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

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

In his preaching and teaching, Jesus often used symbols from the lives of the people to help them understand what he meant. In this Gospel Jesus uses the image of wheat, which he also used in the Parable of the Sower. Wheat was used to make bread, which was a staple of their diet. Jesus refers to a grain of wheat which, when it falls to the ground, must die in order to bear fruit. He is talking about self-giving. Those who die to themselves and give their lives in the service of other, will bear much fruit.



*Jesus said, 'Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains
just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

*Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for
eternal life.*

*Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honour whoever serves me.'*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love Where there
is injury,
pardon Where there is doubt, faith Where there is despair, hope, Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand to be loved as
to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone

There are only 4 days left of Term One! It has gone by so quickly. I have slowly learnt names and am finally finding things without having to ask a million questions! It has been a whirlwind of a term but everyday I feel blessed to be a part of such a warm, welcoming community!

Tomorrow is our Working Bee so I am hoping the weather is kind to us! I am also hoping that many families come along so that all the work is completed. The most important task is to clear the chook shed and garden beds to make way for the new cubby house and play area.

This Working Bee is timed right before our Open day on Tuesday March 27. If you know anyone with school age children for next year please let them know that the school will do tours on this day without any appointment necessary.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Mrs Robyn Kelly

Dates for your Calendar 2018

Term 1

Saturday March 24:	Working Bee - all welcome
Tuesday March 27:	Open day for Prep 2019
Thursday March 29:	School finishes at 1pm (Assembly at 12.45pm.)
Monday April 16:	School starts for all students Term 2

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON MAY 11

THURSDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM. WE FINISH SCHOOL AT 1.00PM

(There is no After School Care on this Day)

WORKING BEE

THIS SATURDAY 9am-12noon . We need to dismantle the chook shed and garden beds. To do this job we will require hammers, saws and shovels to shift the soil. We also need hedge clippers to trim back some of the tree branches around the school. A wheelbarrow or two would also be helpful.



MEETING WITH TEACHERS

Teachers are always willing to see Parents in regards to your child. However there are some mornings/afternoons when teachers are in meetings. Please ring during the day or email if you would like to see a teacher. I am available to chat most days at most times. Simply call the office to see if I am available.

Also children and parents are asked to wait in the main area of the play area in the morning (in front of the school) until the bell goes - this is the only supervised area in the morning. Please do not go to the side and wait outside the classrooms.

It is also requested that once the school bell goes and children are inside the classroom that parents please leave their child at the door. It becomes a distraction both for the teacher and the other children, when parents go into the classroom with their child. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

OUR VISIBLE LEARNING JOURNEY

In the last week I have interviewed 7 students from each grade. They were asked the question "What makes a Great Learner?" Their answers were very interesting (and some were very funny!). This will help us in teaching the students how to be good learners independently.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The P&F met this week. Don't forget to come along if you would like to be a part of this group. (The next meeting is Thursday April 26). There were several items on the agenda.

1. **The Pancake Parlour** have generously allowed us to buy pancake mixture at cost price so we will continue the pancake sales once a month at Brooklyn Reserve. The next one will be on Sunday May 6
2. **Easter Egg Raffle** will be drawn next Thursday at the 12:45pm Assembly. Don't forget to return all tickets by Wednesday and if you have any eggs to donate we will gratefully accept them!
3. Mother's Day Luncheon Friday May 11

BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS

Friday May 11

The Mother's day Luncheon is back and this year promises to be a great one. There will be High Tea, goodie bags, a guest speaker, massage therapist and entertainment from your children. Please put the date in your diary and ask at least one other family member (Grandmas/aunties/ladies from next door etc) to join you. We are hoping to promote to parishioners and elderly community members who may not get to experience school events such as this.



HELPFUL HINT FOR PARENTS:

This Term there have been very few student absences. This is fantastic especially when you look at the chart below that I recently found online:

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but				
If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

Annunciation School is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program. When you do shopping at Coles you can get vouchers according to the amount you spend. This current program has already started and will run until 11th May, so plenty of time to collect. Get family members, friends, neighbours etc. to collect as well. The more vouchers we receive the more sports equipment we can choose. Vouchers can be dropped off at the office.



IF THERE ARE SOME VOLUNTEERS OUT THERE THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP COUNT SOME VOUCHERS, COULD YOU PLEASE SEE EITHER ROBYN OR CONNIE.

Don't destroy Miller's Road Facebook Page

Several of our parents are active in this group. If you would like to find out more, head to the above facebook page. The group is focusing on the West Gate tunnel project

PLAYGROUP – HERE AT ANNUNCIATION, EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

**A Playgroup called 'Brooklyn Fun for Tots' is operating in the Community Room each Thursday
Enquiries - Phone Lauren 0411 895 775 or Michelle 0432 517 222**

***Annunciation After School Care - Daily - 3.30pm. - 6.00pm.
(not during school holidays or the last day of term)***

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

If you intend on using the after school care program you must register online first. (Details can be obtained from the office.) If you have already registered and want to put your child in care could you please make sure that you go online and book them in for the day, the night before. If it is an emergency situation and you haven't booked your child in you can ring the office.

REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM WHETHER IT BE AS ONGOING OR CASUAL YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

Open Day - Sunday 20 May
10:00am - 1:00pm
Principal's address
10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm



Open Mornings

We invite you to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see dynamic learning in action in the classrooms.

Visiting time: 9:15am - 10:30am Dates:, 19 April, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au 133 Maidstone Street Altona 8398 2000 Women who *believe*, women who *lead*, women who *challenge*, women who *inspire*

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil	5PM	Mass	St Augustine (Solemn entrance)
Palm Sunday	8 AM	Mass	Annunciation (Solemn entrance)
	9.30 AM	Mass	St Augustine (Solemn entrance + Procession)
	10.30AM	Mass	St Augustine (Solemn entrance) <i>Italian</i>
	11.00 AM	Mass	Corpus Christi (Solemn entrance + Procession)
	11.30AM	Mass	St Augustine (Solemn entrance) <i>Polish</i>

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

10AM	Mass (St Augustine)
10.30-11AM	Confessions (St Augustine)
7-8 PM	Confessions (St Augustine)

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.00AM	Mass (St Augustine)
11.00AM	Chrism Mass (St Patrick's Cathedral)
7-8PM	Confessions (Corpus Christi)

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8.30AM	Mass (Corpus Christi)
9.30-10AM	Confessions (Annunciation)
10.00AM	MASS (Annunciation)
6.30-7.30PM	HOLY HOUR + Confessions (St Augustine)

HOLY THURSDAY

NO MORNING MASS	
9.00-10.00AM	Confessions (St Augustine)
11.00AM-12.00PM	Confessions (Corpus Christi)
7.00-10PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper + Adoration (Corpus Christi)
7.30PM-12AM	Mass of the Lord's Supper + Adoration (St Augustine)

GOOD FRIDAY

NO MORNING MASS	
9.30-10.30AM	Ecumenical Service (Beginning in St Augustine's Church then to Pilgrim Uniting Church finishing at Westgate Baptist Church)
11.00AM	Stations of the Cross (Corpus Christi)
11.30AM	Stations of the Cross (St Augustine) <i>Polish</i>
3.00-4.00PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St Augustine)
3.00-4.00PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Corpus Christi)
6.00PM	Stations of the Cross (St Augustine) <i>Italian</i>

HOLY SATURDAY

NO MORNING MASS	
10.00AM-11AM	Confessions (St Augustine)
1.00-2.00PM	Polish Service (St Augustine)
7.30-9.00PM	Easter Vigil (St Augustine)

EASTER SUNDAY

8 AM	Mass (Annunciation)
9.30 AM	Mass (St Augustine)
10.30AM	Mass (St Augustine) <i>Italian</i>
11.00 AM	Mass (Corpus Christi)
11.30AM	Mass (St Augustine) <i>Polish</i>

EASTER MONDAY

10.00 AM	Mass (St Augustine)
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EASTER TUESDAY

10.00AM	Mass (St Augustine)
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High Tea with Joseph's Corner

Come and join us for a great afternoon!



All funds raised will go to Joseph's Corner.

Where: Mount St. Joseph's Girls College
129-133 Maidstone St, Altona

When: Sunday 6th May 2018

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

There will be raffles, a silent auction, door prizes, guest speakers, great food and lots more.

For bookings please call Joseph's Corner on 9315-2680 or

Tania on 0439 165 660.