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#### June 28th 2024

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

As we reach the end of Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and experiences that have marked this period. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments for our students, and I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made together.

Firstly, I want to commend our students for their hard work and dedication. Whether it has been in the classroom, on the sports field, or through various extracurricular activities, their enthusiasm and commitment have been truly inspiring. Our students have shown resilience and adaptability, embracing challenges with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated teachers and staff, whose passion and commitment to education continue to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our students. Their efforts in providing engaging lessons and supporting the individual needs of each child have been paramount to the success we have seen this term.

I would also like to express my gratitude to you, our parents and guardians, for your unwavering support and involvement in your children's education. Your partnership is invaluable, and we are grateful for your contributions, whether through attending school events, volunteering, or supporting learning at home.

As we look forward to Term 3, I encourage our students to take time to rest and recharge over the upcoming break. It is important to balance hard work with relaxation to ensure that they return refreshed and ready to tackle new challenges.

Thank you once again for a wonderful Term 2. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for an exciting and productive Term 3.

Take care, Anna



#### **Staff News:**

Today we say "farewell" to Mr Jack Blythman. Mr Blythman has made the courageous decision to step away from teaching in order to focus on his mental health. We truly appreciate all that Mr B has done for the students, staff and families at Annunciation over the past 18 months and wish him all the very best in the future. Ms Diksha has been appointed as Yr 5/6 classroom teacher for the remainder of the 2024 school year. Diksha will commence her appointment at the beginning of Term 3. We look forward to welcoming Diksha to the Annunciation community.

## Dates to note for Term 3

**Monday 15th July:** School resumes for staff and students

Friday 19th July: 3:00 pm - Assembly

Newsletter Published

Wednesday 24th July: 10:00 am Mass - Whole School - All invited

Friday 26th July: 3:00 pm - Assembly



Whole school Closure Day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August There will be NO school for students on this day

#### SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

School Reports were sent home last Friday 21st June. We hope you found these valuable and a true reflection of your child's progress for Semester 1.

Thank you for attending the recent parent-teacher interviews. Your involvement and commitment to your child's education are greatly appreciated. It was a pleasure to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and areas for growth with you. Your insights and support are invaluable in helping us create the best possible learning environment for your child.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in supporting your child's academic journey. Should you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

#### RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to these Yr 3 students who recently celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a wonderful celebration lead by Fr Werner. In this sacred time, may we all experience the healing and transformative power of God's mercy. Let us open our hearts to His love, embrace His forgiveness, and commit ourselves anew to living in His light.

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students. They each 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.











#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to these students for receiving a Principal's Award. They have demonstrated a positive attitude and has gone out of their way to support our school community. They demonstrate the values of kindness and generosity.





### TASKWORKS INCURSION

Last week, Taskworks visited our school for an incursion about different types of design. This is because we have been learning about design and technology in Term 2. We saw Greg and Rebecca carrying lots of interesting and fun looking materials and machines into the hall before school, so we were excited to find out what was going on.

We found out that there were amazing activities to take part in, like ringing a bell by banging a sledgehammer onto a button, taking apart and rebuilding a robot and a race car, and working with other students to lift up someone on a special chairlift.

It was so fun and exciting to try new things, and learn a lot about new design activities. Our favourites were definitely the chairlift and the bell ringing. We learned that designers have to communicate and collaborate with other people in order to be successful, and that is what we had to do during our incursion.

Taskworks was a really fun incursion, and helped us learn a lot about being designers.

Summer and Harriet, Year 2/3



## **Annunciation Gardening Club!**

The veggie garden is looking fabulous after a busy term of work.

The native garden is thriving and we should have snow peas and salad to harvest after the break.

The avocado seeds are sprouting and the worms are well fed and happy.

Well done to the Annunciation garden team!

All students are welcome to come and help get the veggie patch and worm farm going.

Meeting every Tuesday - second half of lunch.

Many thanks to Linda Taranto & Sid for supporting the students.











#### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL INFORMATION

- Do you like produce/farmers markets?
- Do you support your local community?
- Do you have some time to spare?
- Do you like meeting new people?

### If you answered yes to any of these questions, then WE need your help!

Annunciation is partnering up with the other schools in our parish (Corpus Christi & St Augustine's) to gauge interest from families who would be interested in hosting a stall at a local produce market. We are at the investigating stage so we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who could donate some time.

If you're interested or would like to know more information, please speak to or email our School Advisory



#### **Representatives:**

Miriam Micallef: <a href="mmbooksolutions@gmail.com">mmbooksolutions@gmail.com</a> Michael Taranto: <a href="mmbooksolutions@gmail.com">michael.taranto@gmail.com</a>

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

As of **Wednesday 12th June**, the second hand uniform shop will be open from 8:45-9:15 am. It is set up in the Community Room. There are a variety of items in all different sizes. Cost is a donation. Many thanks to Gemma Carr for sorting through the clothing items and offering to volunteer to facilitate the shop.

## SCHOOL TV SPECIAL REPORT: CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK



NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to recognise and learn more about the history and culture of indigenous communities.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced back to the Aboriginal rights movement, when on Australia Day 1938, protestors marched through the streets of Sydney to highlight the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Today, it is a week-long celebration held in July that consists of a range of traditional and contemporary activities.

NAIDOC Week is an important event that helps build positive relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. It enables a deeper understanding of our differences and similarities. NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to eliminate bias and discrimination by reflecting and reconciling the wrongs of the past to facilitate hope and build a fairer future. Families are encouraged to join in and support young people in learning the significance of NAIDOC Week.

Here is the link to your Special Report:

https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\_news/special-report-celebrating-naidoc-week

#### **ENROLMENT INFO**

Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2025 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2025. If you know of anyone who has a child that is eligible to start school next year, let them know about our Open Days. Booking is easy - just scan the QR code and complete the registration form. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.





## Update for Term 3, 2024

#### **New Menu Items & Reduced Entry Point Pricing**

In order to provide a lunch at a lower price point, we've created new, simpler menu choices. A new low entry point price of \$6.45 will be available for a 2-course lunch offering either a;

- Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (white hi fibre, it's wholemeal on our premium menu)
- Fresh Tomato bakery roll
- Savoury Bite (1 Frankfurt in a roll with sauce & cheese)
- Plain Cheese Roll
- Ham Sandwich on sourdough (1 round)

Plus! One item from a choice of 20 snacks/drinks!

#### **Loyalty Vouchers**

A 10% voucher rebate for Pre-Orders! Vouchers will be provided to families who order ahead for the Term. Place an order in the first week of each school term and spend more than \$120 in one transaction to receive your voucher. Classroom Cuisine will send a reminder email each term to make sure parents who might be keen to take up the offer will be aware of it.

## Menu, Dietary Needs and Cultural Considerations

We've continued to develop our menu introducing gluten free, dairy free, vegan and halal options and we are committed to continuing to develop these choices. We currently have 45 Main Course selections available with some exciting new additions coming in Term 3. Roast Chicken is a hint! All will be revealed on this soon! When it comes to Menu Planning we are always pleased to hear of suggestions from our school communities!

SUSHI! We're able to provide our full menu up until 8.30am on the day of the order at such a reasonable price because we have our own restaurant quality, in house dedicated team making our sushi. We're interested to know if there are any other flavours of sushi that you would like to see on our Menu?

Thanks so much for your time and support, we are very excited to bring this new offering to the Annunciation school community, we hope it meets with your approval and would love to hear from you! Contact us via email at: <a href="mailto:contact@classroomcuisine.com.au">contact@classroomcuisine.com.au</a>

Kind regards Geraldine, Alison and the Team at Classroom Cuisine



#### HOBSONS BAY COUNCIL LIBRARY DRIVE

Hobsons Bay City Council are offering a chance to win one of 3 \$100 Coles vouchers! This is a great incentive for our families to join the library and continue their great reading habits over the Winter break! Click the link below to find out more:

Become a library member by EOFY or refer a friend to win! - Hobsons Bay

Visit a library branch in person to sign up and go in the draw!

#### FREE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS AT BROOKLYN COMMUNITY HALL

Hobsons Bay City Council are running some free workshops for children over the Term 2 holidays.

### Shadowland – Puppetry for Kids

Shadowland is a workshop in contemporary shadow puppet theatre. Participants design, create and play with their own shadow character inside different shadow worlds made up of 10 domed tents inside the Brooklyn Hall. 2 FREE workshops for 5-10 year olds.

Click on the dates to below to register: Saturday 13th July (10.30-11.15am)
Saturday 13th July (1.00-1.45pm)



C. Lab is a dance initiative for children, centred around collaborative choreography and experimental movement. Guided by dance artist Alix Petah, each participant will respond to and develop their own unique dance expressions. 2 workshops are running at Brooklyn Community Hall on Wednesday 10 July for different age groups.

Click on the dates to below to register:

<u>Prep - Year 3 (Wednesday 10th July, 2.00-3.00pm)</u>

Year 4 - Year 6 (Wednesday 10th July, 3.15-4.15pm)





## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Annunciation Before & After School Care - Daily - 7:00-8:30 am & 3:25-6:00 pm (not during school holidays or the last day of term)

## "Looked After" is the company employed for this service.

If you intend on using the before and 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.

## The Latest News from Emmanuel College

Is your child in Year 5 this year and would you like to submit an application for Year 7 2026?



- The closing date is Friday 16 August 2024
- Applications are now submitted online and can be accessed via the College website: <u>Click here to find out more about submitting your 2026 application</u>

Would you like to see our College? We invite you to come along to Information Morning on Saturday 10 August, where you will hear from College Principal, Dr Janine Biggin and join in a campus tour let by Student Leaders. Times for each campus are below, and registration is available here: College events, tours and Information Morning registration

- Notre Dame Campus 9am to 10.30am Principal's Address at 9am. Tours to follow with the event finishing at 10:30am.
- St Paul's Campus 10.30am to 12 noon Principal's Address at 10.30am. Tours to follow with the event finishing at 12 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact our College Registrar on 8325 5100 or: *enrolments* @*ecmelb.catholic.edu.au* 

One of many aspects of our primary to secondary school transition is the Year 6 Music Discovery Evening, which gives incoming Year 7 students a fun way to try different musical instruments and for families to learn more about the extensive music program that we have at the College. Last Tuesday evening, Year 7 Classroom Music students from both campuses along with Junior Concert Band and Junior String Ensembles came together to perform for family and friends. Over the course of two terms these students have learned an orchestral instrument during class to performance standard, exhibiting exemplary ensemble and performance skills. For some, this is the very first time that they have learnt to play an instrument and perform in front of an audience, and we congratulate all students and staff involved that made the evening so enjoyable





At Emmanuel College, our learning and teaching programs provide a curriculum that is challenging, ever changing and suited to the needs of each student. Using technology and engaging learning experiences assists students in achieving their personal best. More information on subjects and programs can be found via the College website by following this link:

## **Programs for Years 7 to 12**

Science is a fascinating subject and commences with laboratory safety in Year 7, and continues with biology, the environment, physics, earth and space to name just a few of the areas that are studied.

Mihika Patel in Year 9 shares a science experience with us: "I've been really enjoying our science fair project about Microbiology. In our experiment we'll be getting to grow our own samples of bacteria, and testing on how they react to different disinfectants. We've recently been growing bacteria samples and will be recording our findings on how they respond to different disinfectants. It's honestly been so interesting; I can't wait to see what happens next!"



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Wishing you a safe and happy term break. Yours sincerely,

Jenny Hendricks, Community Engagement Officer



# The Music Bus at Annunciation

The Music Bus has opened their term 3 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply.

## Instruments offered are:

Keyboard (Prep-y6) Ukulele (Prep-y6)
Drums (y1-y6) Guitar (Y2-y6)



#### Lessons:

- are a 30-minute duration once per week
- · are held in the hi-tech music classroom on wheels on our site
- cost \$20 per week (\$22 drums) payable by the term on commencement

If you wish for your child to take part, please complete the expression of interest form at:

<u>The Music Bus Expression of Interest</u>



You're invited to Ready-Set-Connect KIDS being held in Sunshine on 7 August. This special event is hosted by One Community and is for parents, carers, teachers and educators of children with a disability or developmental delay.

At Ready-Set-Connect KIDS you will be 'speed dating' and meeting with providers offering services for children with developmental delay, a disability, a diagnosis, an NDIS plan or looking to get a plan. You will be moving from table-to-table gathering valuable information and contacts from organisations and providers servicing the Melbourne West region. You will be connecting with a range of relevant services targeted to the development and wellbeing of children.

#### Services such as:

- paediatric allied health
- respite
- assistance with challenging behaviours
- sporting, recreational and educational opportunities
- aids and equipment
- NDIS application guidance

Please let us know you are coming by registering as an Event Attendee for **Ready-Set-Connect KIDS**.

#### The Finer Details:

Date: Wednesday 7 August, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Venue: Club Italia 128-152 Furlong Road, Sunshine, Vic

Cost: FREE for event attendees

Register: At Ready-Set-Connect Melbourne West - One Community or visit our website www.onecommunity.net.au One Community are proud leaders, Australia wide, of connecting disability service providers with those seeking services. We warmly welcome you to join us at Ready-Set Connect KIDS and be a part of something truly special.

## Want to know more?

Explore our website at <u>www.onecommunity.net.au</u>, reach out via email to <u>julia@onecommunity.net.au</u> or call Julie on 0455 137 430.





