

Newsletter



Term 4 | Week 4, 1st November 2024

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

It is hard to believe, but we are fast approaching the midway point of Term 4. It has already been a busy and productive term at Annunciation, with 5/6 Camp, F-2 weekly swimming, and one-off occasions like Socktober this week. Each of these activities have highlighted the strengths and character of our students - their willingness to take risks and challenge themselves; their readiness to come together as a community to support others, and especially their ability to have fun and enjoy themselves to the fullest.

Of course, none of these things can happen without the organisation and involvement of the teachers. We celebrated their dedication and commitment on World Teachers' Day last Friday, with a morning tea and a beautiful card signed by all students, but our gratitude towards them is ongoing.



Of course, our school does not remain quiet for long, so there is a lot more to be expected before the end of the school year, such as Christmas Carols (details to come), Year 6 graduation activities, the transition of our 2025 Foundation students, and a whole lot of learning!

It seems like a good time to have an extra long weekend then. The school will be closed on Monday as the teachers will be writing Semester 2 reports, and Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. The weather looks like it is cooperating, and so I hope that you all are able to enjoy some restful family time in the sun or however you choose.

Enjoy and see you in Week 5.

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STAFF NEWS

Mrs Samantha Beg has resigned from her position at Annunciation. We are truly grateful for the work that Samantha did during her time at Annunciation and I'm sure you'll support me in wishing her all the best for the future.

We have been busy interviewing in the past week and are looking forward to adding some new faces to the staff at Annunciation. It is hoped that we will finalise staffing details shortly and announce them in the upcoming newsletter.

Dates to note for Term 4

Monday 4th November	School Closure Day - Report Writing for Teachers
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 6th November	F-2 Swimming Wellbeing Week (no homework)
Thursday 7th November	Wellbeing Week (no homework)
Friday 8th November	5/6 Soccer Fun Day at Emmanuel College 3pm: Assembly Wellbeing Week (no homework)
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12th November	
Wednesday 13th November	F-2 Swimming
Thursday 14th November	2025 Foundation Transition, Session 1 (9:30-11:00 am)
Friday 15th November	3pm: Assembly Newsletter published

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We want to inform you about some additions to the school uniform. These changes have been made to ensure comfort, practicality, and consistency in our dress code.

To help students and families adjust, we'll be implementing a transition period. During this time, both the current and updated uniform options will be allowed, giving everyone the chance to make adjustments smoothly. It is expected that all students will be wearing the new uniform from the beginning of the 2026 school year.

The new additions include a Winter tunic/pinafore, a maroon/burgundy skort (Sports Day) and a new polo shirt that has the school logo embroidered on the front. The tunic and skort provide another option for students as the grey trousers and shorts will also be available. The polo shirt is of a much higher quality than what we currently have.

It has been decided that we won't offer the spray jacket at this stage due to the cost. All orders can be placed via the school office.

To view the new additions, please see the display in the school foyer.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in the first three weeks of Term 4.

These students have been recognised by their classroom teachers for having a positive mindset, being kind, working hard in class and a variety of other great reasons.



SOCKTOBER

On Tuesday this week, Annunciation participated in a Socktober fundraising day in aid of children in Mongolia.

Prior to the day, students spent time in class creating 'soccer balls' made from old socks, plastic bags, and other materials. This was to recognise that the children in Mongolia for whom the money was being raised do not have access to store-bought soccer balls, and instead create their own balls out of whatever materials they have available.

Students participated in a variety of soccer games, using the soccer balls they created. All in all, it was an incredibly fun afternoon, and we raised a grand total of \$108.60.



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YEAR 5/6 CAMP

In Week 2 of this term, our Year 5/6 students spent 3 days at Camp Adanac in Yarra Junction. They were blessed with beautiful weather, and had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of camp activities, including archery, hut building, water slide and camp cooking.

Here are some of the reflections from some of the students:

Valerie:

I enjoyed the water activities because you got to work with other people in a fun way.

Ed:

I liked the Flying Fox it gave me the experience of flying in the air!

Lily:

I loved the water slide, I went on it 7 times!

Mariangel:

The food at the camp was delicious, especially the hamburgers!



ANNUNCIATION GARDENING CLUB

GARDENING CLUB IS COLLECTING CLEAN, EMPTY TIN CANS SO THE STUDENTS CAN DECORATE THEM AND TAKE HOME THEIR SUNFLOWER SEEDLINGS AT THE END OF THE YEAR.



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SCHOOLTV SPECIAL REPORT - THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS



In our ever-changing economic landscape, parents and caregivers are increasingly faced with the task of broaching the subject of growing expenses with their children. While the instinct may be to shield young people from life's challenges, there's a growing belief that addressing real-world issues, including financial uncertainties, can actually foster resilience and understanding. Striking a balance between protection and education is crucial for those looking to empower their children.

To effectively introduce the topic of finances, we need to be mindful of the timing and setting of the conversation. Using straightforward, age-appropriate language helps maintain transparency, and openly discussing adjustments to the family budget can carry significant weight. By encouraging children to participate in finding creative ways to save and make thoughtful spending choices, parents can nurture a sense of responsibility. This Special Report offers a valuable opportunity to enhance children's financial literacy, equipping them with the resilience needed to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Here is the link to your Special Report:

https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-cost-living-crisis-au



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Ensuring every child can flourish and achieve their fullest potential.

MACSEYE is a new approved provider, established by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools to offer a high quality Outside Schools Hours Care (OSHC) service, with a strong link to your school.

We believe in providing a safe and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Our dedicated educators will support your child to explore their interests and choose how they spend their play time. Children can choose from a range of resources, including art and craft, games, and outdoor sports activities. We also have cozy, quiet spaces for anyone needing some down time.

There's also always a range of healthy foods available to help kids stay energised, and active.

Request for Bookings are now open, so contact our friendly team today!

Enrol now at
enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au



MACseye commenced the provision of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) for Annunciation's students and families, at the beginning of Term 4.

MACseye is a newly approved provider, set up by the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) to offer a range of early childhood and school aged care programs. MACseye is committed to see every child and family flourish. Their programs are designed to foster a sense of identity, health and well-being.

As a Catholic provider, MACseye will have strong links with our school and local parish, working together to build a vibrant community of support for children and families.

MACseye is an approved registered provider, and sets a high standard of quality in line the National Quality Standards. We're confident MACseye will provide a high quality service for our students.

Families who need Outside School Hours Care will need to enrol with MACseye.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office, or you can also email MACseye directly at: enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au



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The Year 4 Experience is a great way for students from Catholic Feeder Primary Schools to see what life is like at secondary school, and participate in Science, Art and Sport activities and share morning tea and lunch. Last week we welcomed Year 4's from Lumen Christi Primary School and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement about being at Emmanuel College.

Liverpool Football Club International Academy Australia

If you are eager to learn and play the 'The Liverpool Way', come along and join the Skill Development Clinic commencing at Altona during Term 4. With spaces filling quickly and the Point Cook Clinic already full, don't miss your chance to reserve your spot at Altona by clicking on the link below:

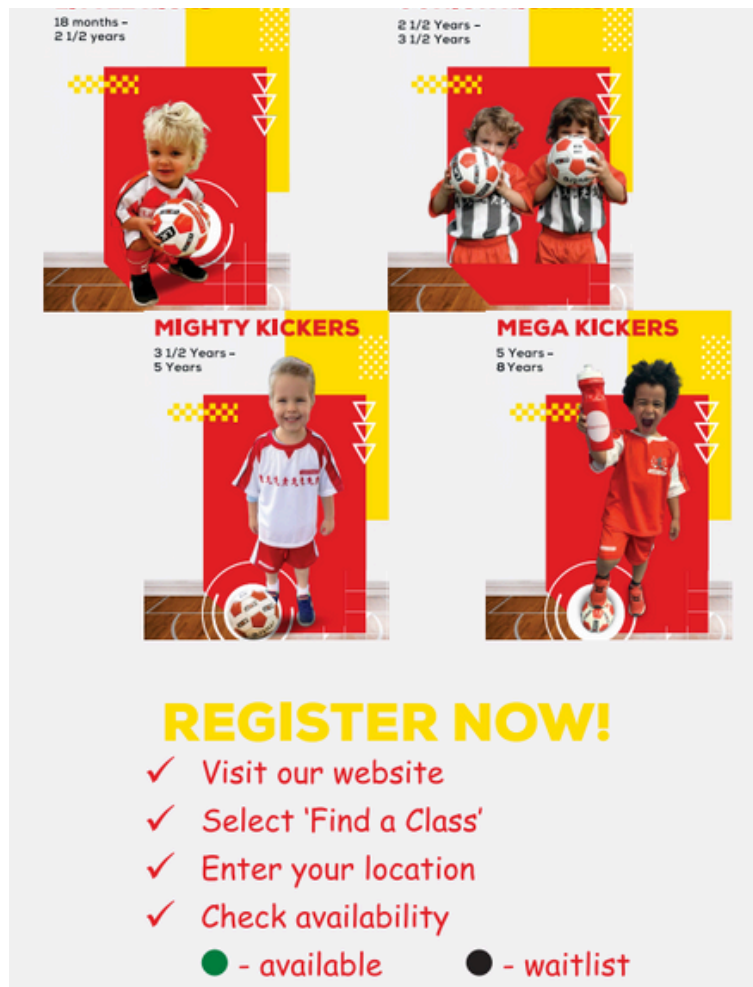
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(lfcacademy.com.au)

Year 7 2026

Offers for Year 7, 2026 and waiting list letters were distributed via email on Friday 18 October. If you have been offered a place, please remember that the Confirmation of Acceptance is due back by Friday 8 November 2024. If you have not received an email from the College regarding 2026, please contact Ms Donna Grech, College Registrar on 8325 5100 or enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks
Community Engagement Officer



The poster is divided into four quadrants, each featuring a child in a red and white soccer uniform. The top-left quadrant shows a child sitting with a soccer ball, labeled '18 months - 2 1/2 years'. The top-right quadrant shows two children holding soccer balls, labeled '2 1/2 Years - 3 1/2 Years'. The bottom-left quadrant shows a child standing with a soccer ball, labeled '3 1/2 Years - 5 Years'. The bottom-right quadrant shows a child jumping over a soccer ball, labeled '5 Years - 8 Years'. The text 'MIGHTY KICKERS' is centered between the top and bottom left quadrants, and 'MEGA KICKERS' is centered between the top and bottom right quadrants. At the bottom of the poster, the text 'REGISTER NOW!' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, there is a list of four steps with red checkmarks: 'Visit our website', 'Select 'Find a Class'', 'Enter your location', and 'Check availability'. At the very bottom, there are two colored circles: a green circle followed by '- available' and a black circle followed by '- waitlist'.

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The Peaceful Kids program started last week. Students who participated were very positive and excited about the program. The Peaceful Kids Program runs for 8 weeks. Each session is 1 hour a week. Students are selected by staff for this program. It will be offered again throughout 2025.

Things that were covered this week were:

- To identify how they are feeling, learn names for feelings and gain more insight into their own feelings and how they can change them with effective coping strategies.
- That anxiety and worry are normal feelings that everyone experiences.
- An Introduction into mindfulness Meditation through the Breath Meditation
- To learn how to calm themselves down when they are feeling anxious through using breath meditation.

Just a reminder that the Peaceful Kids meditations can be found at the following website -

- <https://www.peacefulkids.com.au/meditations1.html>

Meditations can also be accessed via the Insight Timer App

- <https://insighttimer.com/>

Simply put 'Peaceful Kids' into the search section of the App.

Thank you

Lucy Vassallo
Mental Health Leader