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

God of all, God of grace, we give you thanks for this earth and this world in which we live. We give you thanks for the beauty of your continuing creation. Help us gracious God to be good stewards of your great gift. Help us to learn from the old ones how to live on and in the lands and seas of this earth and continue to grow in sustainability and share its abundance for the good of all. Help all of those affected by rising seas and changing weather. Help all those who are forced from their homes because of these things to be able to find somewhere to live. Help us all to be mindful that we are all created equal in your sight.

Hello everyone

It is lovely to be back at school after being away on sick leave. Once again, thank you for all your support over the past few weeks. I would also like to thank the staff for keeping the school ticking along as normal in my absence. They certainly had some challenges with different staff being away and class sizes fluctuating on a daily basis.

I was quite shocked when I came in on Tuesday to see how many students were absent. It seems the cold and flu season has come in very fast and strong. We have had several students confirmed with cases of Influenza and other nasty bugs so we will speak to the students about good hygiene practices in the hope that this helps stop the spread.

I would like to remind everyone that this coming Friday 10th June is a school closure day, followed by the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 13th June.

I hope you all manage to stay warm over the weekend.

Robyn

Dates to note:

Friday June 10th	School Closure Day NO SCHOOL
Monday June 13th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY No School
Thursday June 16th	Movie and Pizza Night 5:30 to 7:30pm
Tuesday June 21st	Reconciliation 6pm School Board meeting 7pm
Wednesday June 22nd	P&F Meeting 2:45pm- 3:30pm
Thursday June 23rd	School Reports go home Excursion to MCG for Grades 3-6
Friday June 24th	Last day of term. School finishes at 1pm. No after school care
Monday 11th July	Term 3 starts

SCHOOL BOARD

In May we held our first School Board meeting with Corpus Christi and St Augustine's. Michael Taranto (Dad to Valerie and Rafael) is our school board member for 2022 and I thank him for his commitment as we launch our new School Board structure.

At our first meeting we looked at the Terms of Reference that have been written around how the school board will operate. We also had the opportunity to walk around Corpus Christi so that all board members are familiar with the schools they are representing. The next board meeting will focus on School Community Wellbeing and will be held at our school.

CHILD SAFE POLICIES

We are in the process of updating all our Child Safe Policies and procedures. Once these are completed they will be placed on our school website. We are hoping to commence redesigning our website in the next fortnight. I will keep you updated to when the policies are available for you to read.

In light of some changes regarding Child Safe procedures we are renaming one of the Leadership roles in the school. Currently both Julie and Mary hold the role of Student Wellbeing Leader. They will now hold the title of Child Safety and Wellbeing Leader. Child Safety is always paramount in all that we do.

MOVIE NIGHT

The SRC are planning a movie night on Thursday June 16th. We will send home a flyer regarding this night next week. Students will be able to return to school at 5:30pm for a pizza dinner and then can choose between two movies on the night. The night will conclude at 7:30pm.

PARENTS and FRIENDS MEETING

This will be held Wednesday June 22nd in the Community Room. I sincerely apologise for the delays that we have experienced in getting the P&F meetings back on track. I welcome anybody interested to come along to this very informal meeting. We do not assign role's it is more of a get together to look at how we can socially engage families in our school community. Please feel free to join us at **2:45pm** for a coffee and a chat. Toddlers are most welcome.

SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION





It was really exciting last week to have this year's musical production – Broadway Bonanza go ahead. After two years of cancelled shows due to COVID, it was amazing to enjoy the wonderful talent of the young people in our community. The hard work of the students and supporting staff all contributed to a fantastic show that was enjoyed by around 500 people at the Thursday evening session. We also had many of our feeder primary schools attend the matinee sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, with about 800 students enjoying the show. Whatever your interests or talents, there truly is a place for everyone at Emmanuel College.

Our next major College experience event is the annual Information Morning at each campus, as always, registrations are essential for these events and can be made via the Tours & Events tab on the right hand side of the College website homepage, www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au. Event details are as follows:

Notre Dame Campus Saturday 6 August Commencing at 9am
with the Principal's Address, followed by campus tours and finishing at 10 am

St Paul's Campus Saturday 6 August Commencing at 10.30am with the Principal's
Address, followed by campus tours and finishing at 11.30am

A reminder that **applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2024 are now being accepted**, with a **closing date of Friday 19 August, 2022**. A Prospectus Pack containing an application form can be requested from the Enrolment Information tab on the right hand side of the College website homepage, by emailing enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au, calling the College Registrar on 8325 5119 or visiting the friendly reception staff at either of our campuses.

Please note, that if you have a child currently in Grade 5 and wish for them to be considered for a place at the College for Year 7, 2024, you are required to submit an application for them, even if you have older children already at the College.