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

### **PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:**

It was fantastic to see so many families in attendance for our special Mother's Day assembly last week. There were many tears shed during the Slideshow presentation featuring our wonderful Annunciation mums and families. Once again, a special thanks goes to Mr Walshe for putting the presentation together. I truly hope all of the wonderful mothers in the Annunciation community had a lovely Mother's Day and managed a day of rest and relaxation.

I hope many of you took the opportunity to walk to school today on "National Walk to School Day." While walking to school may not be feasible for every child due to distance or safety concerns, when possible, it offers numerous benefits for both physical and mental well-being, independence, and environmental sustainability.



Just a friendly reminder that as the colder weather approaches, many illness appear. If your child is presenting with a cold, cough or fever, please keep them at home. Colds are highly contagious, and children often interact closely with their peers, making it easy for the virus to transmit. By keeping sick children at home, we reduce the risk of exposing others to the virus and potentially causing an outbreak. Cold symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, congestion, and fatigue can significantly affect a child's ability to concentrate and participate fully in their school activities. Providing them with a conducive environment for rest and recuperation at home can help speed up their recovery process. Please contact the office if you are keeping your child at home.

Take care.



Anna

### **Dates to note for the next fortnight:**

**Monday 22nd May:** Yr. 5/6 Camp - Phillip Island

**Tuesday 23rd May:** Yr. 5/6 Camp - Phillip Island

**Wednesday 24th May:** Yr. 5/6 Camp - Phillip Island  
Yr. 3/4 attending Mass (All welcome) - 10:15 am

**Thursday 25th May:** Yr. 5/6 attending Musical Performance at Emmanuel College (10:15 am - 1:00 pm)

**Wednesday 31st May:** Yr. 2 attending Mass (All welcome) - 10:15 am

## SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

School Reports will be sent home to families on Friday 16th June. Each student will receive a report which outlines their achievements for the semester. 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 12:30 - 7:00 pm. More information on how to book appointments will be available shortly.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It's important that parents write their child's name on their school uniforms. It helps in easy identification, ensuring that the right uniform is returned to the rightful owner. With many students wearing similar attire, having the child's name clearly displayed on the uniform reduces the chances of mix-ups or lost items.

A couple of mums have expressed an interest in setting up a second-hand uniform swap/donate area within the school. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more information.

## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

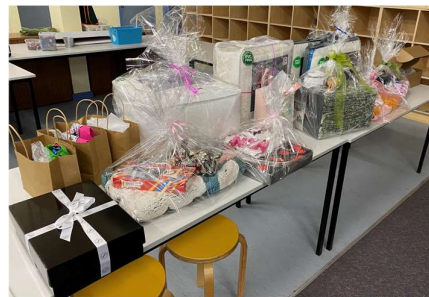


As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Annunciation School is under review this year. This involves external assessors who will work with all staff, students and parents to review the past 4 years and set directions for the next 4 years.

The review dates are in August so in preparation for the review, staff will be heavily involved in working through a process to audit current practices, find evidence to support this practice and plan for the future.

Each year schools receive an allocation of student-free days (when student instruction does not occur) for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting. ***Therefore, there will be 2 school closure days later in Term 2 - Thursday 8th June & Friday 9th June.*** Please note these dates in the calendar.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

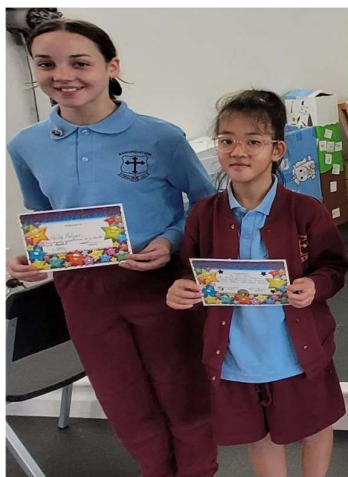


A huge thank you to all of the parents who came along to set up for the Mother's Day stall last week and to create the raffle prizes. Also a huge thank you to the parents who came to assist on the day of the stall. It was lovely to see the excitement on the student's faces as they eagerly shopped for a nice present for their mum (some even bought a present for themselves). 😊

A special thank you to a lovely lady in our community (who would like to remain anonymous) for the generous donations of the flowers that were distributed to all of the mums at assembly. We are very fortunate in our small community to have received lots of wonderful gifts to use as raffle prizes. We really appreciate all of the support from our tremendous families. Congratulations to all of our raffle winners. We hope you enjoyed your prizes.

***The raffle made a profit of \$436 and over \$700 was spent at the stall.***

## 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.

**Apologies to the students who received awards in Week 2 - the photos didn't turn out.**

## CROSS COUNTRY NEWS



On Monday 8th May, some students from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Yarraville with Miss Denise and our parents to represent our school in the district cross country competition. There were lots of different races for different age groups, and also lots of students from so many different schools. There were 30 students in our race alone!

When it came time for our race, we were nervous but excited as well. We warmed up and got ready for our race, but maybe we warmed up too much because we felt tired before we even began. We started really well and were at the front, but then other students caught up with us. Even though we didn't win, we had a really good day competing against other students our age.

We would like to give a special congratulations to Valerie who came third in her race, and will now go on to race in the next level of cross country in a few weeks. We would also like to thank Miss Denise and our parents for supporting us.

Hudson and Ali, Year 5

### Yr 3/4 EXCURSION TO EMMANUEL COLLEGE



On Wednesday 10th May, the year 3/4 students went to Emmanuel College, Altona North campus. We were met by Miss Jenny and Miss Charlie who took us around the school. We shared the morning with the year 4 students from St. Leo's.

While we were there, we had the chance to do a science activity using smarties and water with Miss Elizabeth. We watched the colours seep out of 4 smarties but the colours didn't mix with each other; they just stayed side by side! It was magic.... No, it was science!

Then we went off to do some art with Miss Jenny and Miss Charlie. We made a paper marionette using cardboard and split pins. Then we could turn it into anything we like. Some students turned their puppet into animals, footy players, soccer players or even gaming heroes!

Next it was off to play a game of soccer with team mates from St Leo's and Annunciation working together to win the game. There were lots of Messis and Ronaldos on the field that day.

We were given a packet of popcorn, a hot dog and a bottle of water to have during our break and a take home bag with goodies inside.

We had a wonderful time meeting new friends, doing chemical science, art and sport and seeing the 'BIG' kids at school!

Lydia, Year 4



## THIS MONTH ON SCHOOL ITV - THE STATE OF YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Parents and carers can play a crucial role in their children's mental health. As a result, staying informed on the current state of youth mental health is vital, as it not only affects individuals, but also families and communities. According to recent research, the frequency of mental health disorders among young people is increasing, with anxiety, depression, and self-harm being among the most common challenges.

One of the reasons being attributed to this rise is the heightened stress and anxiety that many young people face in today's society. Academic success, social media, and family issues are all influencing factors. Many young people are still suffering the long-term consequences of the pandemic, such as social isolation, uncertainty, and loss.



Why are we seeing a rise in mental health disorders in young people?



Parents can play an important role in their children's mental health. Creating a safe and open environment for your children to talk about their emotions, thoughts, and feelings is vital. Encouraging healthy habits like regular exercise, a balanced diet, and proper sleep can help reduce their stress levels and boost your child's overall mental health. There are also many resources and services available to children, adolescents, and their families, such as school counsellors, various mental health organisations, support lines, and of course, mental health professionals. It is important to remember that seeking help is a show of strength, not weakness, and that early intervention is critical in addressing young people's mental health difficulties.

This edition of SchoolTV, discusses some of the major mental health issues affecting young people and how to support a child experiencing them. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/state-youth-mental-health>



We welcome you to come along this Sunday 21 May 2023 at Open Day where you will see the fantastic facilities here at Emmanuel, hear from our College Principal Dr Janine Biggin and Campus Leaders, meet students and join us on a campus tour. Times for each campus are below; and registration is available through the College website <https://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/> and here: [Open Day and Tour registration](#)

## Open Day – Sunday 21 May 2023

**St Paul's Campus**      **Between 10:30am and 1:30pm**

**Notre Dame Campus**      **Between 11:00am and 2:00pm**

### **Year 7 2025 – applications closing on Friday 18 August 2023.**

If your child is currently in Grade 5, enrolment applications are now being accepted and will close on 18 August. Even if your older child is already attending or joining us in 2024, it is a requirement for an application to be submitted for 2025.

A Prospectus Pack containing an application form can be obtained:

- At Open Day this Sunday 21 May
- By following this link to the College website: [Request a Prospectus here](#)  
Sending an email: [enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)
- Calling our College Registrar, Ms Donna Grech on 8325 5119
- Come into either Campus Office between 8am and 4:15pm on weekdays.

I hope to see you on Sunday.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks - Community Engagement Officer

**CAROLINE  
CHISHOLM**





# WESTERN REGION WINTER T-BALL COMPETITION



**MINI T-BALL  
4-7 YRS**

**COST**  
\$60 FOR NEW MEMBERS  
\$10 COMPETITION  
FEE FOR EXISTING  
MEMBERS

**MAJOR T-BALL  
8-12 YRS**

**MAXIMUM OF 12  
TEAMS PER  
DIVISION**

**FOR NEW OR EXISTING MEMBERS  
OR PERMIT MEMBERS**  
**MIXED GENDER TEAMS**  
**PATHWAY TO JUNIOR SOFTBALL**  
**TUESDAY'S 5-7PM**  
**STARTING JULY 11TH**  
**RUNNING FOR 12 WEEKS**

**MINI T-BALL  
5 PLAYERS PER  
TEAM**

**MAJOR T-BALL  
7 PLAYERS PER  
TEAM**

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### GIRLS POSTIONS OPEN

Soccer is not just for boys!  
Females are seeing the benefits  
of playing soccer and more and  
more girls are playing.

Come and join the YGFC  
family!




**TRAINING DAYS**  
Girls from 5-7 years old  
Saturday's  
10-11am

**TRAINING DAYS**  
Girls from 8-12 years old  
Tuesday & Thursday's  
6.30-7.30 pm

**MCIVOR RESERVE**  
250 Fogarty Ave Yarraville

**Call Jim on 0402 098 404**





# SCHOOL READINESS INFORMATION SESSION



Presented by Andrea Cummins from Early Life Foundations, this informative session provides many practical and important strategies for the family and for the child on how to prepare for this important transition.

Andrea has over 25 years of experience as an Early Childhood Teacher and specialist inclusion support facilitator.

Local Primary School representatives will also be in attendance to address questions families may have.

Designed for parents and families, this online session covers:

- What is school readiness and why is it important?
- How do I assess my child's readiness for school?
- How can I assist with my child's school readiness?
- What if my child is not ready?

**WHEN:** Thursday 25 May 2023    **WHERE:** Online via Zoom

**TIME:** 7.00pm to 8.30pm

**RSVP:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hobsons-bay-school-readiness-parent-information-session-tickets-628953796737>  
email [earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 179 944

**FREE  
EVENT**

**\*THIS WEBINAR WILL NOT BE RECORDED**

*Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse.  
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and pay our respects to Elders past and present.*



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