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

A prayer for the start of term

Dear Father God, Thank you for holiday times for freedom, family and friends.

Help me to keep these happy times in my heart. I am excited to start school. To spend time with my teacher and class friends.

Help me to settle back into this new term.

Help me to learn, to grow in confidence And to have lots of fun.

Amen.

Hello everyone



Welcome to Term 3 everyone!

I hope that the holidays were a time to relax and to catch up with family and friends. I know many of our families had to deal with children being sick over the break which is always unfortunate during school holidays!!

We are going to do our utmost best to keep the school running as normally as possible during term 3. Unfortunately school staff are often very vulnerable when there are high cases of coughs and runny noses.

We are very lucky to have a terrific list of CRT staff but there may be the odd time when we will need to split grades. Please be assured this is always our last resort.

This term we have no long weekends or school closures until the very last week so we are all looking forward to a term of great learning and experiences.

Please don't forget that staff are always available if you have any questions or concerns.

I wish you all a lovely weekend

Robyn

Dates to note for Term 3

Monday July 18th	Comic Art Incursion - Grades 3-6
Thursday July 21st	Whole school excursion - Pipemakers Park
Wednesday July 27th	P& F meeting to follow up decisions made at previous meeting
Monday August 1st	Friendship Day (Whole school) More information to follow
Monday August 8th	Mary of the Cross - Whole school Mass 10:15
Monday August 15th	Pie Drive order forms will go home this week
Thursday August 11th	Hip hop Incursion - Grade 5-6
Monday August 15th	Feast of Assumption - Mass 10:15
Friday August 19th	Dance Incursion from School sport Victoria - Whole School
Sunday August 28th	First Holy Communion - 11am at Annunciation
Thursday September 1st	Father's Day Breakfast 7:30am to 8:30am
Wednesday September 14th	Crazy Sock Day (SRC organising)
Thursday and Friday September 15th/16th	School Closure days School will finish for Term 3 for all students on Wednesday Sept 14 at 3:30pm

(Please note: An incursion is when the play/sports group etc come to the school. An excursion is when students leave the school to go to another venue)

DATES TO NOTE LATER IN THE YEAR:

Parent/teacher Interviews: October 5th

Grade 5/6 School Camp: Monday to Wednesday Oct 10th/11th/12th
(Venue: CYC ADANAC Yarra Junction)

Grandparents day: October 26th

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are starting to see a few variations to the school uniform with Winter upon us. I would like to remind everyone to check that correct uniform is on at all times.

We have children wearing long sleeve tops under the short sleeve polos and coloured skivvies that are visible. If children are cold they are most welcome to wear the school windcheater with the bomber jacket over the top. There are also many children wearing runners with the school uniform.

If there is a reason for incorrect uniform I kindly ask that you send a note to the classroom teacher so that they are aware of this.

RAT KITS

The Victorian Government is providing further deliveries of Rapid Antigen Test during Term 3. However the tests will not be arriving fortnightly as in the past. RAT kits will be given out upon request this time. If you require a test please email Connie or myself and we will send home a box for your family.

We still kindly ask that you notify us if your child is COVID positive so that we can continue to alert families in that particular grade.

P& F MEETING

Thank you to the parents who came along to the P& F meeting in the last week of term 2. We had a great discussion regarding fundraising ideas as well as having more social events where we can reconnect as a school community.

This term the P& F group is holding a pie drive. We will send home an order form to each family and if you wish you can order delicious pies/quiches/sausage rolls etc which are perfect for a winter meal. The school gets a percentage from each order received. This will not be until August as that was the earliest the company could accommodate us. The money we raise this year will go towards having a family day at the end of the year as a way to reconnect.

We are still finalising details about a social event for this term

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

On Tuesday June 21st the Combined School Boards (Corpus Christi/St Augustine's/Annunciation) met to focus on Wellbeing and the school community Post COVID.

During this time, we looked at what wellbeing means within a Catholic context. We accessed the Kids Helpline data to understand how the Pandemic impacted student wellbeing.

The Board then broke into small groups to brainstorm concerns regarding wellbeing for staff, students and parents.

Some of the common threads included

- Increased anxiety
- Isolation
- Disengagement
- Drop in Physical activity

The schools then met in their school groups to look at wellbeing in their own context. The general consensus was that we need to be strategic in ensuring that we are planning for opportunities to develop and strengthen the wellbeing of all those in the school community. The Principal's will now bring this discussion back to their own staff so that further actions can be implemented.

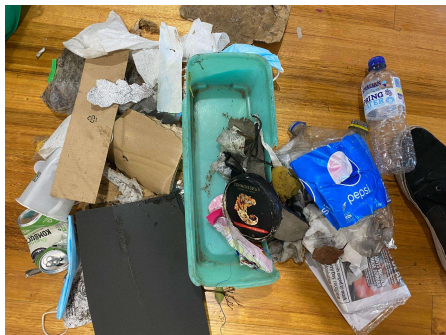
PARENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Christine (Ethan's Mum Grade 2) set up a Parent facebook page back during Lockdowns so that families could connect with each other. It was marketed to the Junior school but now we would like to extend the invitation to all families if you wish. It is a space where you can ask questions about what may be coming up, sell uniform, trade ideas, recipes etc. The page is monitored to ensure that it is only our parents that go onto it. If you would like to join just find the following on Facebook.

[Parents Connect- Annunciation Primary School Parents Group](#)

THANK YOU

Matt Rai (dad to River and India) would like to thank everyone who donated to building schools in Nepal. River and India (assisted by Ethan and Duncan from F-2) contributed by cleaning up their own streetscape every time someone donated to the cause. Congratulations to Matt, River and India for an amazing effort. We look forward to hearing how it all went in Nepal upon Matt's return.



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We are a nurturing faith and learning community where each individual is encouraged to excel in their academic, co-curricular and personal goals whilst bearing witness to the gospel values.

Students wishing to attend Mount St. Joseph Girls' College for Year 7 in 2024, should apply in Grade 5 of their primary school education. Applications for Year 7 in 2024 are now open. Apply online via the College website. The closing date for applications is Friday 19 August 2022.

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:

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Mount Saint Joseph's is also extending an invitation to listen to an expert in supporting families with digital technology and their children. This is the invite:

Mount St Joseph Girls' College is delighted to offer a free presentation with Dr Kristy Goodwin to Annunciation parents and carers. This presentation will help confused and concerned parents navigate the digital world with their 'screenagers', without suggesting that they 'digitally amputate' them.

Dr Kristy will arm parents with research-based yet realistic advice to help parents feel confident about how they can best support their adolescent's physical health, mental wellbeing and learning online. This event would be of most interest to parents/carers of students in Years 4-6 but parents/carers of all year levels are welcome to attend

When: Monday 25 July at 7pm.

Where: Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street Altona.

Book here: <https://form.jotform.com/221638628097061>

Read more about Dr Kirsty:

<https://drkristygoodwin.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/drkristygoodwin/>

<https://www.instagram.com/drkristy/?hl=en>



This is an invitation for families, especially those with children in Grade 4 and Grade 5 to join Caroline Chisholm at their upcoming Parent / Carer Information Session.

The session will be hosted by the Principal, Mr Robert Brennan. Information about enrolments for Year 7, 2024 will also be available.

Session 1 -

Date: Monday, 25 July 2-

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm (gates open at 4.15pm)

Or Session 2 -

Date: Monday, 25 July 2-

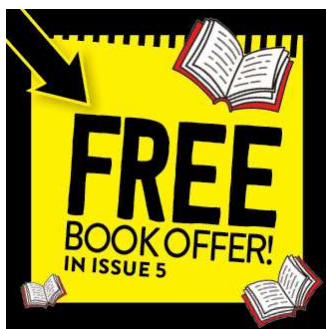
Time: 7pm – 8pm (gates open at 6.45pm)

Location: Quin Auditorium, 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook

Enter via Gate 3, on the corner of Churchill Avenue and Darnley Street, Braybrook.

RSVP: Visit cccc.vic.edu.au or scan the QR code in the attached invitation to let us know you can join. Please RSVP by Friday 22nd July.

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