

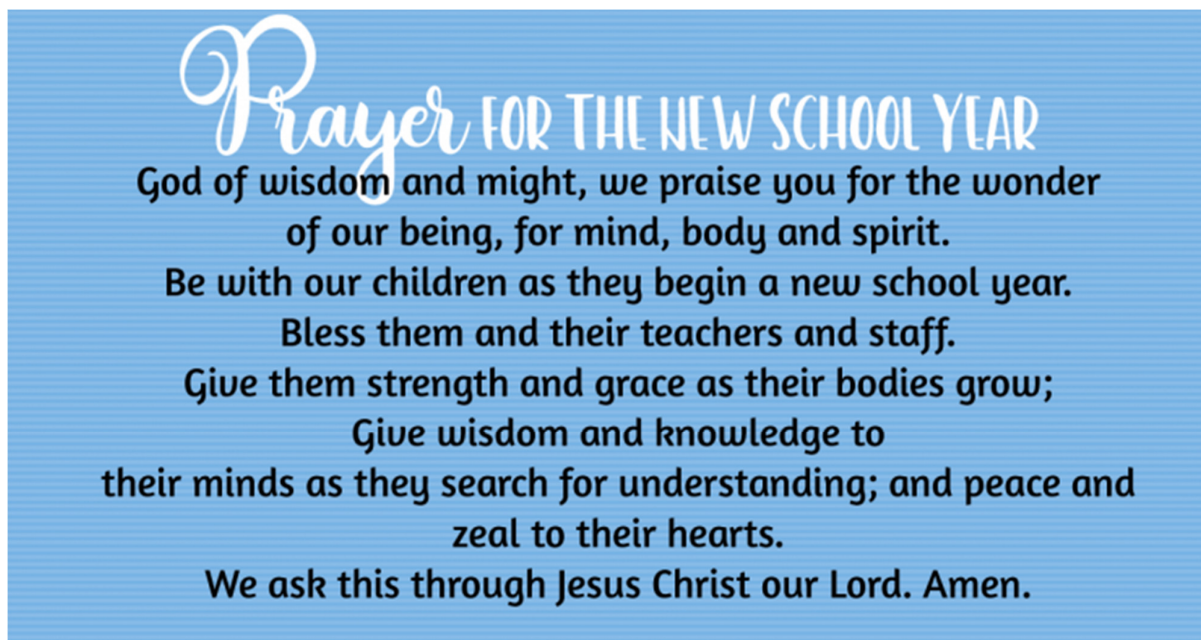
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Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.



Hello everyone

If I have not seen you personally yet, a very warm welcome to the new school year. The start has not been what we hoped but I am sure that we will get through any challenge together just like we have done in the past two years.

I would like to also welcome all the new families that have joined Annunciation this year. In total there are 17 new students across the school. We hope your time at Annunciation is one of great joy, learning and fun!

I would like to remind all families that even though the doors are not physically open, we really do have an open door policy. If you have any questions or concerns teachers can meet with you individually, via ZOOM or you can contact anyone through staff email. At the end of next week teachers will send through the Term overviews and this will include contact details.

Finally I just want to emphasise that even though COVID is prevalent in the community I truly want 2022 to be as normal as possible. It is really important that we focus on everything that is good in our world so that the children laugh, sing and enjoy life as they should.

Have a wonderful year everyone.

Robyn

PLEASE NOTE: WE SEND THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA THE SKOOLBAG APP. PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP ASAP. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WE CAN TALK YOU THROUGH IT.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY BE SENT VIA SKOOLBAG. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW AND WE WILL PRINT A HARD COPY.

The start of 2022:

Dates to note:

(This is slightly different than what was sent out last year. There are some inclusions and some cancellations (eg Fun day at Yarraville on Feb 15th has been postponed)

Wednesdays Feb 2nd/Feb 9th/Feb 16th	Foundation children have the day off
Tuesday Feb 23rd	Parent Information Session 5:30
Monday March 14th	Public Holiday

Term Dates 2022

Term Starts	Term Ends
Term 1 Monday January 31st	Friday April 8th at 1pm
Term 2 Tuesday April 26th (Monday is a Public Holiday)	Friday June 24th at 1pm
Term 3 Monday July 11th	Friday September 16th at 1pm
Term 4 Monday October 3rd	Friday December 16th at 1pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">● PLEASE NOTE: there was an error in the Foundation booklet given out last year. This is the correct date

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES:

Please note we have a few school closure dates but we are in the process of confirming key speakers etc. I will always try to give at least one term's notice where I can.

Please note that Friday June 17th is one of these days. We apologise that it is in the same week of a public holiday however all staff will be attending a Wellbeing Conference. The conference focuses on several very important topics such as Wellbeing and the use of technology and Developing Friendships.

NEW STAFF - 2022

This year we are reintroducing music lessons and we are also introducing Science for the first time. We welcome Mrs Hughes who will teach Science on Thursdays and music on Fridays.

Miss Denise Horner will also begin teaching with us this year. She will take Grade 5/6 on a Thursday and P.E on a Friday.

We welcome both teachers to our school and hope this year is a wonderful experience.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card for the 2022 year, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The allowance amount for primary aged children is \$125.00 per year.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

There are some children not wearing the correct uniform, especially black school shoes. Children should only be wearing runners on a Friday.

ALLERGIES

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening. The most common causes of anaphylaxis in schools are food and insect allergies. The only way to prevent allergic reactions is to avoid being exposed to the allergen.

Our school is supporting students at risk of anaphylaxis in the following ways:

- training staff,
- encouraging students with food allergy to wash their hands before and after eating,
- encouraging students to wash their hands after eating something their classmate/friend is allergic to,
- teaching students not to share food with friends who have food allergy,
- teaching students the importance of getting help immediately if their friend with allergy looks sick,
- educating students about allergies and anaphylaxis, and
- teaching students that teasing someone with an allergy is not acceptable behaviour.

Food allergy is now common in school aged children. Children can be allergic to any food, and it is not possible to completely remove all foods from our school. To help manage food allergies, our school is following the National Allergy Strategy Best Practice Guidelines (2021) which do not recommend banning foods as this is difficult to enforce and can bring a false sense of safety.

However as we have several students who have allergies to nuts and/or eggs we do ask that you refrain from sending nuts or eggs to school. Some of the allergies to these products are caused by touching it. This is difficult to monitor so we feel it safest that we avoid these products as much as possible. These items include: nuts in their raw form, boiled eggs and other whole egg products such as quiche/frittatas etc.

SKOOLBAG App



The SKOOLBAG App has been invaluable over the past 2 years so I urge every family to download this as soon as possible. Not only do we send the school newsletter every 2 weeks, I use it to convey important messages. It is especially important at the moment as I use it to notify parents of a positive COVID case. If you are having trouble downloading the APP please come and see me. In the event that you do not have the technology for this APP it is essential that you let the office or myself know as soon as possible as we will need to communicate with you via another format.

INFORMATION SESSION - TUESDAY 23RD FEBUARY

Originally the information session was to be onsite followed by the welcome picnic. Given the current climate we will need to postpone the picnic until later in the term. We will still have the Information sessions but will do these online. A link will be sent to all parents and you will be able to attend your child's class session. In these sessions teachers will discuss the curriculum, expectations, homework etc. You will also be able to ask questions. We will stagger the sessions for families that need to attend more than one.

Sessions will be as follows:

F-2 session: 5:30pm

3/4 session:: 6pm

5/6 session: 6:30pm

Please put this in your calendar and I will send out more information later in the term.



WELCOME PICNIC

This is a much loved event so that families can meet other families. It was planned for Week 5 but we may just wait to see how the situation is at school before we introduce a new date. We are also considering alternatives.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Last year we started Parents and Friends meetings on a Wednesday afternoon (2:30pm) and it was extremely successful. They were very informal meetings, more of a social catch up with afternoon tea. I absolutely want to do this again in 2022 but it is too risky at the moment to have a face to face get together. I did consider having a ZOOM meeting but as we can't really plan any social get togethers just yet we may just postpone until later this term. Please consider coming along when we do get them up and running as it is a wonderful way to meet other families. (Toddlers/babies most welcome)

MISS JACQUI

For our new families Miss Jacqui is a much loved teacher at our school who is very unwell. I have kept in touch over the holidays and she enjoyed Christmas with her family and this week her son Sam started High School. Please keep Jacqui and her family in your prayers.



JOIN AN INKLING GROUP IN LAVERTON THIS SEMESTER



Unlock your child's creativity and see them take their writing to the next level with Melbourne Young Writers' Studio.

Writers aged 7-18 are invited to join an Inkling Group in 2022 and be mentored by a professional writer in a small group setting. Young writers will be supported to find their voice, develop a love of story, deepen their creativity and build the confidence to share their ideas.

Young writers also gain access to publishing opportunities, writing competitions, collaborative and immersive projects and more, as part of Melbourne Young Writers' Studio.

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