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March 28th 2024

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

As we approach Easter, we're reminded of the profound significance of faith, hope, and love in our lives. This special time invites us to reflect on the blessings we've received and the promise of renewal that Easter brings.

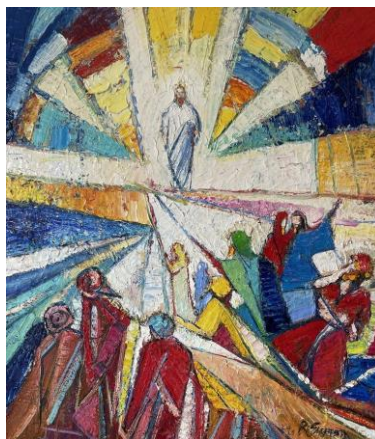
Just as the resurrection of Jesus Christ fills us with hope and joy, let us also celebrate the beauty of new beginnings and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. May this Easter be a time of spiritual growth, unity, and grace for each and every one of you.

As a school community guided by our Catholic values, let us emulate the spirit of compassion and service that Jesus exemplified. Through acts of kindness and generosity, may we spread light and warmth to those around us, embodying the true essence of Easter.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our families for your unwavering support and partnership in nurturing the faith formation of our students. Together, we create a community where love and compassion flourish, enriching the lives of all who are touched by it.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with peace, hope, and the joy of the risen Christ.

Take care,
Anna



Monday 15th April:	School resumes for staff & students
Friday 19th April:	3:00 pm - School Assembly Newsletter Published
Wednesday 24th April:	2025 OPEN DAY 9:30-10:30 am 10:00 am - Whole School Mass Yr 5/6 Tabloid Sports at Emmanuel College (TBC)
Thursday 25th April:	ANZAC DAY - No School
Friday 26th April:	3:00 pm - School Assembly

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Photos will take place on **Monday 6th May**. Families will receive information on how to order early next term. You can order individual photos, class photos and/or school sibling photos. Children will need to be in full summer uniform on this day.



SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

School Reports will be sent home to families on **Friday 21st June**. Each student will receive a report which outlines their achievements for the semester. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's/children's report at Parent Teacher interviews which will be held on **Wednesday 26th June from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. School will still conclude at 3:25 pm as students will be supervised by non-classroom teachers. More information on how to book appointments will be available earlier next term.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The School Advisory Council provides a forum for discussion and discernment, where parent voice and community perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest as custodian of mission for the good of school and parish where students' wellbeing and outcomes are paramount.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to be an active member of the School Advisory Council.

The following are some examples of the many ways the School Advisory Council may support the school and the principal:

- articulating and enacting the school's vision and mission
- promoting the school's Catholic ethos and culture
- promoting faith formation and development
- supporting school policies as required
- giving advice to the principal on issues such as school improvement plans and enrolment trends
- engaging in discussion with the principal about the annual school budget and other financial matters
- giving advice to the principal about the school master plan
- providing capital resource planning and maintenance support to the principal.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets 4 times per year (once per term). If you're interested, please email: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

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.



SCHOOL TV: MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Continuing the focus from the last newsletter, here are five articles from SchoolTV that provide different perspectives on the issue of managing screen time for children.

[“But I’m SO BORED!...”](#) - published by the Unplugged Psychologist
[Here’s Why Screens Bring Out the Worst in your Kid](#) - published by Today’s Parent

[How to Talk to Your Teen About Their Online Life](#) - published by Stuff

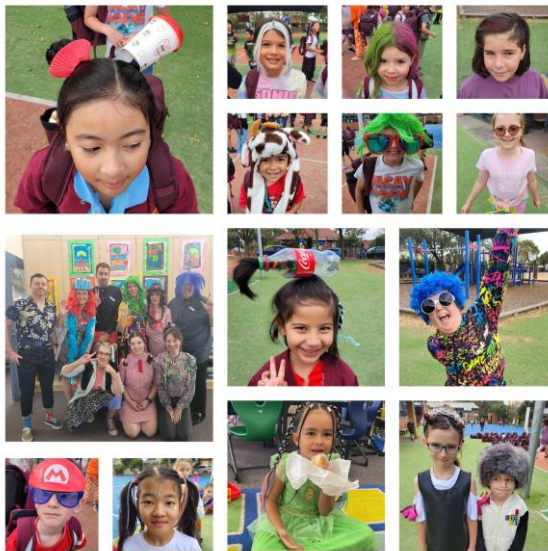
[Families With Kids of Varying Ages Struggle to Keep Screen Time in Check](#) - published by the Sydney Morning Herald

The full SchoolTV edition of Managing Screen Time can be found here:

<https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/managing-screen-time>

FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION - CELEBRATION

It was a double celebration on Monday 25th March, as we marked our Annunciation Feast Day and had Crazy Clothes and Hair Day.



The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates the moment when the angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary to announce that she will conceive and give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. The students spent the morning in class learning about this story, and taking part in activities related to Mary and the Annunciation.

The idea for Crazy Clothes and Hair Day came from the 3/4 students, who wanted to find a way to raise money for Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's fundraising campaign. Along with thousands of other Australians, Annunciation supports Project Compassion each year in solidarity to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Here is what Cooper from Year 3/4 had to say about the day:

During Lent, God asks us to be almsgivers, to pray and to love others. Our class, Grade 3/4, wanted to do something special and fun for Caritas to help the people who are less fortunate than us.

We decided that we could do "Crazy Clothes and Hair Day", where we could all donate a gold coin for the privilege to contribute to it, with all the money going to Caritas.

We had to ask Mrs. Yorston if we could actually do this day and our class sent multiple emails to her, and then she allowed it.

On the day, we had a lot of fun and we even got a donut. It was very successful, and we look forward to helping Caritas again next year.

Annunciation raised \$114 which will be donated to Caritas!

CLASSROOM CUISINE - SCHOOL LUNCHES

From Term 2, you will be able to order lunch on **WEDNESDAYS only!!** We have engaged the services of Classroom Cuisine as an option for families to purchase lunch for their child/ren. Below is a menu outlining a variety of lunch options. **ALL orders are online** and will be delivered to the school prior to lunch. Annunciation Primary is now added to their website and the service will **commence on Wednesday 17th April**. The menu for Term 2 will be available for orders towards the end of the holidays but you can hop on now and register your children in readiness.

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

We provide a High-Quality Lunch Service & Customer Experience that delights our Users and is hassle-free for Schools.
We are committed to supporting Schools to achieve their Sustainability Goals, as well as minimising Our environmental footprint and Scope 3 Emissions.

Choose ONE Main Course item, then select ANY 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a TWO or THREE Course Lunch Pack			
2 COURSE LUNCH: ① \$9.65 ② \$10.95 ③ \$11.95 ④ \$13.45		3 COURSE LUNCH: ① \$11.70 ② \$12.75 ③ \$13.65 ④ \$15.15	
SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPPS # 1½ SANDWICHES # 2 SANDWICHES SUSHI & RICE PAPER ROLLS 2 Hand Rolls per lunch. (*Discard Soy Sauce for Gluten Free)		BAKERY & PIZZA items have been Baked Fresh this morning and are served at room temperature. SALADS created in our kitchen with the freshest ingredients every day.	
SUSHI & RICE PAPER ROLLS Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls ③ Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls ③ Avocado Hand Rolls ③ Cucumber Hand Rolls ③ Vegetarian Hand Rolls ③ Tofu Hand Rolls ③ Rice Paper Rolls – Veg ④ SALADS Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives ④ Mexican Inspired Salad ④ Tuna Mix w/ Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes ③	PIZZA & GOZLEME Margherita Pita Pizza ① Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice ② Spinach & Cheese Gozleme ④ Lamb & Beef Gozleme ④ Mushroom & Spinach Gozleme ④ BAKERY Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (w/m) ① Semi Dried Tomato & Olive ROLL ② SCROLL with Ham & Cheese ② Topped w/ Only Cheese Roll ①	PIC(K)NIC BOXES/FRUIT & VEG Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian ③ Pic(k)nic Box with Ham ③ Pic(k)nic Box with a Whole Egg ③ Steamed Corn wheels, Broccoli & Carrot ③ Main course of Fresh Fruit Salad ④ GLUTEN FREE SANDWICHES & WRAPS #GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich ③ #GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich ③ GF Wrap - Ham & Salad ④ GF Wrap - Garden Salad ④	SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPPS # Vegemite Sandwich ① # Plain Cheese Sandwich ① Simple Salad Roll ① Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll ④ Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce Roll ④ #Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich ③ Mild Salami & Salad Roll ③ Cheese & Salad Roll ① Salad w/ Ham Roll (No Cheese) ② #Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich ② Wholegrain ROLL w/ Cheese and Tomato ①
SNACK/DRINK MENU			
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES Freshly chopped Strawberries w/ Grapes Fresh Fruit Combo Apple pieces, Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces Freshly chopped Watermelon Pieces Freshly chopped Orange Segments Whole Fruit – Banana Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Celery & Carrot Sticks w/ Sultanas Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes Edamame (Lightly Salted)	DRIED FRUIT/LEGUMES Dried Fruit Medley w/ Yoghurt Sultanas Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Roasted Chickpeas Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans DIPS & CRACKERS Tzatziki Dip w/ Rice Crackers Spring Onion Dip w/ Rice Crackers Spicy Capsicum Dip w/ Rice Crackers Avocado Dip w/ Rice Crackers	BAKERY Choc Chip Cookie Gluten Free Choc Cup Cake (GF) Cornflake Cookie Blueberry Muffin Finger Bun with Sprinkles Hot Cross Bun Hedgehog Slice Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) POPCORN Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Popcorn - Lightly Salted	YOGHURTS/BOWLS Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) Chia Bowl w/ Banana, Coconut & Strawberries Stewed Rhubarb & Apple w/ Custard DRINKS Nippy's Chocolate Milk Nippy's Apple Juice Nippy's Orange Juice Nippy's Strawberry (Lactose Free) Milk So Good Soy Milk Full Cream Milk
We are a Nut Free Kitchen! More Info & Allergen information is available on our website: www.classroomcuisine.com.au			

ENROLMENT INFO

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 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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E: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au www.asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to showcasing
our wonderful school to you!




PARENTS AND FRIENDS INFORMATION

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

If you are a small business owner or a crafty person who has stock that you would like to donate towards the Mother's Day stall early next term, please let the office know. Gifts could include candles, plants, beauty products, cards etc.. Donations for the raffle are also greatly appreciated. *The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9th May. Volunteers are needed to set up the stall on Wednesday 8th May.*



ANNUNCIATION TRIVIA NIGHT

We are looking for a group of parents to assist in planning and facilitating a fun night out for the parents of Annunciation. If you consider yourself a bit of a trivia buff and would like to be part of a team to organise this wonderful event that is planned for later in the year, then please email your contact details to Danielle Fraser: dfraser2019@gmail.com *The Trivia night has been booked for Saturday 17th August at Newport Bowls Club so save the date.*



GARDENING CLUB VOLUNTEERS



Calling all green thumbs!! If you have some spare time and enjoy gardening, then WE NEED YOU! Our veggie garden is in need of regular upkeep. The school is happy to purchase soil, seeds and plants. A new tap has been installed down that end of the school which will make watering a lot easier. If you would like to be part of a gardening team, please email Linda Taranto: taranto.linda@gmail.com

*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.

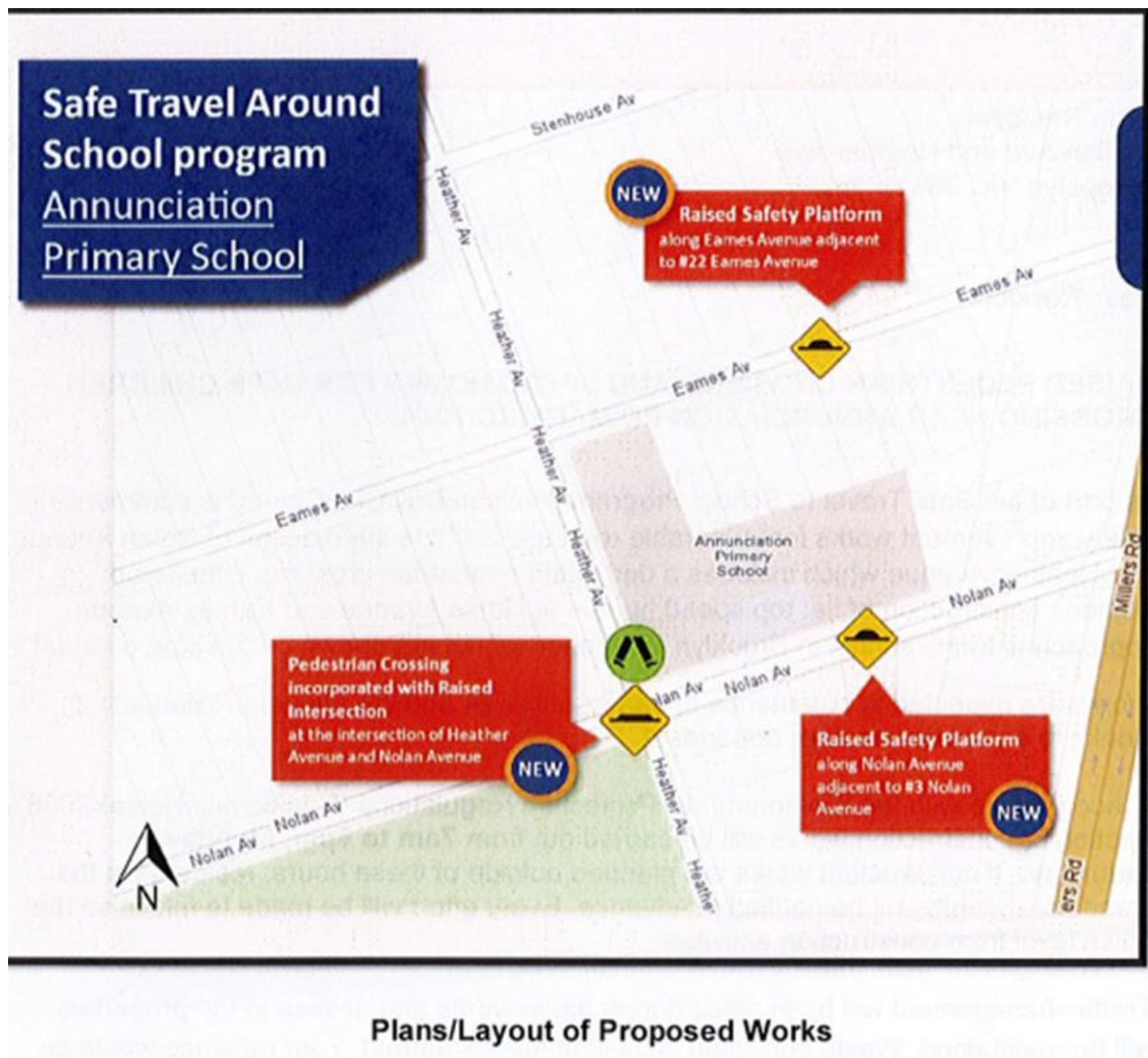
REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM WHETHER IT BE AS ONGOING OR CASUAL YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND SPEED HUMPS FOR SAFE CHILDREN CROSSING NEAR ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of the Safe Travel to School Program, Hobson Bay City Council is commencing safety improvement works for vulnerable road users at the intersection of Nolan Avenue and Heather Avenue which includes a dedicated pedestrian crossing. Other work includes construction of flat top speed humps at Nolan Avenue and Eames Avenue approaches to the school.

Works are expected to commence in early April 2024 and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete, weather dependent.

Traffic management will be in place during these works and access to the properties will be maintained. Waste collection shall continue as normal. Your patience would be greatly appreciated until the works are complete.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TeamKids have another amazing Autumn Holiday program planned!

- Learn new skills and make new friends
- Qualified and REMARKABLE Educators
- Digital detox with our no screens policy
- Delicious and nutritious morning and afternoon snacks
- CCS-approved care

Head to <http://downloads.teamkids.com.au/footscray-north-primary.pdf> to check out what's on + secure your spot today!

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1300 035 000

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HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS
IN AUSTRALIA**

Team Kids

KINGSVILLE TENNIS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH
OF JANUARY
9:00AM-3:00PM

**\$75
PER DAY**

\$320 FOR 5 DAYS!

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Are you interested in playing Basketball?

*Winter season commences in
April 2024*

**FREE REGISTRATION
for all new
Under 8 and Under 10 players**

To register on our waitlist please visit

wmbc.au

For more information, please contact

President - Alphan 0423 731 186
president@williamstownmagic.asn.au

HOBSONS BAY LIBRARY

Autumn School Holidays

We have a packed program of free events for primary aged students. Author Ailsa Wild is dropping by to run a creative writing workshop, Robots are waiting to play soccer, and live band Stump Jump are tuning their instruments, ready to get the dance floor going.

Take Home Tech

Speaking of school holidays, we have a bunch of borrow-able tech toys that will engage and occupy your students all holidays. Here is a link to all of the STEAM tech we have to borrow: [STEAM Technologies - Hobsons Bay](#)

We also have creative technology, for the budding videographers and podcasters among us. Here is a link to the creative technology you can borrow: [Creating with STEAM - Hobsons Bay](#)

Finally, we have a growing collection of accessible technology for all members to borrow. Explore in your classroom or at home: [Accessibility with Technology - Hobsons Bay](#)



The poster features a green background with a yellow circle in the center containing the text "AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM". Above the circle are four circular images: a blue robot, a collection of small objects, a person playing guitar, and a group of people. Below the circle, it says "TUESDAY 2 APRIL TO FRIDAY 12 APRIL" and "BOOKINGS REQUIRED FOR MOST EVENTS - CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS".

MONDAY 1 APRIL	TUESDAY 2 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL	THURSDAY 4 APRIL	FRIDAY 5 APRIL
Easter Monday Library closed	Rock your World 10am to 11am Newport Community Hub	Story Box Craft Hour 1.30pm to 2.30pm Newport Community Hub	Stump Jump & Rockin' Russell 10.30am to 11.30am Altona North Library	Build Robots & Play Robot Soccer 10am to 12pm Williamstown Library
MONDAY 8 APRIL	TUESDAY 9 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL	THURSDAY 11 APRIL	FRIDAY 12 APRIL
Build Robots & Play Robot Soccer 10am to 12pm STEAM Centre @ Altona Meadows	Children's Clothes Swap & Discovery Time 10am to 12pm STEAM Centre @ Altona Meadows	Story Box Craft Hour 1.30pm to 2.30pm Newport Community Hub	Nursery Rhyme Singalong 10am to 11am Newport Community Hub	Ailsa Wild Writing Workshop 10am to 11am Altona Library

Scan to find out more or to book

Hobsons Bay COUNCIL Hobsons Bay LIBRARIES HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL



WalkWest is a community fundraising event that honours the western suburbs, including our locals, hospitals, schools and businesses.

When: 8.00am - 12.00pm, Sunday 7 April 2024

Where: Footscray Park, Maribyrnong River

This year, WalkWest is going to be bigger and better than ever, with loads of entertainment and activities for the whole family - including the dog!

- A jumping castle
- Face painting
- DJ
- Aerobics warm-up

Join a great cause

In 2024, WalkWest donations will help Western Health purchase two extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machines.

ECMO machines provide temporary support to patients with life-threatening heart and lung conditions, allowing them to rest and recover while the machine warms and oxygenates their blood. The funds you raise will help make this state-of-the-art equipment available in the Melbourne's west.



As we enter the last week of Term 1, we would like to congratulate students, staff and families for the wonderful achievements of the term and we look forward to more great things in Term 2

There is always something happening at Emmanuel College; our Year 7s from Notre Dame Campus went to camp at Portsea and Mt Evelyn where new friendships were formed and exciting activities enjoyed. Going on camp early in Term 1 is another great way for students to get to know each other.

It was wonderful to welcome past students to our recent Alumni Business Breakfast. Guest Speaker Jelena Dokic (former World No. 4 tennis player) had everyone enthralled with her candid and at times, confronting stories of resilience and helping others. Alumni events are a great way for past students to catchup after graduating from Emmanuel. Past students are very welcome to join the Alumni group by emailing: alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

We know that commencing secondary school is a big jump from primary school. We are delighted that so many students and families were able to join in the recent Yr 7 2025 Amazing Race at each campus. This event is another orientation opportunity for students to participate in a fun activity, meet students from other schools and get to know their way around their new school.

Congratulations to students from St Paul's Campus that won Round 1 of the DAV debating competition last week. It is inspiring to see students achieve personal best in all areas of school life, including debating, sport, music, arts, the VCE-Vocational Major program just to name a few.

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 coming into either campus office between 8am and 4pm

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks