

Newsletter



Term 2 | Week 4, Friday 16th May 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This past Sunday, we celebrated Mother's Day – a special occasion to honour and give thanks for the incredible women who nurture, guide, and love us so deeply. In our Catholic tradition, we look to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as the perfect model of maternal love, faith, and devotion. Just as Mary cared for Jesus with unwavering courage and tenderness, so too do the mothers and mother figures in our lives reflect God's love in everyday moments.

At school, we saw the joy on our students' faces as they prepared cards, prayers, little surprises and purchased gifts from the stall – simple but heartfelt tokens of gratitude. These acts reminded us that the heart of Mother's Day isn't about grand gestures, but about recognising the daily sacrifices and quiet strength of the women who help shape our children into compassionate, faithful people.

As a school community, we give thanks for all mothers, grandmothers, and those who take on motherly roles. May God bless them with strength, patience, and joy, and may we continue to show them appreciation not just on Mother's Day, but every day.

I look forward to sharing the next part of my pilgrimage journey – a very moving visit to Ephesus, where I had the privilege of spending time at the House of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This sacred site, believed to be the final home of Our Lady, is a powerful place of peace, prayer, and reflection. As we continue to reflect on the importance of motherhood, faith, and the example of Mary, I hope this upcoming reflection offers inspiration and a deeper spiritual connection for our school community.

Mary, Mother of God – pray for us.

Take care,

Anna

DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month	Event
Monday 19 th May	Inform & Empower session (Yr F/1)
Wednesday 21 st May	National Simultaneous Storytime 7:00pm – School Advisory Council Meeting at St Augustine’s
Friday 23 rd May	3:00pm – Assembly
Sunday 25 th May	9:30am – First Eucharist at St Augustine’s 11:00am – First Eucharist at Corpus Christi
Wednesday 28 th May	Division Cross Country (select students only)
Thursday 29 th May	Whole School Closure Day – Staff Professional Learning
Friday 30 th May	3:00 pm – Assembly Newsletter Published

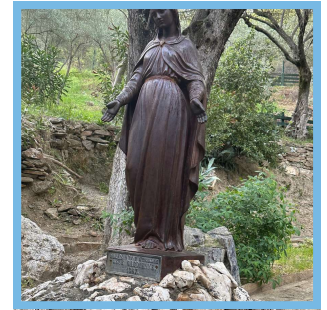
PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Tucked away in the quiet hills above Ephesus, the House of Mary was a place of deep stillness and reverence. Surrounded by olive trees, fragrant air, and the gentle sounds of nature, it wasn't hard to imagine Mary finding peace here after a life shaped by faith, courage, sorrow, and grace. The simplicity of the stone house, believed by many to be her final earthly home, created a powerful sense of presence—as though the walls themselves had absorbed generations of prayer.

As we entered, there was a natural quiet among our group, each person drawn into their own reflection. During our shared time of prayer, I felt a deep sense of connection—not only to Mary, but also to the others around me, to those who had come before us, and to all those for whom we were praying.

One of the most moving moments was visiting the nearby wall of intentions. Each of us wrote our own prayer and tied it to the wall, adding to the sea of white ribbons that fluttered gently in the breeze. These simple pieces of paper and fabric represented the hopes, sorrows, and faith of countless pilgrims. It was a beautiful and tangible way to unite our journey with Mary, and with the prayers of people from all corners of the world.

Standing there, in that sacred space, I was reminded of how powerfully Mary's quiet strength continues to speak to us—offering comfort, encouragement, and peace. It felt especially meaningful to be there so close to Mother's Day, honouring Mary not only as the Mother of Jesus, but as a mother to us all.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

A big thank you to our dedicated Parents & Friends Committee, who met this week to discuss important matters and continue their wonderful support of our school. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and care you put into everything you do – from planning events to supporting school initiatives, your efforts make a real difference in our school community. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and contribution!

PARENT ONLINE SESSION – INFORM & EMPOWER

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended last night's seminar on cybersafety and digital awareness. We appreciate your time and commitment to supporting your child's learning in this important area. If you registered for the session and were unable to attend, you will receive a video recording of the session. Together, we can help our children become safe, respectful, and confident digital citizens.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2.

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.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to this student for receiving a Principal's Award.

This student has demonstrated a positive attitude and have gone out of their way to support our school community.



BERRY STREET EDUCATION MODEL



Curriculum and Classroom Strategies

On **Thursday 29 May**, all staff at Annunciation Primary School will begin training in the **Berry Street Education Model**. This training model is grounded in 25 years of trauma-informed practice, positive psychology, and the science of learning. The Berry Street Education Model helps schools build a consistent and predictable whole-school approach that supports all students.

Why schools choose BSEM

Evidence-informed practice

Built on over a decade of Berry Street's longitudinal research exploring advances in trauma-informed education, wellbeing, positive education, and the sciences of learning.

Student-centred strategies

Provide teachers, leaders, and allied education professionals with a practical toolkit to build safer classrooms where learning and wellbeing are prioritised as essential for growth and achievement.

Whole-school approach

Ensure school-wide consistency, fostering a shared approach for sustainable BSEM implementation.

Proven impact

Over 80,000 educators trained, driving positive outcomes in engagement and academic growth, student and staff wellbeing, and school culture.

For more information about the Berry Street Education Model please go to the following links:

- [Berry Street Education Model](#)
- [Berry Street Education Model](#) – Video presentation

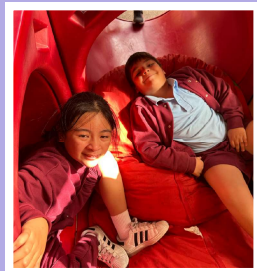
A reminder that there is no school for students on this day.

PARISH FUN DAY OUT

This year's Parish Fun Day out took place on Monday 5th May, and it sure was a fun day for all involved.

The day began with a beautiful mass at St. Augustine's Church, followed by a delicious sausage sizzle and time for students from all three schools to play together. After that, we took a quick walk to the Sun Theatre in Yarraville, where we were provided with a popcorn and pop tops to enjoy while watching Snow White. The students got comfortable in the cosy cinema seats, and had a ball laughing, gasping and singing along with the movie.

Huge credit to all of our students, who represented the school beautifully throughout the day. Always being respectful and polite, while still having enormous amounts of fun during all activities.



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all our students who participated in the District Cross Country competition last week. This year was Annunciation's biggest group of students to qualify for the district competition, with 16 students making it.

It was a cold and wet day, and the track at Yarraville Gardens was very challenging. But our students pushed through and all finished! Huge congratulations to Valerie and Chloe, who have qualified for the Division competition in a few weeks.



TEETH ON WHEELS

We're excited to announce that Teeth On Wheels will be visiting our School on June 2nd 2025!

Teeth On Wheels is all about making dental care fun and stress-free while teaching children the importance of oral health. They specialise in working with children, offering services such as check-ups, cleans, and more—right here at the School! The team is specially trained to provide compassionate and tailored care for neurodiverse patients, ensuring a respectful and supportive experience for everyone.

Early dental visits are crucial for your child's long-term oral health. At this visit, Teeth On Wheels will help identify and address common dental concerns, such as:

- Thumb-sucking– which can affect tooth development.
- Teeth eruption– ensuring teeth are coming through correctly.
- Bite issues– preventing misalignments that may cause future problems.
- Hypoplasia– weakened tooth enamel that can lead to decay.
- Decay and cavities – catching early signs before they develop into bigger issues.
- Deep grooves and pits– which can trap food and bacteria, increasing the risk of decay.
- Gum infections– preventing long-term damage to gums and surrounding tissue.

If eligible under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), your child may even receive FREE dental care.

To participate, simply complete the E-form by the cut-off date May 27th 2025: Please note no more paper forms will be accepted at school.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM!](#)

Don't miss this opportunity for your child to receive high-quality, educational dental care. Submit your form today, and the Teeth On Wheels team will be in touch to schedule your child's appointment!



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful parents who generously volunteered their time and energy to help set up and run this year's Mother's Day Stall. Your support, creativity, and dedication made the event a huge success and ensured our students had a special opportunity to choose thoughtful gifts for the important women in their lives. Your efforts truly helped create a joyful and memorable experience for the entire school community. Thanks to your efforts, the stall made a profit of over \$500, which will go directly towards supporting school programs and resources. We are incredibly grateful for your contribution!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout at our recent Mother's Day Breakfast! It was a wonderful morning filled with warmth and community spirit as families gathered to celebrate the incredible women in our school community. With a coffee van on site and a delicious selection of pastries, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The morning concluded with a special assembly, where we had the opportunity to acknowledge and honour the important role that mothers, grandmothers, and carers play in our students' lives. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this memorable event!



GARDENING CLUB

A busy day in the sunshine on Wednesday planting the winter crop. Onions, beetroot, broccoli, garlic and honey snap peas were planted by the students. We also planted snow pea seeds that will be taken care of by classes to plant in the community garden boxes. There is lots of native herbs in the veggie patch if parents want to take a cutting during pick up or drop off. Thanks to Linda Taranto for your help.



CRAFT CLUB

In craft club you can create fun and amazing stuff

Who: Alice, Jacky, Lily

Where: In the Open Space

When: Every Tuesday - 1st half of lunch

EASTER EGGS

We still have a few boxes of delicious Easter Eggs left over from our recent fundraising event – and they're going for just **\$4 a bag!** Why not treat yourself (or stash a few for those emergency sweet cravings)? After all, you can never have too much chocolate! Stock is limited, so pop in and grab a bag (or three!) before they're all gone. Your sweet tooth will thank you – and every purchase still supports our school!

TONY'S PIES

Our next school fundraiser is here, and it's one the whole family will enjoy – Tony's Pies! Orders are now open, so it's the perfect time to stock up your freezer with some delicious, ready-to-go meals. Not only will you be treating yourself to some tasty comfort food, but you'll also be helping to raise valuable funds for our school. Every order supports programs and initiatives that benefit our students, so we encourage all families to get involved and spread the word. Thank you for your continued support! Orders close on Sunday, June 22. Delivery will be on Wednesday 25th June.

Annunciation Primary School

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**.

Last day to order is midnight, Sunday, June 22, 2025.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$45	\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39			

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine has updated their menu for Term 2. They have added quite a few new items to their main course menu and subsequent other courses as well. See Below



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School

ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL – Term 2 – Wednesday!

Order until 8:30am on the day!

2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch	Snack/Drink Menu
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!			FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar +\$1.00 Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces +\$1.00 Fresh Fruit Combo +\$1.00 Freshly Chopped Orange Segments Included Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes Included Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces Included Whole Fruit – Apple Included Whole Fruit – Banana Included Whole Fruit – Mandarin Included Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Included Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas Included Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Included Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli Included Edamame (Lightly Salted) Included Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes +\$1.00
PIZZA, SAUSAGE ROLLS, GOZ & PASTIZZI SERVED AT ROOM TEMPI			BAKERY – SWEET Choc Chip Cookie Included Finger Bun with Sprinkles Included Lamington Included "Not Cross" Bun Included Cinnamon Doughnut Included Cornflake Cookie Included Choc Cup Cake (GF, DF) +\$1.00 Blueberry Muffin +\$1.00 Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) +\$1.00 Banana Slice (GF) +\$1.00
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) GF Margherita Pita Pizza GF Sausage Roll with Sauce Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice BBQ Chicken Pizza GF Vegetarian Pizza GF Lamb and Beef Goleme GF Mushroom and Spinach Goleme GF Spinach and Cheese Goleme GF	\$6.45 \$8.95 \$6.45 \$6.45 \$7.45 \$9.95 \$10.95 \$10.95 \$13.45 \$13.45 \$13.45	\$8.95 \$8.95 \$8.95 \$13.65 \$13.65 \$13.65 \$15.45 \$15.45 \$15.45	SUSHI Ipc Tuna Sushi GF +\$1.00
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided			POPCORN Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Included Lightly Salted Included
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls GF Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls GF Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls GF Avocado Hand Rolls GF, GF Cucumber Hand Rolls GF, GF Vegetarian Hand Rolls GF, GF Tofu Hand Rolls GF, GF	\$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50	\$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Included Roasted Chickpeas Included Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans Included Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas +\$1.00
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)			DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Corn Chips with Salsa (GF) +\$1.00
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls GF, GF Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls GF, GF	\$13.45 \$13.45	\$15.45 \$15.45	YOGHURTS / BOWLS Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00 Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00 Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries +\$1.00 Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard +\$1.00
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS			DRINKS Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included Full Cream Milk Included
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) GF Vegetarian Sandwich (2) GF Soft Shell Chicken Taco w Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2) Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) GF Cheese and Salad Roll GF Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5) Roast Chicken and Salad Roll GF Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5) Mild Salami and Salad Roll Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber GF	\$7.45 \$8.95 \$9.95 \$9.95 \$10.95 \$10.95 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$12.75	\$9.95 \$11.45 \$12.85 \$12.85 \$13.65 \$13.65 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$14.95	
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG			
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size GF, GF Vegetarian Picnic Box GF, GF Ham Picnic Box GF Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives GF, GF Tortellini Pasta Salad GF	\$11.50 \$11.50 \$11.50 \$12.75 \$12.75	\$13.75 \$13.75 \$13.75 \$14.95 \$14.95	
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5) GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5) GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$10.95 \$10.95 \$12.75	\$13.65 \$13.65 \$14.95	

GF = Gluten Free DF = Dairy Free HC = Halal V = Vegetarian GF = Vegan

We are a NUT FREE kitchen. Descriptions, dietary and allergen information available on our website



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Parent Information Night

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites you to join our upcoming Parent Information Night. This evening is designed for families interested in joining our school community and wanting to learn more about us.

Hear from our Principal, Dr Napoleon Rodezno, as he unpacks who we are, what we offer and what our plans for the future are. Information about enrolments for Year 7, 2027 will also be available.

Monday, 23rd June 2025 | 6.30pm – 7.30pm
(gates open at 6.15pm)

St Madeleine Centre
65 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook
(Christ the King Girls' Campus)

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 18th June 2025

Visit cccc.vic.edu.au or
scan the QR code to let
us know you can join.



For any questions regarding the event, please contact
registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au or call us on **9296 5311**.
We look forward to seeing you on the night!



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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



Annunciation OSHC - Brooklyn

Term 2

A message from the team

Over the past two weeks at OSHC Annunciation, the children explored their creativity through painting using natural materials as paint brushes. They also watched a magic show that sparked their curiosity and encouraged active listening and critical thinking as they tried to figure out the secrets behind the magic tricks!

Vincent Dang & Anna Loren Pitcher
Coordinator / Educator

Check out the fun!



Activities coming up

- Talent Show
- Picnic

Term Dates

Tuesday 22 April –
Friday 4 July 2025

Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at Annunciation OSHC Brooklyn today!

Call our friendly team: 0490222097 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: OSHC Brooklyn Before School Care 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM, After School Care 3:25 – 6:00 PM

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