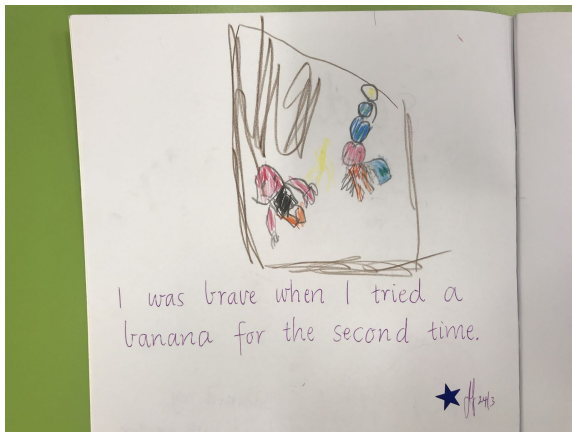
OUR VISIBLE LEARNING JOURNEY

The children and staff are continuing to learn how learning intentions and success criteria help us focus our learning. Grade 3/4 were busy working on their learning intentions when I visited.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Students are immersed in learning about emotions and positive strategies to cope with negative feelings. The discussions that occur in the classrooms on a Monday and/or Tuesday afternoons are really insightful. I have not seen this program prior to coming to Annunciation and I am very impressed with the way students have an opportunity to explore and learn well-being strategies in such a positive manner.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

- The Pancake Sale last Sunday was another success. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to sell pancakes. Our thanks also to the Pancake Parlour in Highpoint who generously donated the mixture. Apparently the quality of the pancakes was excellent!
- The Mother's day Stall was a huge hit. Thank you to everyone who helped put this all together. The children love buying gifts by themselves!
- The Mother's Day luncheon sold nearly 50 tickets. WOW! This will be mentioned in our next newsletter in more detail.
- **The next fundraiser is on Saturday June 2 and is selling sausages outside of Bunnings, in Footscray. This is not a fundraiser for one or two volunteers. We really need many hands for this day so people do not have to give up a large portion of their day. A volunteer list will go out for this shortly. Please consider helping out on this day.**



HELPFUL HINT FOR PARENTS:

I was visiting the classrooms last week and saw a few children yawning. When I asked them what time they went to bed there were varying answers. This prompted me to research “How much sleep do Primary School children need?” This was very interesting!!!!

This might be a good resource to check if your child gets enough sleep each night.



PLAYGROUP – HERE AT ANNUNCIATION, EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

A Playgroup called ‘Brooklyn Fun for Tots’ is operating in the Community Room each Thursday
Enquiries - Phone Lauren 0411 895 775 or Michelle 0432 517 222

*Annunciation After School Care - Daily - 3.30pm. - 6.00pm.
(not during school holidays or the last day of term)*

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

If you intend on using the after school care program you must register online first. (Details can be obtained from the office.) If you have already registered and want to put your child in care could you please make sure that you go online and book them in for the day, the night before. If it is an emergency situation and you haven’t booked your child in you can ring the office.

REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM WHETHER IT BE AS ONGOING OR CASUAL YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

Open Day - Sunday 20 May
10:00am - 1:00pm
Principal's address
10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm



Open Mornings

We invite you to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see dynamic learning in action in the classrooms.

Visiting time: 9:15am - 10:30am Dates: 19 April, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au 133 Maidstone Street Altona 8398 2000 Women who *believe*, women who *lead*, women who *challenge*, women who *inspire*



Open Day

SUNDAY 20 MAY

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