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

## NEWSLETTER

### Reflection

*Ancient people believed that breath was the result of an inner power, one's life force, which came from God. The word for 'Spirit' in both Greek and Hebrew was the same for breath or wind. When Jesus breathed on his apostles he gave them God's power, life and spirit. With the receiving of the Spirit they had the authority to speak and act in the name of Jesus. In this Gospel, Jesus commissions his apostles and breathes on them, filling them with the Holy Spirit. His mission, their mission and our mission are one and the same.*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

*On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained.'*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Wednesday was the halfway point of Term 2! The Term is definitely flying along! The children are very busy learning and the teachers are very busy teaching! Parent/Teacher interviews will be held towards the end of this Term but if you have any queries or concerns please make a time to see the teacher prior to this.

Our next fundraiser for the school is the Bunnings sausage sizzle on Saturday June 2nd. As a parent myself, I have been involved in quite a few Bunnings sausage sizzles. They are actually fun when you have a group of parents working together however they can be tiring if there are not enough helpers. Please consider giving at least a hour of your time and then the work is spread around evenly. A note regarding this was sent home Wednesday.



Grade 5/6 are off on camp with myself and Miss Berecz this coming Wednesday through to Friday. I hope the weather is kind to us and the children remember that I need to sleep too!!! I'm sure they will have a great time. I will keep parents updated through the SKOOLBAG App. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Robyn Kelly

## Dates for your Calendar 2018

### *Term 2*

May 30th -June 1st:	Grade 5/6 Camp
June 2nd	Bunnings sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
June 3rd	Pancake sale at Brooklyn Reserve
June 5th	Reconciliation for Gr. 3 - 7pm at Annunciation
June 7th	Gala Day for Grade 5/6 (Sports)
June 11th	Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
June 12th	School Closure Day (Staff PD)
June 26th	Parent/Teacher Interviews - School concludes at 12:30 (no after school care)
June 29th	Last day of term - 1pm finish

### **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!



The Mother's day Luncheon was very successful despite the terrible weather we had that day. We had just over 60 women in attendance! The hall was packed, the children sang beautifully and the food was lovely. There are many people to thank for the success of the day. So I am going to try my very best not to forget anyone!

- If you came along to support the day, thank you!
- If you bought or sold raffle tickets, thank you!
- If you went to businesses to ask for donations, thank you!
- If you connected us to someone to provide food or entertainment, thank you!
- If you helped wrap gifts, thank you!
- If you assisted on the day, thank you!
- If you collected money and took calls about the day, thank you!
- If you are a business that donated goods and/or services, thank you!
- If you helped prepare students for the day, thank you!
- If you served or sang on the day, thank you!!

There are so many people who really went beyond the normal to ensure this was a great day. A special mention to George (Lio's Dad) who took an afternoon off work to bring his coffee van. He spent hours making coffee and hot chocolates! My thanks also to the Parents and Friend's committee who planned the day initially!

### **NEEDED:**

We have purchased quite a few things for our cubby but if you have any of the following to donate we would love to have them:

- Children's costumes
- Dolls
- Small cars etc

So that they last the distance they need to be in relatively good condition. Many thanks!



### **CHANGING THE WORLD**

**Grade 5/6 are Changing the World!**

As part of our Religion unit this term, Grade 5/6 have come up with ideas on how they can change the world. For the week beginning on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 5/6 students will be putting their plans into action and they would love your support!

Aedan, Daniel, Cindy, Liam and Josh will be collecting canned and non-perishable food items to create hampers that will be donated to those in need. They will be visiting classroom and collecting these items on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Jess, Shriya, Nicholas and Anna will be collecting warm clothing items and pre-loved toys that are still in good condition to donate to those in need. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Evan, Dylan, Isaac M and Elisa will be holding a toy swap on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June in the Shared Learning Space. Students will be able to bring in their pre-loved toys and swap them for other students' pre-loved toys. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, they will also be selling jokes for 50c. The money raised will be used to buy essential items for those in need.

Mikayla, Tling, Pheonix, Isaac V and Sofia will be holding a 'No Rubbish Lunch' competition every day from Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be visiting classrooms to see how little rubbish students bring to school in their lunchboxes. The class that has brought in the least rubbish for the week will win a prize.

Emma, Zac, Lennard and Lio will be collecting any old books so that they can donate them to people who don't have easy access to books. Students can bring in an old book that they would like to donate. The books will be collected from Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

- At our meeting on Monday night the main topic of conversation was the sausage sizzle. As mentioned earlier we really need as many helpers as possible. Please return the form if you have not already done so. At present we require more helpers for the afternoon.
- There will be another Pancake sale at the Brooklyn Reserve on Sunday June 3. These have been very worthy fundraisers as they make over \$300 each time.
- Mother's Day Luncheon made over \$1600!! How wonderful is that!
- The money raised from all these events has helped pay for the new play area. Once this is paid for we will start fundraising for our next initiatives., for example, refurbishment of the Community room



## OUR VISIBLE LEARNING JOURNEY

As part of our learning we have been exploring characteristics of a good learner, these are the way we approach our learning. The students have come up with several key mindsets that they need to be a Good Learner

- Determined
- Asks questions
- Risk taker
- Focused
- Shares Knowledge

Here are some examples of students/classes exhibiting these characteristics



Charlotte said “This took a long time but I just kept on trying” (DETERMINATION)



Nancy said “I stuck on the circles all by myself” (FOCUSED)



The flu is often a common problem in the coming, cold months. The Kidspot website has some handy hints of what we can teach our children to limit the chances of getting the flu.

#### How to keep your kids safe from the flu

Basic hygiene and good old-fashioned common sense will go a long way to protecting your child from falling ill. You'll have a better chance of flu-proofing your child if you teach them to:

- Wash his/her hands often. He/she should always use soap and take at least 20 seconds to wash his/her hands thoroughly. If your child is coughing or sneezing, it is particularly important that he/she regularly wash his/her hands.
- Keep his/her hands away from his/her mouth, eyes and nose. Curious little hands will pick up germs and one of the fastest ways to get sick is by transmitting those germs to the body via the mouth, eyes and nose.
- Cough hygienically. Coughing can quickly spread germs so teach your child to cover his/her mouth when he/she coughs, preferably into the crook of his/her arm or into a tissue as opposed to his/her hands.
- Blow his/her nose. There's nothing like a streaming nose to efficiently spread germs - particularly if hands go to the runny nose and then onto food or toys. Teaching your child to blow his/her own nose will take many years of patience and instruction but if you start early, he'll get the general idea fairly quickly.
- Bin the tissues. Don't let used tissues lie around as they are potent germ carriers. They belong in the bin immediately after use.
- Sneeze discreetly. The spray that comes with a big sneeze can go far and wide, so teach your child to sneeze into his/her hand or a tissue. Hands must then be washed and tissue disposed of.

***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**

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.**



Congratulations to our Year 7s as they prepare for their evening concert to be performed next week. A very proud audience of parents and friends will enjoy performances showcasing the instrumental and vocal skills developed over the semester. It is amazing to see the growth the Year 7s have achieved in 6 months with their instrument of choice.



Open mornings:

We invite you to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see dynamic learning in action in the classrooms.

Visiting time: 9:15am - 10:30am Dates:, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20  
September, 18 October, 15 November

Register online at [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) 133 Maidstone Street Altona 8398 2000

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