

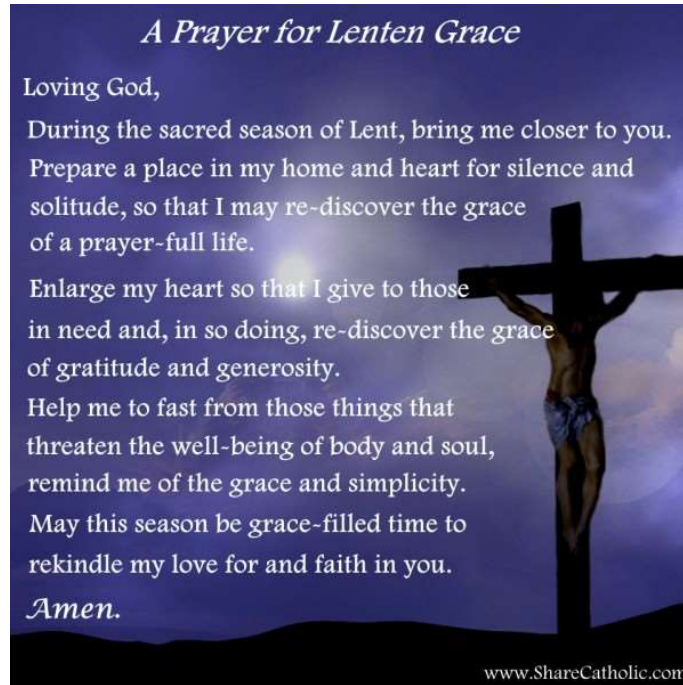
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Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

We definitely have a lot to be thankful for. Over the past fortnight, students have been involved in a multitude of activities both inside and outside of the classroom. Throughout this newsletter, you will see photos and read about the experiences that students have had.

As we move towards the end of Term One, I remind families to ensure that they have paid their first instalment of school fees and the student levy. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please see Connie in the office to make an appointment with me.

It is with great pleasure to announce that our Japanese teacher Sensei Jayka Bugay is getting married next week. We wish Jayka all the best for a wonderful day and many years of happiness to come.

Our Yr3 & Yr 5 students started NAPLAN this week. Students completed both the writing and reading assessments. More assessments will be completed next week.

*Take care
Anna*

Dates to note for the next fortnight:

Monday 20th March:	2024 Enrolments - OPEN MORNING - 9:00-11:00am Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN - Language Conventions
Tuesday 21st March:	Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN - Numeracy
Wednesday 22nd March:	Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN - Catch Ups
Thursday 23rd March:	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 28th March:	World of Maths Day (Whole School Incursion)
Thursday 30th March:	Casual Clothes Day / Easter Donations

ENROLMENT INFO

Open Morning on March 20th from 9am to 11am.

Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2024 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2024. If you know of anyone who has a child that is eligible to start school next year, let them know about our Open Morning. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Monday April 24th

In 2023, staff at Annunciation will be participating in a Professional Learning Program 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. The first day for this professional learning will be on Monday 24th April (beginning of Term 2). Therefore, this will be a school closure day. Students will begin Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will take place on **Thursday March 23rd**. Please return your photo envelope before the due date. You can order individual photos, class photos and/or school sibling photos.

Children will need to be in full summer uniform on this day. Please no runners!

UPDATE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that if you have any changes to your personal details: e.g. mobile phone number, change of address or emergency contact details, or a change in your email address, you must notify the school immediately.

It is important that we keep all current information up to date, in the event of an emergency. You can email the office at: ccornwill@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

SPORTING NEWS



On Friday the 3rd of March, Annunciation had the pleasure of welcoming Footscray Lacrosse Club coach Danielle to our PE class. Students in Prep to Grade 6 had the opportunity to practice their lacrosse skills and learn about the wonderful sport that we hope to see back in the Olympics soon! Students learned how to trap the ball from a roll, catch it in their stick and finally overarm throw using the stick. All students demonstrated fantastic behaviour, patience and kindness, the true Annunciation way!

Miss Denise - PE Teacher

LIFE SAVING EXCURSION



On Wednesday Yr 3/4/5/6 did life saving. My favourite part was the safety circle. My second favourite part was when we had to try and save the person. It's a game to learn safe things to do at the beach.

Rebecca - Yr 3/4

We went to the beach on Wednesday 8th March for an excursion. We were taught about life saving and beach safety. Even though the water was cold, we all had a great time and got the experience to ride on boogie boards, save others using everyday objects and learn about safety signs. My favourite part was learning to ride a boogie board and learning about DRABC. As well as Rebecca and I, everyone that came had great fun.

Valerie - Yr 3/4



PARISH FUN DAY OUT



On Thursday 9th March, the whole school went to Mass with the students from Corpus Christi and St Augustine's. It was a good experience being with everyone. After the Mass, small beverages were arranged by St Augustine's school. It was really good.

We got to participate in a few games and meet other students from different schools. I was very happy because I got the chance to meet my old friends. Mr Blythman and Mr Walshe have definitely got some cool dance moves.

Aavi - Yr 5/6

On Thursday 9th March Annunciation, Corpus Christi and St Augustine's all gathered together for the yearly Fun Day Out. Annunciation students travelled by bus to St Augustine's and this year the day consisted of Mass, lunch and sporting activities.

We started the day with Mass lead by Father John and then we all had a sausage sizzle for lunch. We all participated in Kaboom Sports which were small activities for everyone to do. Some examples of the activities included getting the ball into the hoop, balancing a plate on a stick and playing soccer. Everyone really enjoyed the day and it was a lot of fun!

Alyssa - Yr 5/6



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.

PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS

A special congratulations to the following students who each received a Principal's Award last week for working together and supporting each other whilst participating in the Parish Fun Day Out.



EASTER RAFFLE



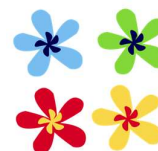
Raffle tickets have been sent home to all families for the Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each with each family asked to sell a book of 10 tickets. If you would like to purchase more tickets, they will be available at the office.

Children can come to school out of uniform on **Thursday 30th March** and bring along an Easter themed donation for our Easter Raffle. This is usually in the form of a chocolate Easter egg/bunny, box of chocolates, bunny ears, Easter activity packs or anything else you wish to donate. **(Please ensure that any food items are not beyond their use by date.)** These donations will be used to create hampers for the raffle.

If you have any suitable gift bags, boxes or baskets that could be used in the making up of hampers, please bring them to the office before Friday 31st March 2023.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

If you are a small business owner or a crafty person who has stock that you would like to donate towards the Mother's Day stall early next term, please let the office know. Gifts could include candles, plants, beauty products, cards etc.. Donations for the raffle are also greatly appreciated.



SchoolTV Special Report: Celebrating Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a celebration held annually in March across Australia. It's aimed at promoting diversity, respect and inclusiveness. This event is an excellent opportunity for parents to teach their children about different cultures, traditions and customs. The goal is to encourage everyone to appreciate and celebrate differences and promote a sense of community and belonging for everyone.



SPECIAL REPORT

Celebrating Harmony Week



During Harmony Week, there are a number of events and activities held to bring people from different cultures together. These activities include multicultural food festivals, cultural performances, art exhibitions and workshops. Participating in these events helps children to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse communities that make up Australia.

As a parent, you can engage your children in discussions about multiculturalism and encourage them to ask questions. Promoting a more harmonious and inclusive society, can help children grow up with a greater appreciation for the richness and diversity of Australia's cultural landscape.

This Special Report hopes to instill positive values and create an opportunity to start a conversation with your child about understanding diversity and multiculturalism. 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-celebrating-harmony-week-au



TeamKids have another amazing Autumn Holiday program planned!

- Make new friends and learn new skills
- Qualified and REMARKABLE Educators
- Digital detox with our no screens policy
- Delicious and nutritious morning and afternoon snack
- CCS approved care

Click on the links below for more information

<https://vimeo.com/user88722525/review/289225529/7e22e50c28>

https://www.teamkids.com.au/whats_on/

