

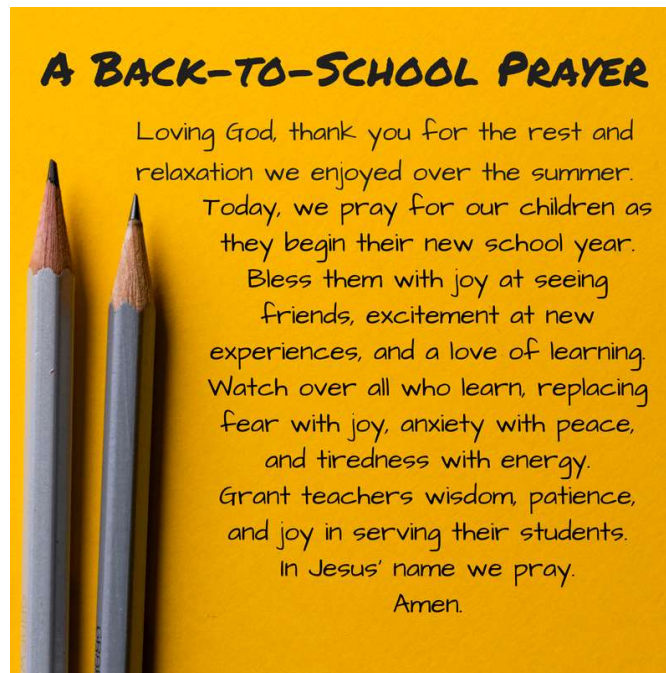
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February 3rd 2023

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



Welcome Message:

It is with great pleasure that I write my first Principal message to you - our marvellous families of Annunciation Primary School.

The students have settled in well for their first week of learning and it is wonderful seeing them reconnect with their friends and form new friendships.

We warmly welcome our new Prep students who started their learning journey at Annunciation this year.



Paris, Adrian, Adam, Christopher, Marlo, Margo, Oisín & Violet

We also extend a welcome to Rinka who started at Annunciation this week in week in Yr 3/4..



THEME FOR 2023:

Our theme for 2023 is: *New Beginnings*. This theme was chosen as there are over 1/3 of new staff at Annunciation this year. It is also a year of School Review which 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.



I look forward to meeting you if I haven't already.

Take care,
Anna

Staffing Structure for 2023:

Prep/1: Mrs Christine Marshall (*New*)
Yr 2/Deputy Principal/Wellbeing Leader: Mr Sean Walshe (*New*)
Yr 3/4: Mrs Mary Guastalegname
Yr 5/6/Learning & Teaching Leader: Mr Jack Blythman (*New*)
Learning Diversity Leader: Mrs Katy Hall
Science/Music: Mrs Therese Hughes
Digital Technology: Miss Alina Pung
Administration: Mrs Connie Cornwill
Principal: Mrs Anna Yorston (*New*)

Learning Support Officer: Mrs Rosemary Loft
Learning Support Officer: Mrs Sidonie Shields (*New*)
Learning Support Officer: Mrs Connie Verlado
Tutor Support: Miss Daniella Romano (*New*)
Numeracy Leader: Mrs Vivian Tran
PE: Miss Denise Horner
Japanese: Miss Jayka Bugay
Administration: Mrs Deanne Fitzgerald

The start of 2023:

Dates to note for the next fortnight:

Wed 8th Feb: No School for Preps
10:15 am - Beginning of Year School Mass (Families Invited)

Fri 10th Feb: NO ASSEMBLY

Wed 15th Feb: No School for Preps
10:15 am - Yr 3/4 attending Mass (Families Invited)
2:30 pm - P&F Meeting (Community Hall - All welcome)

Fri 17th Feb: 3:10 pm - Assembly (Community Hall)
Newsletter Published

Tues 21st Feb: 5:30 pm - Welcome Picnic & Information Sessions

Term Dates 2023

Term Starts	Term Ends
Term 1 Monday January 30th	Friday April 6th at 1:00 pm
Term 2 Wednesday April 26th (Monday 24th is a proposed Staff Professional Learning Day) (Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC Day)	Friday June 23rd at 1:00 pm
Term 3 Monday July 10th	Friday September 15th at 1:00 pm
Term 4 Monday October 2nd	Date TBC



PLEASE NOTE: WE SEND THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA THE SKOOLBAG APP. PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP ASAP. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WE CAN TALK YOU THROUGH IT.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY BE SENT VIA SKOOLBAG.

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SCHOOL LEADER FOR 2023

It is with great pleasure to announce the following students who will be our student leaders this year. The students were presented with their leadership badges at assembly this afternoon. I look forward to working alongside our leaders to ensure that Annunciation Primary School has the voice of our students.

School Captains: Noah Trad & Hailey Holzer

Sports Captains: Lily Dole & Aiseah Matakaiongo

Social Captains: Pricilla Hla & Annie Frivarski



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card for the 2023 year, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The allowance amount for primary aged children is \$125.00 per year.

Applications for the CSEF can be collected from the school office. We encourage families to submit these to the school office as soon as possible.

HOW TO APPLY: New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form (AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE) if any of the following changes have occurred:

new student enrolments;

- ❖ your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply in 2022.
- ❖ changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number,
- ❖ or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS

Statements for this year's school fees will be sent home next week. If you wish to pay your fees by direct debit please see Connie at the office, so arrangements can be made.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform. ***Sports uniform is only to be worn on Fridays.*** Our school uniform can be purchased through the school office. A strict uniform policy will operate as it is imperative that students wear the school uniform with pride.

Parents are asked to support the school ensuring that children are always in full school uniform. Students are reminded that school hats are to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4.

ALLERGIES

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening. The most common causes of anaphylaxis in schools are food and insect allergies. The only way to prevent allergic reactions is to avoid being exposed to the allergen.

Our school is supporting students at risk of anaphylaxis in the following ways:

- training staff,
- encouraging students with food allergy to wash their hands before and after eating,
- encouraging students to wash their hands after eating something their classmate/friend is allergic to,
- teaching students not to share food with friends who have food allergy,
- teaching students the importance of getting help immediately if their friend with allergy looks sick,
- educating students about allergies and anaphylaxis, and
- teaching students that teasing someone with an allergy is not acceptable behaviour.

Food allergy is now common in school aged children. Children can be allergic to any food, and it is not possible to completely remove all foods from our school. To help manage food allergies, our school is following the National Allergy Strategy Best Practice Guidelines (2021) which do not recommend banning foods as this is difficult to enforce and can bring a false sense of safety.

However as we have several students who have allergies to nuts and/or eggs we do ask that you refrain from sending nuts or eggs to school. Some of the allergies to these products are caused by touching it. This is difficult to monitor so we feel it safest that we avoid these products as much as possible. These items include: nuts in their raw form, boiled eggs and other whole egg products such as quiche/frittatas etc.

WELCOME PICNIC & INFORMATION SESSION - TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY



This is an opportunity for you to meet other families in the school and your child/ren's classroom teacher.

We'll start the night in the school yard with a family picnic (BYO) followed by an information session in the classroom. In these sessions teachers will discuss the curriculum, expectations, homework etc. You will also be able to ask questions. We will stagger the sessions for families that need to attend more than one. Please note that as this is a school event, NO ALCOHOL is permitted.

Sessions will be as follows:

F-1 session: 6:00pm
Yr 2 session: 6:15pm
Yr 3/4 session: 6:30pm
Yr 5/6 session: 6:45pm



Each session will run for approximately 15 mins. Toddlers are to remain with their parents. School aged students can remain in the yard to be supervised by staff.

PARENT REMINDERS

Just a friendly reminder to all families that ***supervision on the yard begins at 8:30am***. A staff member will unlock gates and will supervise students. All parents ***MUST*** remain with their child/ren until the staff member unlocks the gates.

Also, please note that we ask that **NO HOT DRINKS** are brought into the school yard at the beginning and the end of the day as these can present a major safety risk to the children.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING



Parents and Friends meetings are held twice per Term on a Wednesday afternoon (2:30pm) in the Community Hall. These are very informal meetings, more of a social catch up with afternoon tea. It is an opportunity for you to support in planning fundraising events for the school. Please consider coming along when we do get them up and running as it is a wonderful way to meet other families. (Toddlers/babies most welcome). Our first meeting for 2023 will be on Wednesday 15th February.

*Annunciation Before & After School Care - Daily - 7:00-8:30 am & 3:30-6:00 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.

MUSIC BUS PROGRAM

The Music Bus Program will recommence at Annunciation for 2023.

Classes offered are:

- Keyboard (P-6)
- Ukulele (P-6)
- Drums (Yr 1-6)
- Guitar (Y2-6)

Lessons are:

- * 30 minute duration - once per week
- * be 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 to take part please complete this expression of interest form asap

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We also know that children need
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respect. Our certified instructors
will not only help your child in these
areas but also keep your child
healthy through exercise.

Times

Children and Adult Classes Available
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

Classes

Little Ninjas (4-7 year old)
Juniors (7-13 years)
Adults (14 years onwards)

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FREE LESSONS**

**FREE UNIFORM
(Conditions Apply)**



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62 Everingham Rd, Altona Meadows

Contact Sensei Vince Brogna
on 0417 157 761

OPEN DAY

Saturday 11th February
1pm



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All Girls**

Ford Reserve - Altona

Monday 20th February - 20th March

5pm-6pm

**5 Week Program
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*Lessons paid by the term on commencement



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This benefit is available to all families with school aged children in NSW.
2. Redeem your Voucher at The Music Bus: Once you have received your voucher contact The Music Bus on 1300 168 742 or email creativekids@themusicbus.com.au

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