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

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION

Heavenly Father

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all

Next week is our second last week for the Term. I feel like we have just settled in and started! We have had lots of different activities this month which has kept us all very busy.

Last week we also had our first P&F meeting and Miss Jacqui and I were thrilled with the turnout. We had a great discussion about things we could do socially and to also raise funds. We had approximately 14 people attend which was amazing. Please keep an eye out for our next meeting (early next term) and feel free to come and join us.

This term I have been working alongside architects to create a master plan for the school. I have submitted this plan as part of a grant application. We are hoping to open our classrooms up onto learning decks which will have glassed areas with gardens. The plans also include opening the classrooms out into our open learning space (internally). The grant process is a long one so we just need to wait now until the grants are announced later this year. If the plans go ahead parent voice and feedback will be a vital part of any final decisions.

We have also been working on replacing the old shed on the football oval. Work has started but we are waiting for permits. Hopefully the new shed will be up after the school holidays.

Enjoy your weekend everyone

Robyn Kelly

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Upon completion of this newsletter last night, excursions and camps were still on the agenda. however every hour, every day the coronavirus is forcing decisions to be made that normally would not be considered.

After much consideration and consultation we have made the decision to cancel and/or postpone this term's camp for Grade 5/6 and any other excursions that were planned. Due to the camp being at a tourist destination we felt that we were unable to provide a low risk environment. This is also true for the 2 excursions scheduled for next week and the following week.

Grade 5/6 parents will have a letter in their child's bag regarding camp today.

Every child is bringing home a letter detailing what the school is doing at this time and also gives tips on how we can work together to minimise risks. These are very challenging times but please be assured that your child's welfare is our utmost priority when we make decisions.

THE TERM AHEAD PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Tuesday March 24th	School Photos taken at school Check In chats for all families
Wednesday March 25th	Feast of Annunciation Mass for Whole school at 10am Special Lunch Day
Friday March 27	School finishes for Term One at 1pm No After School Care

LOOKING AHEAD:

You may like to add these dates in you diary for planning babysitters etc

School closure dates:

- Friday April 24th
- Monday/Tuesday July 13th and 14th

UPDATE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that if you change your home phone number, your mobile number or your address, or emergency contact details, could you please advise the school so that we can keep our contact details up to date.



ABSENCES

We are 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!

VISIBLE LEARNING

As many of you would be aware we are into our 3rd year of participating in a project based on Visible Learning. As part of this project a consultant comes to our school twice a year to speak to our students and teachers and to assess where we are and how we are going. Visible Learning is all about our students knowing how to learn and which strategies they can independently deploy when they are stuck. When we first started this journey many students saw effective learning as being someone who listened and wrote neatly etc. Now the talk is all about using positive mindsets and how they can self manage their own learning.

The consultant Vania sent through a report from her visit last week and the feedback was truly amazing. She could not believe how far we have come as a school and the difference in the students being able to articulate what they are learning and where they need to go next.

She was so impressed that she suggested we apply to have our school acknowledged as part of an award that is offered. We will definitely do this so stay tuned !

Thank you to the amazing teachers who have really committed to this project and to the students who have embraced it!

REMINDERS

1. School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 24th March. All children are expected to come in full summer uniform:

Girls - summer dress, white socks and black shoes.

Boys - short sleeved polo shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes.

Hair should be neat and tidy, long hair should be tied back. A payment envelope will be sent home shortly Please make sure these are returned by Monday 23rd March.

2. Please make sure to return your "Check in Chats" interview time slips so that you can be slotted in for your preferred time.
3. Easter raffle donation - these can be left at the office.
4. Uniform order - an order was sent home early this week. Please ensure you return your order by 20th March, if you require any items.

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS

We have a tin of jellybeans in the office kindly donated by the Thursby family. Connor (Grade 4) has suggested that we use this to raise money for CARITAS. Every day for the next 2 weeks Connor and the Social Captains, Daxi and Ben will bring the tin around so that students can guess how many jellybeans. The winner will receive the whole tin! Each guess is 50c so children are encouraged to bring some money to school any day to have a guess!

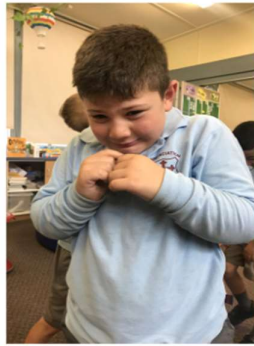


BEACH PROGRAM

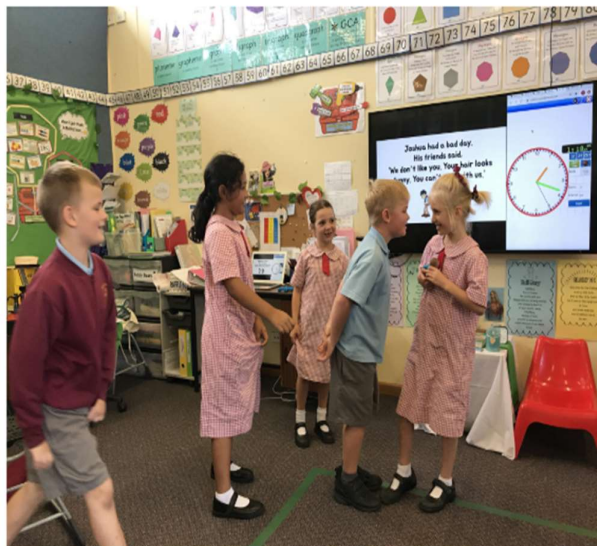


RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP

In Respectful Relationships this term, Grade One/ Two have been learning about our emotions. First we practised poses to express different emotions, focusing on our facial expression and body language. Loved, proud, shy, angry, scared Can you guess which emotion we are showing?



Then we looked at how our emotions can affect other people - negatively or positively - by doing role-plays.



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

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NOTICES



Hugh Van Cuylenberg, from the *Resilience Project*, recently launched our Year 7 *Life to the Full* program for 2020. Hugh emphasized the importance of gratitude, compassion and mindfulness in building resilience. Our Year 7s enjoyed Hugh's humour and lively presentation. We look forward to welcoming parents to the Year 7 students' presentation on how Project Based Learning builds deep learning as well as collaboration and communication skills through engaging projects.



'Friend In Me', a non for profit organisation where we create 'inclusion' events for children who are bullied/isolated or have disabilities.

Our major event is coming up on Sunday 22 March from 11am-2pm

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in me

FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, 22 MARCH 2020

11AM - 2PM

MELBOURNE SHOWGROUNDS

WITH LIVE PERFORMANCES BY

BETHANY FISHER • TEAM DREAM • B MINOR MUSIC
DAMO MUSIC FOR KIDS • KIDS DISCO PARTIES • MINI MONSTARS

- DEDICATED SENSORY ROOM • ANIMAL FARM • JUMPING CASTLES
- ROAMING CHARACTERS • FACE PAINTING

events.humanitix.com.au/friend-in-me-family-day-2020

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FAMILIES \$30
ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

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WHAT'S ON AUTUMN

Team Kids

FOOTSCRAY CITY PRIMARY
Mar 30 - Apr 9 | HOURS 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

CHOOSE YOUR HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

- ETCH & SKETCH AND YAY, NAY, LET'S STAY
- RHYTHM & BEATS AND MINI CARS
- PETER RABBIT 2 & FURRY FRIENDS
- MAKE IT 'TIL YOU BAKE IT & LEFT, RIGHT, UP, DOWN
- MUSEUM OF PLAY AND ART & WASHER NECKLACES
- ... AND MUCH MORE!

DOWNLOAD THE FULL PROGRAM
teamkids.com.au

BOOK NOW!
Call 1300 035 000

TeamKids empowers children to have fun, experience new activities, learn new skills and make new friends in a safe and caring space during the school holidays.

SKOOLBAG APP

Just a reminder that our school newsletter is available via the Skoolbag app or via email and also on our webpage. If you haven't already downloaded the app, instructions are below.

SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!