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

## NEWSLETTER

### REFLECTION

#### PRAYER FOR LENT

*Heavenly Father*

*As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.*

*As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.*

*Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.*

*Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.*

*Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.*

*In your name I pray,*

*Amen.*



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Sports day and welcome BBQ. We have had such positive feedback regarding this. We will plan more social opportunities during the year as it is so important to celebrate together. The Leadership team and myself attended a Professional Learning day on Tuesday on how to build positive relationships with everyone we encounter. It was a really inspiring day and we have many new ideas on how to build connections that benefit our children.

Next Wednesday (2:45pm) is our first Parents and Friends meeting for the year. I encourage everyone who picks up children (or anyone that can get an afternoon off!) to come along. We will simply have afternoon tea and discuss ways to not just fundraise but to also plan some social events for the calendar. It is very informal so please come along, even just for a cuppa and a chat. Toddlers most welcome, I will put some toys out for them to play with!

Also please note the message about our "Check In Chats" that has just been added to the calendar. These are a great opportunity for parents to feedback to teachers on how their child has settled into the new school year.

Enjoy your weekend everyone

Robyn Kelly  
Principal

## THE TERM AHEAD PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Tuesday March 3rd	Camp Meeting for Grade 5/6 children and Parents 3pm
Wednesday March 4th	1st Parents and Friends Meeting 2:45pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday March 4th	Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 Excursion to Newport lakes
Monday March 9th	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday March 11th	Beach Program Grades 3,4,5,6
Thursday March 12th	Celebration day with 3 Parish schools
Tuesday March 17th	Grade 6 Leadership Day at Moonee Valley
Wednesday to Friday March 18th/19th/20th	Grade 5/6 Camp to Ballarat
Tuesday March 24th	School Photos taken at school <b>Check In chats for all families (Please see note below)</b>
Thursday March 26th	Grades 3-6 excursion to Arts center
Friday March 27	<b>School finishes for Term One at 1pm</b> <b>No After School Care</b>

### EARLY ARRIVALS

I would like to remind families that supervision in the morning does not start until 8:30am. Some mornings there are many children here well before this. Some parents have been to see me about this and this is absolutely fine as I totally understand the pressures of working parents. This message is not for those children where circumstances are beyond a parent's control. However some children are simply getting here early to play. Children must not arrive before 8:30am unless there is an agreement in place. It is becoming increasingly difficult to supervise the number of students and plan for the day ahead. I thank you for your consideration with this matter.

### UPDATE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that if you change your home phone number, your mobile number or your address, or emergency contact details, could you please advise the school so that we can keep our contact details up to date.



### ABSENCES

We are 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!



### CHECK IN CHATS

We will be holding check in chats on Tuesday March 24th. These are an opportunity for parents to discuss how your child has settled into the new year and for teachers to give feedback on the same. We will send home a sheet soon where you can nominate a preferred time. The times will be from 1:30pm to 5pm. If these times do not suit teachers can make time with you before school or on any other day that you prefer. However it is really important that teachers and yourselves have the chance to check in with you before the term is over. If you already know this day/time won't suit please feel free to contact the teacher via email or phone so you can plan a time soon.

### **COMBINED SCHOOLS CELEBRATION - THURSDAY 12 MARCH**

The children from St. Augustines, Corpus Christi and Annunciation will celebrate Mass at St. Augustines's Church at 10.30am. After Mass all the children will have an early lunch and then walk across to Sun Theatre to watch a movie.

Foundation to Grade 2 - will watch Farmageddon - Shaun the Sheep (rated G)  
Grade 3 - 6 - will watch Jumanji 2 (rated PG)



The children will receive a mini popcorn combo (popcorn and drink), to have during the movie.

Children should wear their full summer uniform and bring their hat and bring their lunch together with a bottle of water.

**FIRST PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING: This Wednesday at 2:45pm - All welcome. Come along enjoy a cuppa and share some ideas.**

#### **FEES AND LEVIES**

Fees and levies statement for 2020 have not been able to be sent home due to Connie's absence. She will endeavour to do them when she can within the next week hopefully. Thank you to families who have already made payments.

You can pay fees in cash, cheque or via internet banking (details can be obtained at the office). You can also set up periodic payments through your bank account, (again details available at the office.)

#### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

A reminder that families who hold a valid Health Care Card for the 2020 year are able to receive a government rebate through the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) which is currently set at \$125 per primary aged child.

Applications for the CSEF can be collected from the school office. We encourage families to submit these to the school office as soon as possible.

When claiming CSEF for the first time your Health Care Card/Pension Card needs to be sighted and copied by the school.

Also families who hold a valid Health Care Card for the 2020 year are eligible for a rebate from the school in addition to the Camp, Excursion and Sports (CSEF) fund provided by the Government.

#### ***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**

**"Looked After" has now introduced their software and this is who we are using now to sign students into after school care. If you would like to use the program we have all the details at school. It is very easy to use.** 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**



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM KABOOM SPORTS





## OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NOTICES



A Meet the Principal opportunity for parents and students will be conducted at our St Paul's Campus on Wednesday 4 March commencing at 9am. Registrations for this event are available on the Emmanuel College website.

Year 7 camp at Camp Portsea was a wonderful success with great activities – the Giant Swing being a highlight. Students have got to know one another and their teachers, as well as having lots of fun.

### SKOOLBAG APP

Just a reminder that our school newsletter is available via the Skoolbag app or via email and also on our webpage. If you haven't already downloaded the app, instructions are below.



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- \* School newsletters
- \* Notices
- \* Events
- \* Cancellations
- \* Reminders
- \* ...and more!

**INSTALLATION  
INSTRUCTION**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!