
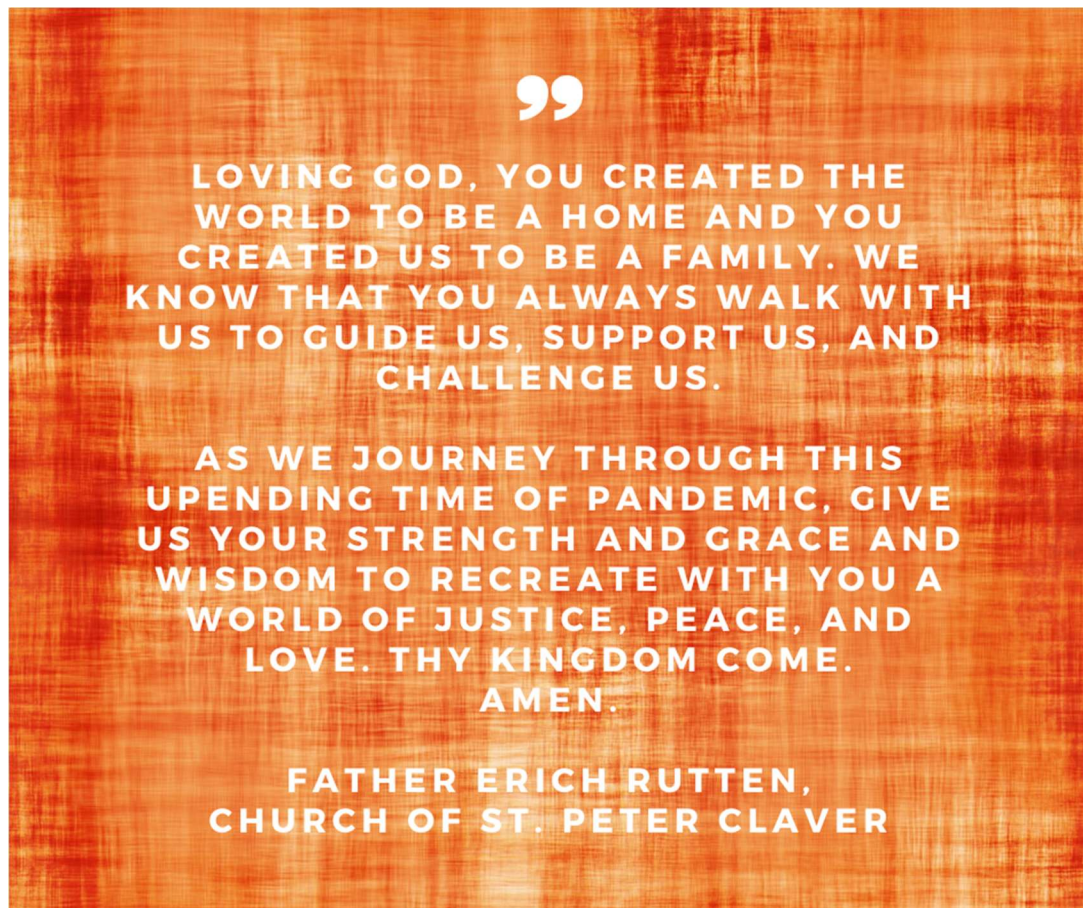


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Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.

NEWSLETTER



Hello everyone

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another term and once again it was a term that brought many challenges!

From the many conversations that I have had with parents, staff and children I feel that this Lockdown was harder than others! The novelty of Remote Learning has certainly worn away and I know that stress levels have been higher for children, staff and parents.

I would just like to take this opportunity to reassure all parents that we are very aware that some students will need support upon their return for various reasons and we are planning for this. We are so blessed to have a small school with a high ratio of specialist staffing. We will put everything in place to ensure your child's emotional and academic growth continues to flourish in spite of the past 18 months.

After every Lockdown I thank staff, parents and students for their work. Thank you never seems enough nor does it capture the magnitude of what you have achieved in another term. To the staff, you continue to amaze and inspire me everyday. To the parents, I truly do not know how you do it everyday and I know that there must have been some very difficult days. Thank you for your continued patience, support and fortitude, we are so grateful to you all. AND once again to our amazing students. Your resilience and determination is awesome and I am sure that all the mindsets you are currently using will certainly be an asset in your future education and occupations.

As I write this I have not received any updates as to how school will look next term. There is talk that the Premier will discuss schools this coming Sunday in his briefing but we will need to wait until then. As I said in an earlier SKOOLBAG post I believe that there may be three options that are possible. They are: that we continue as we are now, that only certain grades return for a short period or that we all come back. I will of course keep you posted during the school holidays.

I do know that whatever happens there will still be restrictions on the school as we never seem to completely come back to “normal” all at once. This means that we may still need to postpone and/or cancel certain events. This is so frustrating for everyone but please know that all decisions are always made with student safety in mind. This sometimes means some decisions are not always “popular” with the students but we just need to remind them that this is only a very small part of their educational lives and hopefully we can resume all activities in the very near future.

I wish you and your families a very happy holiday. Even if we can’t do much or go very far it will be nice to step away from online learning for two weeks. (We do ask that school laptops are now put away for the next 2 weeks so that they remain in good condition in case they are required upon return).

Stay safe everyone

Robyn

PS Staff have asked that in the event students are still remote learning they may require another exercise book and a glue stick. Rather than have parents travel to school for these items we kindly ask that if your child requires either of these that you purchase them at the supermarket during the school holidays. The exercise book just needs to be A4 of any variety.

Going Forward:

- **Parent/teacher interviews**

Parent/teacher Interviews were scheduled for the second last week of this term. Due to not being able to assess students individually we will reschedule these meetings later in term 4. We will endeavour to have them as soon as we can so that you are continually informed of your child’s progress. HOWEVER please know that teachers are happy to chat with you at anytime if you have concerns.

- **Swimming**

After looking at all options the decision has been made to unfortunately cancel the swimming program for this year. Our first lesson was the first week back and as pools are still closed we felt it best to call it now. We did look at doing the program later in the term but availability for the pool is very challenging. Further details regarding the swimming program will follow next term.

- **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

As soon as we can, we will reschedule both Sacraments. We will try to give you as much notice as is possible.

- **End of Year events**

No decisions will be made regarding graduation/carols/prep orientation until later in the term.

Best Wishes

Finally (but most importantly) I would like to wish the Riebl family (Ivy in Prep) all our love and best wishes as they leave for Europe in the next few weeks. Max (Ivy’s Dad) has a serious medical condition and the only place that offers the treatment he requires is in Germany. Know that we are wrapping our arms around you all and every prayer and positive thought will be with you. The Annunciation family are with you as you face this incredible challenge! Our Love to you all and we look forward to seeing you back at school very soon!