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

## NEWSLETTER

### REFLECTION

*On Fridays during Lent, we fast according to our means. For most people, that means refraining from meat. But we should do more than that if we want to supercharge our spiritual growth.*

*The purpose of fasting is to release anything that has control over us. When we choose something to give up, then we should choose what is difficult to sacrifice, not what is easy. For some people, this is food. For others it can be social media, or some other vice.*



*Whatever we sacrifice, it should come at a cost to us. Only by practicing the release of things that control us can we free ourselves to serve God. If money controls us, we should give up money. If it is food, then we should give up food. Social media, television, the internet, whatever it is that compels us each day but isn't God, we should sacrifice it.*

*When we feel the urge to take up our vice, let us turn those urges into prayers. Use those moments to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Isn't He worth our trouble?*

### LET US PRAY:

*Lord God, keep me strong as I fast and begin my Lenten sacrifice. Give me the strength to keep my fast, and to think of you when I feel the urge to break it.*

*The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne lists the days of fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all other Fridays of the year and during Lent the 'law of the common practice of penance' is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:*

*Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.*

- *Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.*
- *Helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.*

*Lent is a valuable time for examining our direction, refocusing our priorities, and making sure that God is at the centre of our lives.*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone,  
We had a fabulous start to the week with Kaboom sports followed by the BBQ. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun. My thanks also to the parents who helped in the races and to those who helped with the BBQ.

I was also thrilled to have so many people attend the Annual General Meeting for the Parents and Friends Association. We look forward to our first meeting on Tuesday March 19th. This meeting will be planning Easter raffles and Mother's day Luncheon.

A big thank you to the parents who came along for a walk to drop off enrolment brochures. We covered most of Brooklyn on the day and other families have volunteered to do their own streets during the week. This is great exposure for our school. Jacqui and I then took showbags (thanks to Connie V. and Grade 5/6 who made them) to as many kinders as we could. We met many gorgeous 4 year olds so hopefully they will find their way here next year.

Next week we have 3 great events, the first being a Public Holiday on Monday, the 2nd being the Mass and movie at St Augustine's on Wednesday and on Friday we are taking the SRC students to St Pats for Mass.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend and to anyone going away, safe travels to you all!

Mrs. Robyn Kelly

### The Month of March

Monday March 11th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday March 13th	Combined Mass with St Augustines and Corpus followed by Movie
Monday March 18th	Casual Clothes Day Bring an Easter egg for Easter raffle
Tuesday March 19th	School Review
Wednesday March 20th	Open day between 9 to 11 for any new enrolments
Thursday March 21th	School Review
Monday March 25th	Feast of Annunciation Mass
Tuesday March 26th	Confirmation workshops for Gr 6 - 7pm at Corpus Christi Immigration Excursion Grades 3/4
Thursday March 28th	Shon Productions here to film
Sunday March 31th	Festival at Williamstown

#### Other Dates to remember:

- **Grade 5/6 Excursion April 1st to Parliament House**
- **Thursday April 4th School Photos**
- **Thursday April 4th Checking in Chats**
- **Friday April 5th End of term**

## **ABSENCES**

We are now mandated to follow up unexplained absences. This means if a child is away and we do not receive a call/note/email etc we then have to call parents to check where the student is. As this could be a very time consuming task we ask that you please let us know if your child is away. This will assist us greatly!

## **MASS and Movies**

Next Wednesday 13th March, we are travelling by bus to St Augustines to celebrate Mass and then we are going to the movies. This is always a lovely day so we look forward to spending the day with the other schools.

## **CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - Monday, March 18th**

Yes it is getting close to that time again! EASTER!!! We would love to make up some great hampers to raffle as our next fundraiser. To fill the hampers we are having a casual clothes day on **Monday March 18**. Children can wear casual clothes and we ask that they bring along an Easter egg to donate for the raffle.



## **SRC (School Representative Council)**

Next Friday March 15th., the SRC students will attend Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by a concert in the park. Many Catholic schools will be attending as it is part of Catholic Education Week.



## **PHOTOS FOR OUR WEBSITE AND ENROLMENT BROCHURE**

A photographer will be here next Thursday 14th March, to take photos to update our website and for us to get new enrolment brochures made. We have already received permission slips from families for photographing children for publicity purposes. However if you have since decided that you do not want your child photographed for this purpose please contact the office or myself. Parents would have signed this permission slip when you first enrolled.

## **VISIBLE LEARNING**

We have been working really hard to teach the children about positive mindsets in their learning. The children are starting to talk often about the importance of risk taking, determination, sharing their knowledge and focusing on the task.

Mitchell in Grade One was heard telling Ms Hall that it:

**“doesn’t matter if you make mistakes because that is how you learn!”**

A wonderful example of Visible Learning and positive mindsets!

## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

In Year 3/4 we are learning to recognize different emotions people feel in different situations. We are learning that emotions can be shown through facial expressions and body language. We know that different people can feel different emotions even when they are experiencing the same situation.





## KABOOM SPORTS



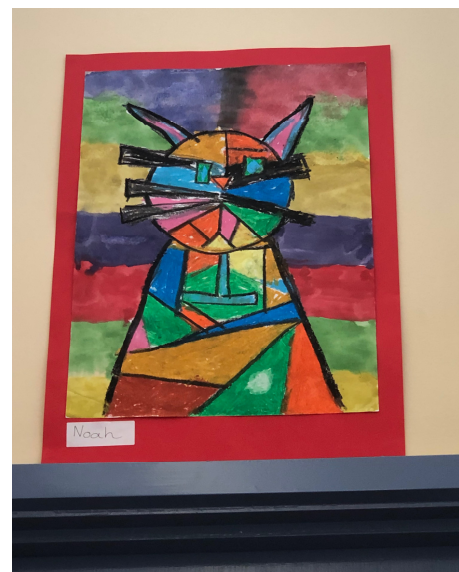
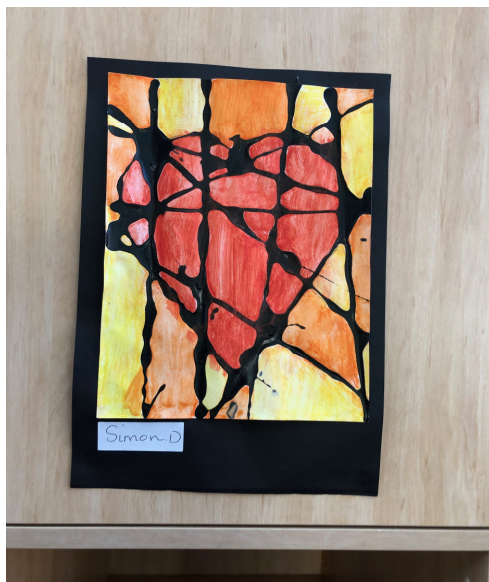
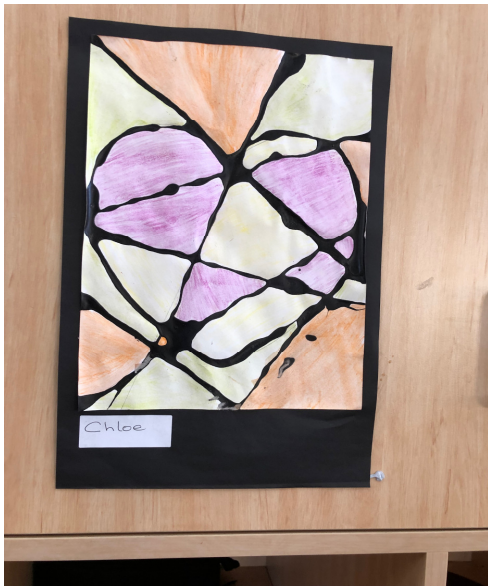


**GRADES 3/4/5/6 EXCURSION TO ALTONA LIFESAVING CLUB**





**WE HAVE SOME BUDDING ARTISTS IN OUR SCHOOL!!**



***PLAYGROUP – HERE AT ANNUNCIATION, EVERY THURSDAY MORNING***

A Playgroup called 'Brooklyn Fun for Tots' is operating in the Community Room each Thursday  
Enquiries - Phone Lauren 0411 895 775 or Michelle 0432 517 222

*Annunciation After School Care - Daily - 3.30pm. - 6.00pm.*

*(not during school holidays or the last day of term)*

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM**

"Looked After" has now introduced their software and this is who we are using now to sign students into after school care. If you would like to use the program we have all the details at school. It is very easy to use.

If you intend on using the 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.**

**HOBSONSBAY LIBRARY NEWS**



Students in Grades Prep through Year 12 are invited to enter their creative writing into the seventeenth annual Write by the Bay competition. There are three categories (short story, poetry, song writing) and students are permitted to submit one entry per category. There is also a class competition – all schools have received emails and letters with

information regarding this. Cash prizes are up for grabs, as well as the chance to have your writing published! Competition closes Sunday 28 April 2019. All entries must be submitted via

<http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/children/write-by-the-bay-2019>

Andy Griffiths will present prizes at the Write by the Bay Awards Night on Thursday 6 June. Don't forget to book in via the library website!



Primary aged children are invited to join us at the libraries for fun, free and fantastic fun these school holidays. Bookings open soon – check out <http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar/children/2074-autumn-school-holiday-program> for more information.



Cre8tive Kids Club is a drop-in after-school session for primary school kids offering a range of STEAM-focused activities such as craft, construction, science, robotics and more! This program runs weekly during school terms. No bookings required. Each branch has its own session 4pm – 5pm. Check out <http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/children/cre8tivekidsclub> for days and more information.





# GYMNASTICS

## OPEN DAY

Monday 11th March  
10am - 3pm @ Footscray

10 Mitford Parade West Footscray

Come down and play in our gymnastics facility for free!

Swing on the bars, balance on the beam and jump into our foam pits. Coaches will be available to speak to about classes and answer any other questions you may have.



# COOKIE CUTTER

*Cooking Class*

St Aloysius College invites girls in Grade 3, 4 and 5 to take part in a *Cookie Cutter Cooking Class*. Participate in a practical cooking class and make delicious chocolate chip cookies.

**Monday March 25th**  
**4.30pm - 6.30pm**

**St Aloysius College Food Technology kitchen**  
31 Curran Street North Melbourne

Parents/Guardians are required to accompany the student throughout the session. Please only book for the student.

**Free session:** Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/476547>

For further information please contact the College on 9325 9200

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