

Newsletter

Term 3 | Week 5, 16 August 2024



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an incredible fortnight it has been! Our school has been buzzing with excitement as we've celebrated Olympic festivities, immersed ourselves in the magic of Book Week, and continued our journey of exceptional learning.

The Olympic celebrations brought out the best in our students, showcasing their sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm. It was inspiring to see everyone come together, not just in competition, but in the spirit of unity and perseverance that the Olympics represent.

Book Week was equally thrilling, with students diving into the world of books, dressing up as their favourite characters, and sharing their love for reading. The creativity and passion displayed by our students during this week were truly remarkable.

Amidst all these activities, our commitment to learning has remained strong. The dedication of our teachers and the enthusiasm of our students have ensured that we continue to achieve great things in the classroom.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in these events. It's the combined effort of our entire school community that makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

*Take care,
Anna*



OLYMPIC TABLOID SPORTS DAY

Last week, our school hosted an incredible Olympic Tabloid Sports Day, filled with fun, energy, and amazing displays of athleticism. The day featured a variety of sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, shot put, long jump, an obstacle course, and running. Our students shined in every event, earning well-deserved ribbons and medals for their efforts. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly, and a special shoutout to Miss Denise for her fantastic organisation of the event. Well done to everyone involved!



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below. They each received a student of the week award in the past fortnight. 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 AWARDS

Congratulations to the students below for receiving a Principal's Award. They have demonstrated a positive attitude and have made a conscious effort to try new things and go out of their comfort zone.



Dates to note in August:

Tuesday 20th	2025 Open Day, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Wednesday 21st	Choir Rehearsal (1st half of lunch) Michael Mangan Concert, 2:10 - 3:30pm
Friday 23rd	Assembly, 3:00 pm (All welcome)
Sunday 25th	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS, 11:00 am at Annunciation Church
Monday 26th	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (No Before or After School Care)
Tuesday 27th	Year 3 & 4 students - Excursion to Emmanuel College
Wednesday 28th	Choir Rehearsal (1st half of lunch) School Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday 29th	Father's Day Stall
Friday 30th	2:45 pm, Father's Day Assembly (Note earlier time) Father's Day Raffle Drawn

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY



Staff will be participating in a full day of Professional Learning on Monday 26th August.

This day will be spent working with an external consultant, Vania Tiatto who has been engaged by Annunciation to support the staff in the implementation of the 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP). The AAP was developed based upon the recommendations received as a result of the school review which was undertaken in 2023.

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on this day. Before and After School Care is NOT available on this day either.

PARENT MEETING

Thank you to the parents who attended the MHIPS meeting last Wednesday night. It was great to provide the opportunity to share information about the role of Mental Health in Primary Schools and to listen to and hear parents questions and concerns around the topic of Mental Health.

MHIPS (Mental Health in Primary Schools) is a Government Initiative and funding has been provided to all Government Schools and some Catholic schools until the end of 2026. You can read more about it here: <https://www.mhips.org.au/>

PEACEFUL KIDS

I will be completing Peaceful Kids training next week. This training will allow me to work with small groups of children who need support with anxiety and stress and help to build emotional resilience in children. For more information about this program you can go to <https://www.peacefulkids.com.au/>.



RAISING HEALTHY MINDS APP

Your free, personalized, pocket resource for raising confident, resilient children 0-12 years old. A wonderful resource to support parents with the many decisions you have to make each day. The great thing about this app is that it is an Australian product.

Click on the link to the website where you will find loads of information about how to support you to raise your child/ren:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/raising-healthy-minds-child-mental-health>



MINDFULNESS - 'THE COMMA'

This exercise can take anywhere from a few seconds to a couple of minutes. It is a short punctuation in a busy day between finishing one activity and starting another, for example before starting the car, beginning a meal, before an interview, or between patients. It helps to “clean the slate” making us fresher for the next activity.

Be aware of the body and allow the posture to be balanced and relaxed but upright. Let the body relax generally by taking one or two deep breaths and breathing the tension out. Then let the breath settle and allow the attention to rest with it. Then be aware of the environment and the sounds in it as they come and go. Do not prolong the comma past what is appropriate for that moment, then move quietly into whatever awaits you. If you are in a busy office and it would be conspicuous to close your eyes, just keep them open but rest them on a point as you practice.

FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

There will be a special Father's Day assembly on Friday 30th August, beginning at 2.45pm.

Once again this year, there will be a special presentation to the fathers of Annunciation. If you would like to be included in this presentation, please email a photo of fathers and children to swalshe@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au before Wednesday 28th August.



ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL CHOIR



We have had between 10 - 14 students taking part in the choir. We have been learning the song: 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers. Here's the link to the lyrics on YouTube: [Lean on me](#)

Choir takes place on Wednesdays for the first 20 minutes of the students' lunch break. The choir is led by Ms. Lucy Vassallo.



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Book Week at Annunciation

What a fun week we have had celebrating Book Week 2024!

As well as exploring all of the wonderful Children's Book Council of Australia's shortlisted books, the students had the opportunity to take part in two incredibly fun events this week.



On Monday, the students attended Perform! Education's 2024 production, *Maybe a Miracle*! Mitch and McKenzie took us on a journey through three of the CBCA books, as their character's Charlie and Sooz learned that miracles can happen any day.

On Wednesday, Annunciation had its annual Book Week Parade! There were so many imaginative and fun costumes on display, and the students loved having their turn in the limelight as they made their way around the oval waving and smiling at the other students, teacher and parents. The teachers didn't look half-bad either. It was a great way to celebrate the importance and joy (and magic) of reading as a school. Can't wait for next year!



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Look out for Issue 6 of the Scholastic Book Club which has been sent home with students today!

As we move towards a cash free school, cash payments for Book Club orders will no longer be accepted. Please order and pay online at: www.scholastic.com/LOOP



The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!



SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder to families that order forms and payment for new Summer Uniform items are now due.



Uniform can also be purchased for a gold coin donation from the second hand uniform shop which is open each Wednesday from 8:45 - 9:15 am in the Community Room. Second hand uniform items can be dropped at the Office at the any time.

We are particularly in need of:

- Summer dresses - all sizes
- Polo shirts, short and long sleeve - all sizes
- Grey shorts - size 10 and up
- Grey trousers - sizes 7, 8, 12, 14 and 16
- Sports shorts - all sizes
- Track pants - size 12 to XL

Thank you to families for supporting this initiative and to Gemma Carr for her time sorting and selling uniform.

SCHOOL TV SPECIAL REPORT:

SLEEP ..zZZZz



Children these days seem to be going to bed later and later. Distractions such as TV, computer games, internet, texting friends and social media are all having a negative impact on a child's sleep time.

Sleep is vital to a child's wellbeing. When children sleep well, they are more settled, happier and ready for school the next day. Sleep also strengthens their immune systems, supports overall development and their ability to function properly on a daily basis. Children who do not get enough sleep show increased levels of aggressive behaviour, are less attentive and are much less active. Trying to catch up on sleep on weekends is not the answer and can still lead to severe sleep deprivation. Recent studies have shown that many children, especially teenagers, are missing out on vital REM sleep, which is particularly important for memory and learning.

To access the full special report on Sleep, including fact sheets, interviews with experts and links to resources, [please click here.](#)



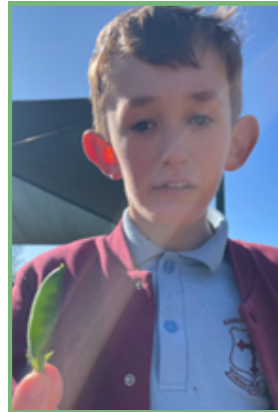
ANNUNCIATION GARDENING CLUB

It has been a busy two weeks at gardening club. We uncovered some mosaic treasures made by students many years ago buried next to the Mary and Saint Nicholas statues near the bike rack and staff room. Students did a great job of clearing up leaves and sticks in the area, washing the mosaics and the statues.



This week we talked about the scarecrow project which we will start to build on Tuesday. We also watered and harvested some veggies and herbs from the garden.

Please bring any soft plastics (plastic wrapping/ packaging, old plastic bags or the like) in to school on Monday or Tuesday for collection. These will be used to fill the body of the scarecrow.



Meeting every Tuesday - second half of lunch.

Many thanks to Linda Taranto & Sid for supporting the students.



CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCH ORDERS

Healthy, interesting and affordable lunches delivered to school.

Lunch Orders are available every Wednesday. From Sushi to Sandwiches, Pizza, Crackers & Dip, Bakery Items and more.

Lunch Packs start from \$6.45 for a Standard Selection 2 Course Lunch and from \$8.95 for a Standard Selection 3 Course Lunch.

Log on to Classroom Cuisine at www.classroomcuisine.com.au to place an order. Orders must be submitted no later than 8:30 am.

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ENROLMENT AT ANNUNCIATION

Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2025 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2025. If you know of anyone who has a child that is eligible to start school next year, let them know about our Open Days. Booking is easy - just scan the QR code and complete the registration form. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.

Annunciation Catholic School, Brooklyn
Where every child matters to every teacher

Book your 2024 Open Day tour



9.30–10.30 am

Monday 26 February

Tuesday 26 March

Wednesday 24 April

Thursday 16 May

Tuesday 20 August



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*We look forward to showcasing
our wonderful school to you!*

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before Care Daily - 7:00-8:30am

After School Care Daily - 3:25-6:00pm

(not during school holidays or the last day of term).

Register online at: www.annunciation.lookedafter.com

Families wishing to utilise Before and/or After School Care must register with “Looked After”, the company engaged for Annunciation’s outside school care.

Please ensure that you login and book required sessions the night before. In an emergency situation please phone the Office at Annunciation.

Please note: The Before and After School Care program is not available on the last day of term, during school holidays, or on school closure days.

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Annunciation Primary School Tony's Pies Fundraiser

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, September 11, 2024**.

Last day to order is midnight, Saturday, September 7, 2024.

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
Meat Pies	\$42	\$36	Meat Pie	\$18	\$16
Steak & Mushroom	\$42	\$36	Steak & Mushroom	\$18	\$16
Steak & Cheese	\$42	\$36	Steak & Cheese	\$18	\$16
Chicken & Vegetable	\$42	\$36	Chicken & Vegetable	\$18	\$16
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$42	\$36	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$15	\$13
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$42	\$36	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$15	\$13
Pasties	\$42	\$36	Pasties	\$18	\$16
Sausage Rolls	\$24	\$21	Apple Pie	\$14	\$12
Party Pies	\$12	\$10	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$14	\$12
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Cauliflower Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$42	\$36			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$42	\$36			

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



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC
<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/annunciation-primary-school/>

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RUNNING CLUB

Expressions of Interest



Hello Annunciation Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter some students have expressed an interest in running training.

I am an accredited athletics coach in my life outside of school, specialising in middle to long distance running which is any running event from 800m up to the marathon. I am also the Head Distance and Cross Country coach at Caulfield Grammar.

I will be starting a weekly running group at Newport Athletics Track in North Road, Newport for students in Year 2 and above. The group will take place on Mondays from 4:15 pm to approx. 5:00/5:10 pm commencing on Monday September 2nd. The cost will be \$5.00 per session payable on the day.

I am currently seeking expressions of interest in the Running Group. If you are interested in your child taking part, please send me an email to: emathews@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,

Liz Mathews
Teacher - Year 2/3

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY HALL

CALLING ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS & FACILITATORS! ARE YOU:

LOOKING FOR A VIBRANT NEW SPACE FOR YOUR GROUP OR PROGRAM IN 2025?

WANTING TO EXPAND & CONNECT WITH THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY?

IF SO, WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2025. FILL OUT THE APPLICATION VIA THE QR CODE FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME PART OF THIS AMAZING VENUE & COMMUNITY!

Scan to apply

Applications close 30/08/24

for all enquiries, email brooklynhall@hobsonsby.vic.gov.au

Annunciation Primary School

Fundraiser

Trivia Night

GREAT PRIZES!

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST
6:30 FOR 7:00 PM START

NEWPORT BOWLS CLUB - 4
MARKET ST, NEWPORT

More information + register

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The Greek Orthodox Parish of the Dormition of Our Lady - 272 Millers Road, Altona North

Annual Parish Festival

Sunday 18th August 2024

11am-late Free Entry



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Enrolment Reminder

A friendly reminder that applications for Year 7 2026, close today, Friday 16 August.

If you have a child in Year 5 and would like to submit an application for Year 7 2026, you must submit the application form today. Even if you have a child who already attends the College, or a child in Year 6 commencing at the College in 2025, it is a requirement that you apply for your child in Year 5.

Applications are submitted online, via the College website:

[Year 7 2026 Application Submission](#)

If you have any questions, please contact: Ms Donna Grech, College Registrar on 8325 5100 or email, enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely
Jenny Hendricks
Community Engagement Officer

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MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

Invites you to attend our

Gala Dinner A Celebration of our 60th Anniversary

**Friday 11 October
RACV City Club from 7pm**

*All former students, current families,
past & present staff are invited to attend.*

*Join us for a fun evening of reconnecting and nostalgia, honouring our rich history and,
celebrating our achievements.*

Enjoy a two course meal with beverages. Tickets \$130 per person. Book a table of 10.

Tickets available via Trybooking until 30/9/24 or until sold out.

Dress code is cocktail attire.

Enquiries: rsvp@msj.vic.edu.au



Scan to
purchase
now

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

Alumnae Reunion

**Saturday 26 October
3:00pm – 5:00pm**

The following graduating classes are invited to join us at the College for an afternoon of light refreshments, reminiscing and reconnecting with your classmates. You will also have the opportunity to tour the College and see how much it has changed.

Class of 1974

50
Years

Class of 1984

40
Years

Class of 1994

30
Years

Class of 2004

20
Years

Class of 2014

10
Years

Or anyone who attended MSJ in the 1960's

Free entry but bookings essential. Please RSVP by Wednesday 23 October

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