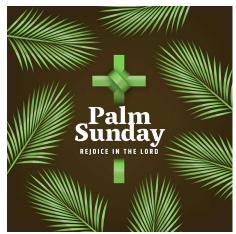
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## March 31st 2023

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



"When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way: when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves." ~ Augustus Toplady

# PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

It's hard to believe that Term 1 is drawing to a close. As usual, the students and staff have been working hard throughout the term getting to know each other. There has been a lot of learning, a lot of assessments and of course a lot of fun along the way. Everyone is well and truly settled into the school year and the vibe around the school is one of positivity, love and laughter.

As this will be the last newsletter for the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support and to wish each and every one of you a safe, happy and holy Easter. Please remain safe throughout the holidays and take the time to rest, relax and recharge. I will see you all back at Annunciation on *Wednesday 26th April* for the beginning of Term 2.

Take care

Anna



#### Dates to note for the next month:

Wednesday 5th April:	Whole School Mass at 10:15 am (families invited)
Thursday 6th April:	Holy Week Liturgy at 12:00 pm (families invited) Easter Raffle Drawn Easter Egg Hunt Final Assembly <b>Term 1 concludes at 1:00 pm. (No After school care available)</b>
TERM TWO:	
Monday 24th April:	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday 25th April:	ANZAC Day - No School
Wednesday 26th April:	Students return to school
Friday 28th April:	Assembly at 3:00 pm (families invited)
Sunday 30th April:	Confirmation Mass at 11:00 am - Corpus Christi Kingsville
Wednesday 3rd May:	Mass at 10:15 am - Yr 2 attending (families invited)

## HOLY WEEK LITURGY - Thursday 6th April



In the lead up to Easter, Holy Week is a significant time in the liturgical calendar. Easter also marks the end of 40 days of fasting and prayer known as Lent, which remembers the biblical tale of when Jesus Christ spent 40 days in the wilderness.

Each class has been allocated a day during Holy Week to reenact the events that occurred on that day. A special Holy Week Liturgy will occur on *Thursday 6th April from 12:00 pm* outside (weather permitting) and *all families are invited to attend.* Students will tell the story of Holy Week through drama, scripture and

song.

- Prep/1 Palm Sunday
- Yr 2 Holy Thursday
- Yr 5/6 Good Friday
- Yr 3/4 Easter Sunday

# EASTER RAFFLE, EGG HUNT & GUESS HOW MANY EGGS IN THE JAR



The Easter raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 6th April** after the Holy Week Liturgy. Many thanks to all families who generously donated goods for the raffle. There will be plenty of prizes so please purchase any last minute tickets quickly.

At the conclusion of the raffle, there will be an Easter Egg hunt around the school. There will be 2 Egg Hunts - one for toddlers and one for students.

Students will also have the opportunity from Monday 3rd April, to "Guess how many eggs are in the jar." Students from the SRC will be outside at break times recording student's guesses. Cost is \$1 per guess with all money going towards CARITAS.

## WORLD OF MATHS DAY

World of Maths Incursion

How often do you use maths in your life? Hopefully your answer is everyday! World of Maths came to Annunciation to show us how maths is all around us. The students worked in small groups and engaged in many interactive, hands-on, problem solving tasks. The tasks focused on all different areas of maths, which included: number, shapes and geometry, measurement, location and transformation, patterns, visual and spatial awareness. The sessions were fun and challenging - for both students AND teachers!



"The Snake Race was so fun because we got to slide the snake down. I liked working with Aiseah and Manny." - Christopher, Foundation

"It was great and fun. It had lots of activities and games. I liked the game "Add Up" because it was interesting and easy for me." - William, Yr 2

"Lots of the activities are pretty challenging but with teamwork, every single one is possible. It's really good if you work together to solve the problems." - Robert, Yr 5 & Ethan, Yr 3

"It was amazing. We got to experience new techniques and strategies to solve maths problems. All of the activities were really fun." - Lily D, Yr 6



## 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.

#### **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: <u>ccornwill@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au</u>

## **SPORTING NEWS**





Over the past 4 weeks, on a Friday, Annunciation has had the pleasure of welcoming Basketball Victoria coaches Hailey and Justin, from Westgate Basketball Club, to our Physical Education classes.

Students in Prep to Year 6 learnt how to dribble the ball, pass and shoot some hoops! They also learnt defensive and offensive movements and the correct terminology for positions on the court.

It has been fantastic seeing the confidence and skills build in our students over the duration of the program! Years 3-6 gave me a run for my money with 'In-Out-Split' and 'Knockout' games!

Once again, the students of Annunciation demonstrated fantastic behaviour towards their learning. **Miss Denise - PE Teacher** 

#### **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.

#### PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS

A special congratulations to the students below who each received a Principal's Award in the last fortnight for showing kindness towards others and for speaking positively about our school to prospective parents.





## CONGRATULATIONS



A special congratulations to Lily (Yr 6) who celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist last week. Lily was supported by her family, friends and staff on her special day.

## **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.



#### 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.

### 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 earlier next term.

# School TV Special Report: The Wellbeing Barometer 2023

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting. Parenting is a learning journey and it's easy to feel stressed and overwhelmed when faced with raising happy, well and resilient young people today.



Every family has experienced some sort of difficulty or adversity in recent times, some more than others. As mental health concerns continue to rise, there have been some alarming statistics reported in relation to the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Unfortunately, the blueprint for parenting is often based on our own experiences, but this is no longer fit for purpose in raising children as citizens of tomorrow. Parents and caregivers play a vital role in providing the guidance needed to support children and adolescents as they reframe their worries and focus more on the things they can control in their life.

In this Special Report, we are seeking parent participation through a short survey. The survey is designed to provide a barometer to help gauge the state of student wellbeing within our community. We encourage you to take a few moments to complete the survey as this will help our school know the nature and extent of your concerns and determine how best we can support families in the months ahead. Responses remain anonymous and will only be reported on an aggregated basis. You are asked to base your responses on observations made in the last 12 months.

By working together we can continue to build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers as we navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for all students.

Please reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you or your child, please reach out to the school or seek professional medical advice.

Here is the link to this Special Report: https://asbrooklyn.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-2023-au



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Our upcoming School Holiday Program for April 2023 is fast approaching, so we would love to let you know about it!

The Westgate Vacation Care is a welcoming program for all children aged from 5 to 12 years old.

Action packed, with a variety of different activities, sports, arts & crafts, incursions and excursions. There's something fun for every child!

The program runs alongside school holidays; Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm every day. Further information can be found on our website: www.westgateindoorsports.com.au <<u>http://www.westgateindoorsports.com.au</u>>





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/