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

As we embark on this sacred season of Lent, let us pause and reflect on the journey ahead. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, a time to deepen our relationship with God and with one another. It is a journey of self-examination, repentance, and transformation.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,

As we enter into the season of Lent, we open our hearts to Your grace and mercy. Grant us the courage to confront our shortcomings and the strength to turn away from sin. May this season be a time of spiritual growth and renewal for each member of our school community.

Guide us, Lord, as we walk the path of Lent. Help us to embrace fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with sincerity and humility. May these disciplines draw us closer to You and to one another, fostering a spirit of compassion and generosity in our midst.

In the footsteps of Jesus, may we journey through Lent with faith and perseverance. May we be transformed by the power of Your love and emerge from this season renewed in mind, body, and spirit.

We ask for Your blessings upon our school community during this Lenten season. May Your grace abound in our classrooms, hallways, and gatherings, uniting us in faith and purpose.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May this Lenten journey be one of profound spiritual growth and renewal for each of us.

*Take care,
Anna*



Dates to note for the next fortnight:

- Mon 19th Feb:** Whole School Excursion to CERES
Wed 21st Feb: No Foundation students
2:30 pm - P&F Meeting in the Community Room (All invited)
Fri 23rd Feb: Footscray Lacrosse Club in for PE lessons
3:00 pm - Assembly
Mon 26th Feb: 2025 Enrolments OPEN DAY (9:30-10:30 am)
Wed 28th Feb: 10:00 am Mass - Yr 2/3 & Yr 3/4 attending (Families invited)
Fri 1st March: Footscray Lacrosse Club in for PE lessons
3:00 pm - Assembly
Newsletter Published
Brooklyn Community Hall - Movie Night (more details in the newsletter)



Term Dates 2024

Term Starts	Term Ends
Term 1 Staff: Monday 29th January Yr 1-6 students: Wednesday 31st January Foundation students: Thursday 1st February	Thursday 28th March at 1:00 pm
Term 2 Staff & Students: Monday 15th April	Friday 28th June at 1:00 pm
Term 3 Staff & Students: Monday 15th July	Friday 20th September at 1:00 pm
Term 4 Staff & Students: Monday 7th October	Students: Tuesday 17th December - Time (TBC) Staff: TBC

A reminder that students are dismissed at 3:25 pm.

Please inform the office/classroom teacher if your child/ren is going home with someone other than a family member.

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS

Statements for this year's school fees were sent home earlier this week. If you wish to pay your fees by direct debit please see Connie at the office, so arrangements can be made. Payment plans are available. Please make an appointment with Mrs Yorston if you need to set up a payment plan.

CERES EXCURSION - Monday 19th February



The students will travel to CERES by bus, which will depart from the school at 9.15am sharp. Therefore, they must be at school by 8.45am. Students will return by bus, arriving back at school at approximately 3pm.

Students should wear their sports uniform, and their school hat. They should also bring a small backpack to hold their recess and lunch snacks, as well as a water bottle.

They do not need to bring their school bags.

REMINDER RE: 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 2024 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 \$150.00 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.

HOW TO APPLY: New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2023, you do not need to complete an application form in 2024, **unless** there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form (AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE) if any of the following changes have occurred:

new student enrolments;

- ❖ your child has started or changed schools in 2024 or you did not apply in 2023.
- ❖ changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number,
- ❖ or new siblings commencing at the school in 2024.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Parents and Friends meetings are held twice per Term on a Wednesday afternoon (2:30pm) in the Community Hall. These are very informal meetings, more of a social catch up with afternoon tea. It is an opportunity for you to support in planning fundraising events for the school. Please consider coming along as it is a wonderful way to meet other families. (Toddlers/babies most welcome).



Our first meeting for 2024 will be on Wednesday 21st February. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please email Mrs Yorston: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

WELCOME PICNIC

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who joined us last night for our welcome picnic and information session. Your presence made the event truly special, and we are incredibly grateful for your enthusiastic participation.

It was wonderful to see so many families come together to kick off the new school year in such a positive and vibrant atmosphere. Your engagement and support mean the world to us, and we are excited about the journey ahead as partners in your child's education.

We hope that you found the information session informative and helpful as we shared important updates and insights about the upcoming academic year. Your active involvement and interest in your child's education are invaluable, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with you to ensure their success and well-being.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to join us last night. Your presence and enthusiasm are truly appreciated, and we are grateful for the strong sense of community that you help foster within our school.



HERE'S WHY WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR PROJECT COMPASSION

Our school is raising funds to help support Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising campaign.

Project Compassion brings together supporters from across Australia to address the challenges of poverty today, and drive lasting change for a better tomorrow.

Join us to help support remote and vulnerable communities across Asia, Africa, the Pacific and in Australia. Your generosity today can help communities access clean water, food security, skills training, health and sanitation and disaster risk reduction training.

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Please scan the QR code below to donate and join the Annunciation community in raising money and awareness for Project Compassion.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday, is a day of feasting and celebration that takes place the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent in the Christian calendar.

Each class made pancakes on Tuesday and by the look of these photos, they definitely enjoyed themselves.



ENROLMENT INFO

Annunciation Catholic School, Brooklyn
Where every child matters to every teacher

Book your 2024 Open Day tour



9.30–10.30 am
Monday 26 February
Tuesday 26 March
Wednesday 24 April
Thursday 16 May
Tuesday 20 August



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*We look forward to showcasing
our wonderful school to you!*

Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2025 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2025. If you know of anyone who has a child that is eligible to start school next year, let them know about our Open Days. Booking is easy - just scan the QR code and complete the registration form. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.



*Annunciation Before & After School Care - Daily - 7:00-8:30 am & 3:25-6:00 pm
(not during school holidays or the last day of term)*

“Looked After” is the company employed for this service.

If you intend on using the before and 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.



It was wonderful for our College community to come together and share opening Mass at Notre Dame Campus last Friday, giving us an opportunity to welcome this year's Student Leaders and Staff Leadership Team. We are grateful to Father John for his time in presenting an inspiring Mass to us all.

On Monday we held the Year 7 Parent Pastoral and Information Night, where families had the opportunity to meet Home Room Teachers, Pastoral Leaders and to learn more about what lies ahead in College life in Semester 1.

If your child is interested in cricket or soccer, we have two wonderful opportunities for them:

Cricket Star Academy:

If you would like to learn more about the new Cricket Star Academy opening soon, and if your child, would like to learn how to play cricket or enhance the skills that they have, come along and join us at a free session on Sunday 18 February, 9am to 2pm. Registration is essential – by following the links below:

- 5- 7 year olds rsvp here: https://bit.ly/CSA_PC57
- 8- 12 year olds rsvp here: https://bit.ly/CSA_PC812
- 13 - 16 year olds rsvp here: https://bit.ly/CSA_PC1216

Liverpool International Academy Australia:

The Liverpool IAA program for 2024 is up and running - a unique worldwide program that offers the same methodology and philosophy as they do in England, which is training and coaching 'The Liverpool Way'. Registration is essential – to secure your spot please follow this link: <https://lfcacademy.com.au/vic/emmanuel-college>

Is your child in Grade 5?

Applications for Year 7, 2026 are now open and will close on Friday 16 August 2024. If you have a child in Grade 5 and you would like to submit an application please ensure that you apply before 16 August. A prospectus can be obtained:

- Via the College website under the Enrolment Information tab or by following this link:

Prospectus Request here

- By registering and joining us at a College event (see details below)

- Or by coming in to see our friendly staff at reception of either campus

Our first College experiences for the year are coming up, commencing with the Meet the Principal event and tour - details for each campus are below:

St Paul's Campus · Meet the Principal - Thursday 29 February at 9:15am

Notre Dame Campus · Meet the Principal - Thursday 7 March at 9:15am

Registration is essential – please follow this link: [College Tour and Event registration](#).

We look forward to seeing you at a College event soon.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks

MUSIC BUS PROGRAM

The Music Bus Program will recommence at Annunciation for 2024.

Classes offered are:

- Keyboard (P-6)
- Ukulele (P-6)
- Drums (Yr 1-6)
- Guitar (Y2-6)

Lessons are:

- * 30 minute duration - once per week
- * be held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site
- * cost \$20 per week (\$22 drums) payable by the term on commencement

If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form asap

[Music Bus Program - Expression of Interest Form](#)

**Get on and Rock!
At Your School!**

THE MUSIC BUS

The Music Bus brings music education and fun to your school.

About the Music Bus
The Music Bus visits over 300 schools a week, bringing music into the lives of over 5,000 students across Australia.
The Music Bus is the classroom (the bus!), teacher, instruments and curriculum all in one complete package - and it's at your school.
Made up of weekly half hour lessons, The Music Bus is fun, engaging and will inspire your child each and every week.

our programs
The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well-known songs to engage students at all ability levels. High quality instruments are provided and our experienced teachers use extensive backing tracks, developing confidence, rhythm and teamwork.
Cost: \$20 per weekly 30 min lesson (Drums \$22)
*Lessons paid by the term on commencement

Activities: Singing (Kindy/Prep - Year 6), Keyboard (Kindy/Prep - Year 6), Ukulele (Kindy/Prep - Year 6), Guitar (Year 2 - Year 6), Drums (Year 1 - Year 6), Rockband (Year 4 - Year 6).

BOOK NOW - Phone 1300 168 742 or visit www.themusicbus.com.au

LEO'S KINGDOM

END OF YEAR SALE!

EXTENDED TO FEB 29TH

BOOK ANY PARTY PACKAGE BEFORE ~~JANUARY 31ST~~ AND RECEIVE A FREE PARTY THEME FOR 10 KIDS VALUED AT \$75.

*\$4 PER EXTRA CHILD AFTER THE FIRST 10**

USE CODE "THEME23" WHEN BOOKING ONLINE OR BY PHONE

CHOOSE A PARTY PACKAGE:

<p>STANDARD \$300 - 10 KIDS \$30 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD</p> <p>90 MIN ROOM HIRE 30 MINS PLAY AFTER ROOM HIRE</p> <p>HOT FOOD CHOICE UNLIMITED CORDIAL & WATER FAIRY BREAD & CHEEZELS CUPS & PLATES ADULTS TABLE FOR 10</p>	<p>PLATINUM \$360 - 10 KIDS \$36 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD</p> <p>90 MIN ROOM HIRE 30 MINS PLAY AFTER ROOM HIRE</p> <p>HOT FOOD CHOICE UNLIMITED CORDIAL & WATER FAIRY BREAD & CHEEZELS CUPS & PLATES ADULTS TABLE FOR 10</p> <p>+ PARTY HOST MINI GAMES</p>	<p>SPORTS \$330 - 10 KIDS</p> <p>+ 2 HOURS PARTY HOST</p> <p>HOT FOOD CHOICE UNLIMITED CORDIAL & WATER FAIRY BREAD & CHEEZELS CUPS & PLATES ADULTS TABLE FOR 10</p>
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CHOOSE A PARTY THEME:

PRINCESS THEME SUPERHERO THEME JUNGLE THEME FANTASY THEME

+\$75 FREE*

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BROOKLYN MOVIE NIGHT

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7:00
PM

FOR 8PM
START TIME

BYO CAMP
CHAIRS
- SOME
BEANBAGS
& CHAIRS
PROVIDED

FREE
POPCORN
AND
DRINKS

Oddball



Brooklyn Community Hall
Cypress Avenue

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BAY CITY
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