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March 1st 2024

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

As we journey through the season of Lent, each Sunday brings us closer to the celebration of Easter and offers unique opportunities for reflection and spiritual growth. The second Sunday of Lent, in particular, presents us with the powerful narrative of the Transfiguration of Jesus—a moment of profound revelation and transformation.

The Transfiguration story, found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, speaks to us of the extraordinary encounter between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountaintop. It's a scene of dazzling light and divine affirmation, where Jesus is revealed in his glorified state, and the disciples are given a glimpse of his true identity as the beloved Son of God.

This event holds deep significance for us as we navigate our own Lenten journey. It serves as a reminder of the importance of seeking moments of spiritual clarity and enlightenment amidst the challenges and uncertainties of life. Just as Jesus' disciples were transformed by their encounter with the divine, we too are invited to open our hearts and minds to the presence of God in our lives.

Furthermore, the Transfiguration offers valuable lessons in discipleship and faith. As Jesus descends from the mountain, he prepares to face the trials that lie ahead, including his journey to the cross. In the same way, we are called to embrace our own crosses and challenges with courage and trust in God's providence, knowing that the journey of Lent ultimately leads to the joy of Easter.

As we reflect on the significance of the Transfiguration this Lenten season, may we be inspired to seek moments of transformation and encounter with the divine in our own lives. May we be strengthened in our faith and commitment to follow Jesus, who leads us from the mountaintop of revelation to the depths of sacrificial love.

Take care,
Anna



Dates to note for the next fortnight:

Tues 5th March:	World of Maths Day - whole school
Wed 6th March:	Parish Fun Day Out (details in the newsletter)
Fri 8th March:	International Women's Day 3:00 pm - Assembly (All welcome)
Sunday 10th March:	Catholic Education Week commences
Monday 11th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)
Tuesday 12th March:	Yrs 3-6 Life Saving Program (details in the newsletter)
Wednesday 13th March:	NAPLAN commences (Yr 3 & Yr 5 students) 10:00 am Mass - F/1 & 5/6 students attending (All welcome) 7:00 pm - School Advisory Council Meeting at Corpus Christi
Friday 15th March:	3:00 pm Assembly (All welcome) Newsletter published



NAPLAN



NAPLAN is a national literacy & numeracy assessment that students at Annunciation in Yr 3 & Yr 5 sit each year. **The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13th March and finishes on Monday 25th March 2023.**

Students will sit a series of assessments throughout the fortnight. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. Results will be provided to families later in the year. If you have any queries, please see your child's classroom teacher.

CERES EXCURSION -

On Monday 19th February, the Annunciation students travelled to CERES Environmental Park in Brunswick to take part in the Indigenous Perspectives program. CERES is located next to the beautiful Merri Creek, a traditional site for large gatherings of the Wurundjeri people. As such, it was the perfect place for our students to learn about Aboriginal culture.

The students had a fun and educational experience learning about bush foods (saltbush got the thumbs up, bush spinach not so much), acting out Dreamtime stories, and playing a game of Marngrook - a traditional indigenous football game. As well as that, CERES had one of the 'coolest playgrounds ever', according to some of the Year 3 students.



All in all, this excursion was a valuable way to immerse our students in the history and culture of the Aboriginal people of Australia, which will be the lens through which they study History throughout Term 1.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Many thanks to the parents who attended the P&F meeting last week. There was a great attendance and lots of exciting fundraising ideas were discussed.

Our first fundraiser for the year are the Cadbury Easter Eggs. ***Families who would like a box to sell are asked to see Connie in the office. Each box sold will make \$30 profit for the school so the more boxes we sell, the more money we raise.*** The P&F are raising money to purchase new soccer goals for the oval and a new bike shed.



PARISH FUN DAY OUT

Next Wednesday 6th March, students from Annunciation, Corpus Christi & St Augustine's will join together for the annual Parish Fun Day Out. Students will begin the day with Mass at St Augustine's, followed by a BBQ and a sports afternoon hosted by KABOOM Sports. Students are to wear their sports uniform, school hat and sunscreen. Please ensure that all notes are returned prior to the day.



YRS 3-6 LIFE SAVING PROGRAM



In our upcoming beach program, students will embark on an exciting journey where safety remains our top priority. Students will delve into essential skills like CPR, becoming everyday lifesavers equipped to respond confidently in emergencies.

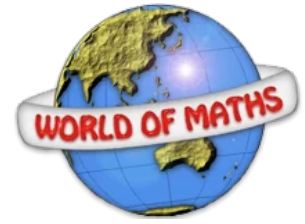
Emphasizing the mantra "Be Aware and Be Prepared," they will learn about water safety principles, understanding the importance of recognising potential risks and taking proactive measures to mitigate them. As they hit the waves, survival strategies such as donning life jackets will be instilled, ensuring they have the necessary tools to stay afloat and secure in any situation. Moreover, they'll explore rescue strategies, learning how to assist others effectively and responsibly in distress scenarios. Amidst the thrill of bodyboarding, students will practice safe techniques, ensuring they enjoy the waves while prioritising their well-being.

This comprehensive approach will not only enrich their beach experience but also empower them with lifelong skills that promote safety and confidence in aquatic environments.

Years 3-6 students will participate in this session on Tuesday 12th March - notes have gone home with the students today.

WORLD OF MATHS DAY - TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

World of Maths Incursion - how often do you use maths in your life?



Hopefully your answer is everyday! World of Maths will come to Annunciation to show us how maths is all around us. The students will work in small groups and engage in many interactive, hands-on, problem solving tasks. The tasks will focus on all different areas of maths, which include: number, shapes and geometry, measurement, location and transformation, patterns, visual and spatial awareness.

Stay tuned for photos and a report in the next newsletter!

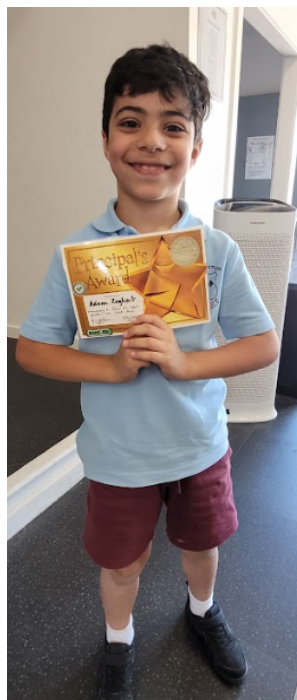
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below. They each received a student of the week award in the past fortnight. 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.



PRINCIPALS AWARD

Congratulations to these students for receiving a Principals Award. Each of these students have demonstrated a positive attitude and have gone out of their way to support our school community. They demonstrate the values of kindness and generosity.



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.

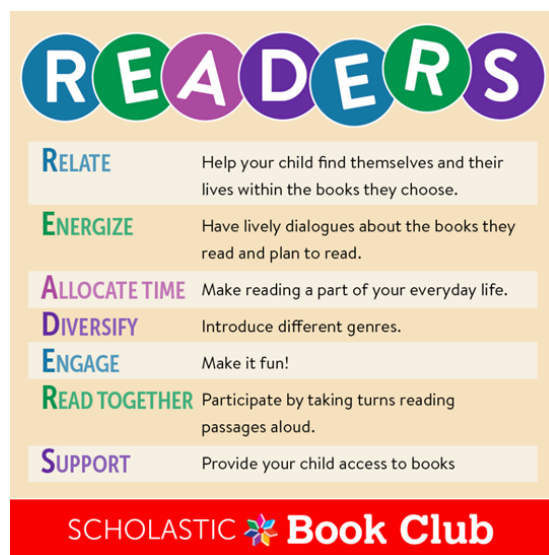


SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 Catalogues have been sent home today, closing date for orders is 11th March.

It would be appreciated if you want to place a order you do this via LOOP through Scholastic. Instructions for this are in the catalogue.

If you order through LOOP before closing date your order will be delivered to the school.



SPECIAL REPORT: The Wellbeing Barometer 2024

The Wellbeing Barometer survey has become a crucial tool for schools, offering insights into youth mental health and wellbeing. By understanding community concerns and the nature of these issues, schools are better equipped to support families and foster meaningful conversations, thereby building stronger relationships.

This survey is part of an ongoing, longitudinal study, with the results being instrumental in tailoring support for students and their families. Participation is strongly encouraged, as it provides a comprehensive view of students' experiences, challenges, and achievements over the past year.



Participating in this year's survey, will assist your school in identifying areas of strength and concern, as well as pinpointing opportunities for early intervention. The survey aims to capture a comprehensive picture of young people's lives, allowing for a tailored approach to enhance mental and emotional wellbeing.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to complete either one or both of the surveys on the SchoolTV link below, depending on the age of your children and the school they attend.

Please complete one survey for each child that you have in either primary or secondary school. There is no limit to how many times you can complete the survey. This will allow you to provide more accurate responses based on individual children.

Remember, all responses remain anonymous and should reflect observations made over the last 12 months. Survey results are only reported on an aggregated basis.

Click here to access the survey -

https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-2024-au

Annunciation Catholic School, Brooklyn
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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



4–14 Nolan Avenue, Brooklyn VIC 3012 Ph: (03) 9314 6271
E: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au www.asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

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.

MUSIC BUS PROGRAM

The Music Bus Program 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](#)



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



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

It was wonderful to see students cheering each other on, participating in team events and reaching their personal best in individual events at Athletics Day last week. Congratulations to Winters House at St Paul's and McCoy House at Notre Dame in achieving the most House points on the day.

Year 7 2026 – Applications close Friday 16 August 2024

If your child is currently in Grade 5, it is a requirement to submit an application, if you wish to be considered for a place in Year 7 2026, even if you already have an older child who attends the College.

A Prospectus Pack containing an application form can be requested under the Enrolment Information tab on the right-hand side of the homepage of the College website: Request a Prospectus here, by coming into either campus office or by calling our College Registrar on 8325 5119.

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



MEET THE PRINCIPAL
Pursuing personal best

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS
Thursday 29 February
Commencing at 9.15am

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS
Thursday 7 March
Commencing at 9.15am

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS AND ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Come along and hear from College Principal, Dr Janine Biggin at our Meet the Principal event commencing at 9.15am. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for prospective students and families to hear about life at the College and enjoy a tour of the school's facilities.

St Paul's Campus - Thursday 29 February | **Notre Dame Campus - Thursday 7 March**

For more information, contact us on 8325 5100 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Please register your attendance. You can use the QR code or visit <https://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/tour-registration>

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Notre Dame Campus
2-40 Foxwood Drive
Point Cook
03 8325 5100

St Paul's Campus
423 Blackshaws Rd
Altona North
03 8325 5100

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Enrolments Now Open YEAR 7 2026

Enrolment applications for current Grade 5 students close on August 16, 2024.

*I want my child to attend the College.
What do I do?*

- 1. Complete an enrolment application form.**
Visit www.cccc.vic.edu.au to access and complete our online Application Form.
- 2. Submit your completed application form.**
Ensure you provide all required documents with the application. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission. Applications close mid-August each year.
- 3. The College will conduct interviews of all applicants.**
Families will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with a senior staff member of the College in September 2024.
- 4. Enrolment and waiting list offers will be sent to families.**
Families will be notified of any offer in October 2024.
- 5. Book a School Tour**
If you would like to visit our school, please book a school tour by visiting www.cccc.vic.edu.au or call 9296 5311

If you have any questions please contact the College on 03 9296 5311 or email registrar@ccc.vic.edu.au



**Choosing a
Secondary School:
*Finding the right fit.***

Tuesday 19th March 2024
7.00pm – 8.00pm
Quin Auditorium

<https://www.cccc.vic.edu.au/news-events/current-events>

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS - LIFEblood



We're in town
See you soon, Williamstown
18 to 29 March

Williamstown
Pop up Blood Donor Centre
Town Hall
104 Ferguson Street
Opening hours at lifeblood.com.au

Book your donation now
QR code
13 14 95
give blood

Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in

Williamstown will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're popping up in

town from 18 to 29 March. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

WEEKLY COACHING

COURT HIRE

TERM 1 HOLIDAY CLINICS

DAILY PROGRAMS 9AM-2PM

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
- TUESDAY 2ND APRIL	- MONDAY 8TH APRIL
- FRIDAY 5TH APRIL	- FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

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