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

### **PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:**

#### **Reflections from my recent trip to Tasmania - Indigenous Spirituality Tour**

Earlier this term, I had the honour of participating in a week-long tour of Tasmania alongside 32 other Principals from the Western Zone. Taking part in an Indigenous spiritual tour of Tasmania was an eye-opening and deeply meaningful experience. It allowed me to gain a profound understanding and appreciation for the rich cultural heritage of the Indigenous people of Tasmania.

Throughout the tour, I had the privilege of learning directly from the Aboriginal guides, who generously shared their knowledge, stories, and spiritual practices. They guided us through sacred sites, such as ancient rock formations and significant natural landmarks, where they recounted the deep spiritual connections, their ancestors had with the land.

One aspect that struck me was the emphasis on the interconnectedness of all living beings and the land itself. The guides conveyed the importance of respecting and caring for the environment, as it sustains not only human life but also the spirits of their ancestors. This perspective served as a powerful reminder of our responsibility to be stewards of the Earth and to cultivate a harmonious relationship with nature.



The tour also shed light on the history of colonization and its devastating impact on the Aboriginal communities of Tasmania. Through honest and sometimes difficult conversations, we confronted the dark chapters of Australia's past and the ongoing struggle for recognition, land rights, and cultural preservation.

This journey of reflection and immersion in Indigenous spirituality has left a lasting impact on me. It has ignited a desire to further educate myself about the histories, cultures, and ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous peoples not only in Tasmania but throughout the world. It has also reinforced the importance of promoting cultural understanding, respect, and reconciliation in our society.



Take care  
Anna

### Dates to note for the next fortnight/beginning of Term 3

<b>Tuesday 20th June:</b>	6:00 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Wednesday 21st June:</b>	10:15 am - Whole School Mass (All welcome)
<b>Thursday 22nd June:</b>	P/T Interviews from 1:00-7:00 pm
<b>Friday 23rd June:</b>	Casual Clothes Day - Gold Coin Donation End of Term 2 (Students finish at 1:00 pm) <i>No After School Care available</i>
<b>School Holidays:</b>	Mon 26th June - Friday 7th July
<b>Monday 10th July:</b>	Term 3 commences.

### **SOME SAD NEWS**

Last week, staff were informed that Father John O'Connor will be leaving Annunciation Parish later in the year. He has been appointed Parish Priest at East Preston (Holy Name) and Kingsbury (Our Lady of the Way). At this stage, no appointment has been made regarding a new Parish Priest. I will keep you updated once advised of any announcements.

### **SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

School Reports have been sent home today with each student. Please take the time to read your child's report and discuss it with them. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's/children's report at Parent Teacher interviews which will be held on Thursday 22nd June from 1:00 - 7:00 pm.

*All families should have received information regarding their interview time. If not, please contact the office ASAP.*

### **NEW IPAD PURCHASES & APPLE TVs**

Annunciation recently purchased 40 new iPad and new TVs to replace the interactive whiteboards in the Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6 classrooms. TVs will also be installed in the staffroom and planning room. Apple TV allows for seamless integration with other Apple devices such as iPad and Macs. This integration can enhance the classroom experience by allowing teachers and students to wirelessly share their screens, presentations, or other content with the entire class.



It simplifies the process of displaying multimedia content, educational apps, or interactive materials. Teachers can create dynamic and immersive lessons by utilizing features like screen mirroring, video playback, annotation tools, and interactive quizzes. These capabilities enhance student engagement, facilitate active participation, and encourage a more personalized learning environment. Installation will occur during the school holidays. I'm sure the students and teachers will appreciate these new purchases.

## REINVENT THE CLASSROOM

As mentioned in previous newsletters, staff at Annunciation are participating in a year long project with staff from St Peter's, South West Sunshine titled: *Reinvent the Classroom (RTCi)*.

This program is facilitated by HP (Hewlett Packard), supported by MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) and aims to support staff in modernizing their teaching and learning processes and to develop their technology blueprint.

This week, staff at Annunciation worked closely with Adrian from (RTCi) on implementing technology into their everyday teaching. St Peter's staff joined us for a staff meeting where more learning, collaborating & investigating occurred. Two great Catholic schools working together for the benefit of their students.



## SCHOOL REVIEW CLOSURE DAYS



Staff worked diligently on the school review over the two school closure days. All staff were involved in a series of workshops where they worked through a process of dialogue and collaboration. There are 5 spheres that the school is audited on:

1. Religious Dimension
2. Learning & Teaching
3. Leadership & Management
4. Student Wellbeing
5. School Community

Each sphere outlines particular criteria that needs to be agreed upon by staff as to where Annunciation is currently placed. I am extremely proud of the way in which staff engaged in authentic and challenging conversations throughout these two days.

The next step is for the audited spheres to be sent off to the reviewer. The reviewer will decipher the information and then visit the school in mid-August where she will meet with staff, students and families before making some final recommendations. These recommendations will assist staff in setting goals for the next School Improvement Plan (2024-2027).



## CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

On Friday 23rd June (last day of Term), students are invited to wear casual clothes to school and bring a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the "My Small Help" charity




**You helped build a school last year in Nepal.  
We're at it again this year.**  
**\$2 = 4 Bricks**



**Donate before EOFY for your  
tax deductions - grab Matt  
for details**

**We Build Schools**  
Registered Australian Charity  
ABN: 80647286164



**Scan and  
Build a School**



PayPal

For every \$2 donated to build a school for 75+ kids in Nepal River and India (with Dad's help) will pick up a piece of rubbish around the school area and surrounding streets

## AWARD WINNERS - STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the above students who all 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.

## CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

We wish Valerie (Yr 4) all the very best as she represents Annunciation at the Regional Cross Country on Monday 19th June. Everyone at Annunciation is extremely proud of her determination and effort.



## GREEN THUMBS

In the last newsletter, a call went out for families to participate in a tree planting day in the school holidays. Hobsons Bay Council have acknowledged that the chosen day was in the holidays, so they are now in the process of rescheduling the tree planting to allow students the opportunity to be involved. The proposed date will be early next term.



## F/1/2 NEIGHBOURHOOD WALK

Last week the Junior classes went out of the classroom to do some learning related to their Inquiry Unit: What makes Australia unique? Students walked the streets of Brooklyn to identify and describe the features of local places, learning about natural and man-made environments.

Prior to the walk, students mapped their walk and located their homes on Google Earth and discussed its locality to the school. On the walk, many students passed their homes, and some parents came out to say "hello."

The students finished off their walk with a play in the park where there is a lot of history related to the Brooklyn area. Many thanks to Robert & David who were able to assist on the walk.





## SCHOOLTV SPECIAL REPORT: SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

Social media influencers have become powerful individuals who often shape the opinions and beliefs of others due to strong connections with their audiences. In today's fast-paced digital world, attention has become a valuable commodity.

However, the impact of social media influencers on youth mental health is a growing concern, most recently, the controversial actions and statements of Andrew Tate. His rise to fame has made him a polarising figure, amassing a significant following of mostly young males. Educators and families have raised urgent concerns about the damaging nature of Tate's content, worried that his messages may radicalise students and create a generation of young men with regressive and harmful beliefs.



Young people often compare themselves to the idealised lives presented by influencers, leading to feelings of inadequacy, low self-worth and dissatisfaction. Social media algorithms may also expose them to inappropriate or harmful content such as explicit material, promotion of harmful behaviours, or distorted perceptions of body image or mental health.

It is important to guide a young person's social media use and promote open communication. Be curious to comprehend why they might be drawn to radical influencers, like Andrew Tate, and actively seek understanding as part of the solution. While not all influencers have a negative impact, parents play a vital role in ensuring a balanced approach to social media. By actively modelling kindness, respect and positive values, parents can help tackle the sway of radical influencers and be part of the solution to countering unhealthy masculinity.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to respond to misinformation and disinformation, instead encouraging critical thinking and emphasising the value of real-life connections. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Click on this link to view the Special Report

[https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-social-media-influencers-au](https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-influencers-au)



## MATHS CLUB

Do you like playing games? Do you like solving challenging problems? Would you like a warm place to go during cold, winter lunch times? Do you have a love for all things 'maths'? If you said yes to one, some or ALL of these questions, then you should come and visit Maths Club!

Mrs Boggis will be running Maths Club every Tuesday for students who want to participate in fun maths activities. Activities might include board games, online games, problem solving questions, construction, puzzles and more!

**WHO:** All students welcome!

**WHEN:** 1st half of lunch every Tuesday

**WHERE:** Open space

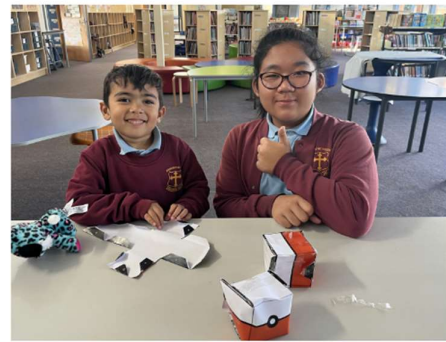
**WHAT:** Exploring maths games and activities

### Last week in Maths Club...

*"We made some Pikachu cubes and Pokemon cubes. It was fantastic and really fun. I think everyone should come to Maths Club."* - **Jack (Grade 2)**

*"Maths Club showed us that maths can be all different things. We got to make cubes, and everyone was helping each other"* - **Charlotte (Grade 5)**

*"Everyone was having so much fun that nobody wanted to stop when the bell went. I loved watching everyone working together. Some of the younger children were even helping children in the older grades!"* - **Mrs Boggis**



## MATHS CORNER



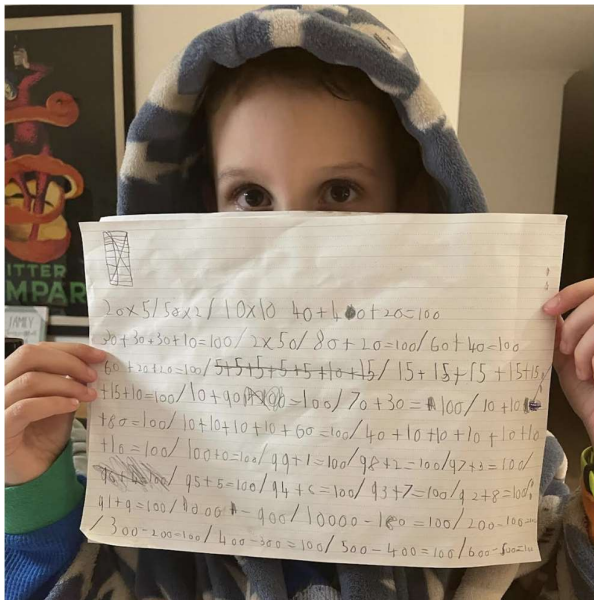
### TEAM DOORS VS. TEAM WHEELS

This fortnight's maths question might cause a bit of a stir in the school community...

Are there more wheels in the world  
or  
more doors in the world?

Pick a side and discuss some reasons for your thinking.

There will be a voting container in the office so you can cast a vote for your team. Anyone in the school community can cast a vote, one vote per person.



### Last week's Maths Corner challenge...

Rafael (Year 2) listed as many ways to make the number 100 as he could! We love how he included the mistakes he made as well. 😊

We would love to see how you go with the Maths Corner challenges at home, so feel free to send through photos of your solutions or photos of your family working together on the challenge. You might be featured in our next newsletter!

Please send the photos to Mrs Boggis -  
[vtran@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vtran@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au)





Emmanuel encourages the promotion of service, justice, peace and integrity of creation throughout the year and during June we focus on homelessness. It is encouraging to see our students support St Vincent de Paul's Winter Warmup, by donating winter clothes, socks, scarves, blankets, beanies, and non-perishable food. On 16 June students will

participate in the Winter Sleepout, to experience sleeping out of their comfort zone and showing solidarity with the homeless.

Our next major College experience event is the annual Information Morning at each campus, as always, registrations are essential for these events and can be made via the Tours & Events tab on the right-hand side of the College website homepage, [www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au) or by following this link: [Information Morning and Tour registration](#). Times for each campus are below:

### **Saturday 5 August 2023**

<b>Notre Dame Campus</b>	<b>Commencing at 9:00am</b> with the Principal's address, followed by tours and ending at 10:30am
<b>St Paul's Campus</b>	<b>Commencing at 10:30am</b> with the Principal's address, followed by tours and ending at 12 noon

### **Year 7 2025 Applications**

A friendly reminder that if you have a child in Grade 5, **applications for Year 7 2025 close on Friday 18 August 2023**. Even if your older child is already attending or joining us in Year 7 2024, it is a requirement for an application to be submitted for Year 7 2025. A Prospectus Pack containing an application form can be obtained by:

- ◆ Attending Information Morning on Saturday 5 August
- ◆ Following this link to the College website: [Request a Prospectus here](#)
- ◆ Sending an email to: [enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)
- ◆ Calling our College Registrar, Ms Donna Grech on 8325 5119
- ◆ Coming into either Campus Office between 8am and 4:15pm on weekdays.

I hope to see you at a College event soon.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks  
Community Engagement Officer

## **TWILIGHT OPEN EVENT** *at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College*

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites families to join us for our Twilight Open Event.

Join tours of all three campuses, enjoy a coffee and a sausage sizzle, and hear from our Principal about all things enrolment related.

### **Schedule of Events**

**4pm - 6pm** Christ the King (last tour leaves at 5:15pm)  
**4pm - 7pm** St John's/Sacred Heart (last tour leaves at 6:15pm)  
**5pm - 7pm** Sausage sizzle - 204 Churchill Ave only  
Gold coin donation toward our Vinnies Winter Appeal  
**7pm - 8pm** Parent Information Night focusing on enrolments



Scan the QR code to register your attendance today or visit [cccc.vic.edu.au](http://cccc.vic.edu.au).



## **School Holiday Intensive Swim Programs**

**Come on in where it's always warm 'cause winter  
swimming builds confident summer swimmers**

### **Learn to Swim**

Watch your child's confidence and ability grow in a safe and fun environment

**26th June to 30th June**

**Session 1- 11:00-11:45am**  
**Session 2- 11:45- 12:30pm**

**\$110- 5 day program**

### **Squad Intensive**

A program for current Squad or Shark level children. Build endurance and learn skills of competitive swimming

**26th June to 30th June**

**8:00am-9:00am**

**\$125- 5 day program**

**To book call 9398 1150**  
or email [admin@sweeneysswimschool.com.au](mailto:admin@sweeneysswimschool.com.au)





# TERM 2 HOLIDAYS CAMPS



**DAILY PROGRAMS 9AM-2PM**

**5- 15 YEAR OLDS (DIVIDED INTO AGE GROUPS)**

## WEEK 1

**TUES 27TH, JUNE**  
BALLHANDLING AND PASSING

**WED 28TH, JUNE**  
FINISHING AND SHOOTING

## WEEK 2

**TUES 4TH, JULY**  
COMPETITIVE GAMEPLAY

**WED 5TH, JULY**  
FINISHING AND SHOOTING

**THURS 6TH, JULY**  
DEFENCE AND FOOTWORK

**1 DAY \$80 / 2 DAYS \$150 / 3 DAYS \$225 / 4 DAYS \$300 / 5 DAYS \$375**

# TERM 3 COACHING

**MON 10TH OF JULY -  
TUES 12TH SEPTEMBER**

**10 SESSION PASS \$200  
OR CASUAL \$25**

**WESTGATE SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX  
61 DOHERTY'S ROAD, ALTONA NORTH  
INFO@3STREET.COM.AU (03) 9012 4999**

**MONDAY AND/OR TUESDAY  
NIGHT WEEKLY**  
**UNDER 8S & 10S**  
4:30PM-5:30PM  
**UNDER 12S & 14S**  
5:30PM-6:30PM

## WINTER Holidays

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**BEST HOLIDAY PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA**

## Team Kids FOOTSCRAY NORTH PRIMARY

**6:30AM START  
6:30PM END**

**PLEASE  
ARRIVE BY 8AM  
ON EXCURSION DAYS**



**IN-HOUSE**



**INCURSION**



**EXCURSION**

MON - 26 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	TUE - 27 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	WED - 28 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	THU - 29 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	FRI - 30 <sup>th</sup> JUNE
<p><b>ANIMAL ANTICS</b></p> <p>Build it like Brickham! Are you ready to get your Master Build on during this EPIC animal inspired brick test? Build 2D mosaic models of your favourite Mammal, Reptile or Marsupial - the animal choice is yours!</p>	<p><b>STEM DESIGN THINKING PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Innovation, Empowerment, Community, Sustainability. These are the values we will demonstrate while brainstorming to design and create tools that could help the lives of those living with a disability.</p>	<p><b>MOVIE - ELEMENTAL</b></p> <p>Lights down, popcorn ready! TeamKids is off to see Elemental! The story introduces Ember, a fiery young woman, whose friendship with a go-with-the-flow guy named Wade challenges her beliefs about the world they live in. *PG Film</p>	<p><b>RABBIT HOLE PLAY CENTRE</b></p> <p>TeamKids is set for a tonne of fun at Rabbit Hole Play Centre! Today, we'll take a run through the inflatable forest, climb the tallest towers &amp; dive into the colourful ball pit. *Socks required.</p>	<p><b>MIGHTY MARVEL DAY</b></p> <p>Calling all young superheroes! It's time to discover your hidden powers and become the hero you've always dreamed of! Join us and let's unleash your inner strength with fun and exciting challenges.</p>
<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$18.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$86.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$34.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$102.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$35.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$103.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$38.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$106.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$8.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$76.50</p>
After Max CCS* \$11.10	After Max CCS* \$10.89	After Max CCS* \$16.50	After Max CCS* \$15.87	After Max CCS* \$11.48

MON - 3 <sup>rd</sup> JULY	TUE - 4 <sup>th</sup> JULY	WED - 5 <sup>th</sup> JULY	THU - 6 <sup>th</sup> JULY	FRI - 7 <sup>th</sup> JULY
<p><b>NAIDOC WEEK</b></p> <p>Today we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which all TeamKids conduct their care. We pay our respects and we take the time to learn some more about Australia's rich Indigenous culture.</p>	<p><b>EXPLORE AND CREATE NATURE PLAY</b></p> <p>Calling all green thumbs! Get ready to dig into the fun with TeamKids at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Discover the secrets of a plant's growth, to unleashing our creativity with nature play, we will have a root-to-leaf good time in nature.</p>	<p><b>OUTBACK COOKOUT</b></p> <p>Calling all budding bakers! TeamKids are celebrating NAIDOC Week with some koola-ty baking! Whip up some adorable koola-shaped cookies that will taste as good as they look. Mixing bowls at the ready! *Allergy Alert</p>	<p><b>CREATIVE MUSIC - BEATS &amp; JAMS</b></p> <p>Stitch the strawberries because today we are all about a different sort of JAM! We're getting our creative beats flowing with this interactive percussion workshop! Learn the basics of musical play before howling a go yourself!</p>	<p><b>EPIC MUSIC MIXERS</b></p> <p>Beatboxer Jobe is back, and this time he's getting TeamKids to record their own sick beats! We'll make our own stop-motion video clip and mix some cool sounds from nature, to make some epic music magic!</p>
<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$8.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$76.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$34.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$102.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$24.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$92.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$21.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$89.50</p>	<p>Base Fee \$68.50</p> <p>Exp Fee** \$5.00</p> <p>Daily Total \$73.50</p>
After Max CCS* \$11.48	After Max CCS* \$16.38	After Max CCS* \$12.88	After Max CCS* \$11.42	After Max CCS* \$10.93



\*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. \*\*\*Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.

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