



Newsletter

Term 1 | Week 3 - Friday 14th February 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Prayer for Love and Kindness

Heavenly Father,

As we remember St. Valentine, the patron saint of love, we ask for Your blessings upon our school community—our students, families, and staff. May we follow St. Valentine's example by showing kindness, compassion, and love to those around us.

Help us to see Your presence in each person we meet, treating one another with respect and understanding. Fill our hearts with patience and generosity, so that we may reflect Your love in our words and actions.

Bless our families with unity and peace, and guide us in building a school where love, faith, and friendship grow each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Take care,

Anna



DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month	Event
Monday 17th February	Yr F/1 & Yr 2/3 Inform & Empower Cybersafety lessons
Wednesday 19th February	No School for Foundation students 2:30pm – P&F Meeting in the Open Space
Friday 21st February	3:00pm – Assembly (All invited)
Monday 24th February	9:30–10:30am – 2026 Open Day
Tuesday 25th February	Brooklyn Community Art Project (All students involved)
Wednesday 26th February	Yr 2/3, Yr 4 & Yr 5/6 Inform & Empower Cybersafety lessons No School for Foundation students
Friday 28th February	3:00 pm – Assembly (All invited) Newsletter Published

HOMEWORK

This year at Annunciation, we will be evaluating our homework practices in light of evidence based research into how students learn best. As communicated by classroom teachers in the Information sessions last night, the minimum requirement for homework is nightly reading.

There will be, at times, requests from your child's teacher/s to collect or bring in an item to support their learning, finish off a learning task/project or revise something they have learnt at school.

We encourage the time you have with your child after school, to be spent doing things as a family. There are learning opportunities in many experiences like, playing a boardgame, going to the park, grocery shopping and writing letters to friends and family etc.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please see your child's teacher or Ms. Belinda (Learning and Teaching Leader) bward@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS

Statements for this year's school fees were sent home earlier this week. If you wish to pay your fees by direct debit please see Connie at the office, so arrangements can be made. Payment plans are available. Please make an appointment with Mrs. Yorston if you need to set up a payment plan.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Parents and Friends meetings are held twice per Term on a Wednesday afternoon (2:30pm) in the Open Space. These are very informal meetings, more of a social catch up with afternoon tea. It is an opportunity for you to support in planning fundraising events for the school. Please consider coming along as it is a wonderful way to meet other families. (Toddlers/babies most welcome).

Our first meeting for 2025 will be on Wednesday 19th February. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please email them to Mrs Yorston: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2026 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2026.

If you know of anyone who has a child that is eligible to start school next year, let them know about our Open Days:

Monday 24th February
Monday 24th March
Wednesday 14th May
Thursday 5th June



MONDAY MORNING PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Each Monday morning, we gather as a school for a short prayer assembly. **We would love to extend an invite for parents to join us each Monday morning as well.** If you have time from 8.45–9.00am on Mondays, please feel free to join us in the Shared Space to gather as a community for prayer, and to prepare for the week ahead.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

A huge well done to all the students pictured below who have been awarded Student of the Week over the past fortnight! 🎉👏

These incredible learners have been recognised by their teachers for their positive mindset, kindness, dedication, and hard work—along with many other fantastic qualities! We are so proud of their efforts and the way they contribute to our school community.

Keep up the amazing work, and let's continue to inspire each other every day!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

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

A huge congratulations to this outstanding student for receiving the Principal's Award!



This student has shown an incredible attitude and has gone above and beyond to support our school community. Their kindness, generosity, and commitment to our school values truly make a difference.

Well done! We are so proud of you! 🌟👏



SCHOOL EVENTS – GARDENING CLUB, FUNDRAISING, EXCURSIONS, ETC

WELCOME PICNIC

We want to send a huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our information session last night! While the weather kept us from holding the picnic, we were thrilled to still have the chance to connect with so many of you. Your presence made the evening special, and we loved seeing so many families come together to kick off the new school year.

The energy, enthusiasm, and sense of community were amazing, and we are so grateful for your support. We hope you found the information session valuable and left feeling informed and excited about the year ahead. Your involvement plays a vital role in your child's learning journey, and we can't wait to partner with you every step of the way.

Once again, thank you for being part of our school community and for making last night such a fantastic event.

Here's to a great year ahead!

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Brooklyn Community Hall has generously allocated four of the planter boxes in their Community Garden to each class at Annunciation. The planters have already been filled with an incredible range of fruits and vegetables. These are ready for harvesting, which the students will be doing in the next few weeks. After that, it is up to each class how they use their planter box. Whatever they decide, we are sure that there will be lots of fun and learning involved, which we will be sure to keep you up to date with.

Thanks so much to the Brooklyn Community Hall for thinking of our school, and involving us in their beautiful garden project.



GARDENING CLUB



Gardening club is in full swing for 2025. Over the last 3 weeks the students have harvested summer veg, turned the soil, dug for potatoes as well as planting herbs, strawberries and flowers kindly donated by Maree.

(Adrian's Mum)

The enthusiastic student watering has resulted in the garden surviving the recent heat.

Thanks to Linda Taranto for helping out each week.



Digital Safety & Wellbeing

This year, we're thrilled to introduce **'Inform & Empower'** – an engaging online program designed to equip students with essential life skills! Created by experienced primary school teacher **Martin McGauran** and psychologist **Carly McGauran**, this program is tailored to help students navigate the digital world and beyond with confidence.

Throughout the year, students will take part in interactive online sessions each term, diving into important topics such as:

- Healthy Digital Habits
- Cyberbullying
- Digital Citizenship
- Safety & Security
- Digital Literacy
- Critical Thinking

Lessons begin next week and we encourage you to have conversations with your children regarding the program.

For Parents:

A reminder to save the date: Thursday 15th May from 7:30 pm. A parent webinar will be held that will cover topics such as:

- Social Media
- Online Gaming
- Managing Conflict
- Impacts of Screen Time
- Cyberbullying
- Family Communication

SAVE THE DATE

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Join us
for our 2025

Open Day

Sunday, 23 March 2025
11.00am – 2.00pm
204 Churchill Avenue,
Braybrook 3019



cccc.vic.edu.au/open-day-2025



Enrolment applications for current Grade 5 students close on August 15, 2025.

*I want my child to attend the College.
What do I do?*

1. **Complete an enrolment application form.**
Visit www.cccc.vic.edu.au to access and complete our online Application Form.
 2. **Submit your completed application form.**
Ensure you provide all required documents with the application. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission. Applications close mid-August each year.
 3. **The College will conduct interviews of all applicants.**
Families will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with a senior staff member of the College.
 4. **Enrolment and waiting list offers will be sent to families.**
Families will be notified of any offer after the interview process.
 5. **Book a School Tour**
If you would like to visit our school, please book a school tour by visiting www.cccc.vic.edu.au or call 03 9296 5311.
- If you have any questions please contact the College on 03 9296 5311 or email registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au



THE MUSIC BUS

LEARN ON THE MUSIC BUS IN TERM 1 2025!

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✓ Skilled teachers
- ✓ Fun Curriculum
- ✓ Supportive Environment

SIGN UP NOW! ☎ 1300 168 742 🌐 themusicbus.com.au

The Music Bus classes are back for 2025 – Enrol Now!

The Music Bus classes are back at our school in 2025 and it's time to enrol for term 1. Classes offered are : Keyboard, Guitar, drums, ukulele

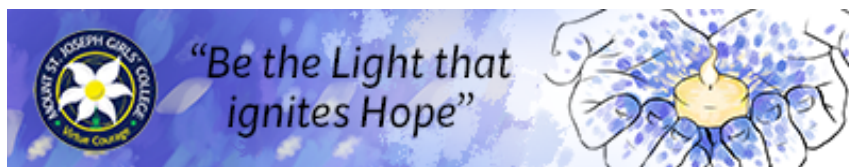
If you wish to enrol, please complete this Expression of Interest Form as soon as possible as places will fill quickly.
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

For more general information about the program, go to www.themusicbus.com.au

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VISIT US

Visiting our College is a great way to explore our dynamic learning spaces and you will meet our Principal, students and staff and see why Mount St. Joseph Girls' College is the best choice for your child.

Tours of the College are led by our student ambassadors. This gives visiting families the unique opportunity to ask questions and gain an honest insight into our programs and what it is like to be a student at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College.

Please register for one of the following Open Events by visiting our website or scan the QR code.

Open Mornings – 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 20 February

Thursday 13 March

Thursday 19 June

Thursday 24 July

Thursday 07 August

Thursday 4 September

Open Day – 10am – 2pm Sunday 18 May

APPLY NOW

Students wishing to attend Mount St. Joseph Girls' College for Year 7 in 2027 should apply in Grade 5 of their primary school education.

Applications for Year 7 in 2027 are now open. Apply online via the College website. The closing date for applications is Friday 15 August 2025.

For application to Years 8–12, there is no application closing date, but vacancies are limited and waiting lists may apply.

For all enquiries, please contact:

Sherri Collins: registrar@msj.vic.edu.au
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(03)8398 2000
www.msj.vic.edu.au

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Welcome to Emmanuel College News for 2025.

Exciting News: College Experiences & Open Evening Dates Now Available!

We are delighted to invite you to our College Experiences and Tours, with the first event of the year being our Open Evening at each campus in March.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from our College Principal, Dr. Janine Biggin, learn about our curriculum, meet our dedicated teaching staff, participate in engaging interactive activities, and enjoy a guided tour led by our student ambassadors.

Open Evening – St Paul's Campus

Monday 17 March | 4:00pm – 7:30pm

Open Evening – Notre Dame Campus

Monday 24 March | 4:00pm – 7:30pm

Registration is essential for all College Experiences and Tours.

Secure your spot here: [Tour Registration](#)

Year 7 2027 Enrolments Now Open!

Is your child currently in Year 5? Applications for Year 7 2027 close on Friday, 15 August 2025.

✓ **Important Reminder:**

·Even if you already have a child attending or enrolled for Year 7 2026, you must submit a new application for your child for Year 7 2027.

·Applications are now submitted online via our College website.

Apply here: [Year 7 2027 Application Form](#)

For any enrolment enquiries, please contact:

Ms. Donna Grech, College Registrar, enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au 8325 5100

We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks
Community Engagement Officer

Pursuing personal best ★

VFL Victoria Presents: Auskick & Superkick in
Maribyrnong!

We're thrilled to announce the return of our Auskick
and Superkick programs starting
February 20th at 5 PM at Footscray Park!

Auskick (ages 4–6) – A fun, beginner-friendly program
designed to introduce kids to AFL skills in a safe and
supportive environment. Sign up here: Auskick
Registration

Superkick (ages 7–12) – For kids looking to take their
skills to the next level, focusing on skill development
and teamwork. Sign up here: Superkick Registration

Starting February 20th Every Tuesday at 5 PM
Footscray Park

5-week program (\$55 for 5 weeks)

Fun, engaging sessions. A fantastic way to stay active
and make new friends
All skill levels welcome!

PLUS – Get a \$55 discount for community Auskick and
Superkick programs in 2025!

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to get
active and make new friends.

Sign up today and get ready for a fantastic season at
Footscray Park!

Don't miss out! Get your kids involved and let them kick
off the season with us!

A promotional poster for AFL Auskick and Superkick programs. The background is a vibrant green with a pattern of yellow and white footy balls. The text is primarily in white and yellow on a black background. At the top, it says 'CHOOSE YOUR FOOTY ADVENTURE' in large, bold letters. Below this, it specifies 'MARIBYRNONG AND SURROUNDS TERM 1 AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK CENTRE'. The start date and time are 'STARTS FEBRUARY 20TH, 5PM FOOTSCRAY PARK'. There are two main sections: 'nab AFL Auskick' for '4-12 year olds' and 'AFL Superkick' for '7-12 year olds'. Each section includes a QR code and a photo of children playing. The bottom of the poster features a blue button that says 'VISIT PLAY.AFL'.