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

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION

Dear Father in heaven, in your Word we trust, in your Word of eternal life, given us in Jesus Christ our Savior.

We build on this Word of life in these days when it seems that everything is losing strength and value, and yet there is so much longing in people's hearts. You will not let our hope be disappointed. What you have spoken must be fulfilled. What is promised in Jesus Christ must come into being, not only for a few but for the whole world, for which he died and was raised from the dead.

Be with us. Keep us so fully alive that our lives reflect all the goodness we are allowed to experience and we overcome all the evil which tries to attack us. We thank you for calling us to life and for renewing us again and again. May your name be praised among us forever.

Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all



Can you believe that the last formal newsletter was back in March? In that particular newsletter I spoke of simply only cancelling excursions. How far we have journeyed from there!!!

It is now June and we have travelled so far, not just in days but in the breadth of our learning and what we have achieved as a school community.

It always seems that in the midst of human hardships there are always silver linings that appear. I sincerely believe that our silver lining has been the strengthening of the connection between family and school.

To all our wonderful parents I offer our heartfelt thanks for your support, your positive attitude and the trust that you placed in the school in ensuring that remote learning was an extension of what we would normally do at school.

To the staff, not once did you falter. Your passion and professionalism shone through as you delivered teaching in a forum that we had never experienced before.

And to our children. You embraced remote learning with enthusiasm and we loved watching you grow as learners in an entirely different environment. There were so many moments of humour that we will treasure forever. It wasn't the same as school but you all engaged into a new virtual world and as a result you have built on your skills of independence and risk taking.



Grades Prep to Two settled back into school really well and have happily accepted the changes that we have had to put into place. We are now ready for Grades 3/4/5 and 6 to join us next week and we believe that we have effective processes and procedures in place to ensure we are following all guidelines. Please see below for further information on this.

Enjoy the long weekend everyone and we look forward to warmly welcoming everyone on Tuesday at 8:30am.

Robyn Kelly

I would once again please remind all families that if you have been around a family member or an associate with a confirmed case of the virus or even a workplace that is experiencing the same you need to call the school and let us know. This means we can be extra vigilant and we can help guide you through the process. We owe it to both students and staff to be open about any illnesses or exposures as they appear!

THE TERM AHEAD..... PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Monday June 8th	NO SCHOOL- PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday June 9th	All children return to school All Chrome books and chargers to be returned
Tuesday June 9th	Note going home regarding Parent/teacher Chats. Please see note below
Friday June 19th	Parent/teacher chats via telephone
Friday June 26th	Revised School reports going home School finishes for Term One at 3:30pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

LOOKING AHEAD:

Please note that there are no School closure days in Term 3 as previously advertised

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: WE USUALLY FINISH SCHOOL AT 1:00PM ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HOWEVER, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE THINK IT BEST THAT WE GO TO 3:30PM JUST FOR THIS TERM AND THEN WE WILL REVISE.

UPDATE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that if you change your home phone number, your mobile number or your address, or emergency contact details, could you please advise the school so that we can keep our contact details up to date.



GUIDELINE REMINDERS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL RETURN



PLEASE RETURN ALL CHROME BOOKS AND CHARGERS AS WE NEED TO SANITISE AND CHECK THEM BEFORE USE BACK AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that drop off zones are now in practice:

- Prep/One Carpark
- Grades 2/3/4 along the black gates in Nolan Ave
- Grades 5/6 along Heather Ave.
- If you have more than one child attending your drop off zone will be that of the youngest child.

All children need to be here between 8:30am and 8:45am. Parents remain in their cars as teachers escort students in. This will be the same for pick up. It has been working really well for the past 2 weeks.

If you need to speak to a teacher or the office you will need to call first and we will arrange to come out to you.

All children need a clearly labelled water bottle. Grade 5/6 children need to bring back their pencil cases.

Regular cleaning is now in place. We have a cleaner arriving at 12pm every day to sanitise and clean the adventure playground as well as all the high touch surfaces in classrooms. Our regular cleaner then comes to school at 4pm to repeat the process. After school care is only available until 5pm for this term.

PARENT/TEACHER CHATS

Normally we would be holding Parent/teacher interviews in the last week of this term and we would have collated extensive data to share with you regarding your child's progress. This has been made very challenging as some students were only here for approximately 7 weeks in the first term. The other challenge is that some of this data will no longer be relevant as students have continued to make gains in their learning from home.

A note will be sent home this coming Tuesday 9th June, offering you the opportunity to have an informal chat with your child's teacher via telephone. All you need to do is nominate a time bracket for the teacher to call you on Friday June 19. Teachers can also nominate if they wish to speak to you before the end of term. They will write this at the bottom of the letter if this is the case.

These phone calls are a good opportunity to catch up, however, if you prefer, you can leave this chat until August where we will have compulsory Parent/teacher interviews with all families.(hopefully face to face).

REPORTS

Reports have also had to be revised and we are in the midst of creating a new template just for this Semester. The progression points will be replaced with a general comment that will focus on the first term's learning as well as your child's aptitude in remote learning.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Do you have a sibling ready to start school here next year?



It appears that our reputation is getting out into the school community as we already have 22 enrolments for Prep for 2021. I have counted siblings in this as best as I could but would appreciate it if you could submit an enrolment form ASAP to ensure we are counting you in our very exciting numbers!!!.

Enrolment forms are available on our website or just ask and we can send one home. Most of the new enrolments are coming from word of mouth from our current parents so thank you to everyone who is talking about Annunciation to their friends!

EASTER RAFFLE REDESIGNED!

As we headed into Term One holidays we were meant to have an Easter raffle. We only had a few donations, however many families bought raffle tickets. We have decided to create a toy hamper (see right) in lieu of the Easter raffle and we will place all raffle tickets purchased for the Easter raffle into this. Having said that you are most welcome to ask for your money back if you prefer. Please just forward an email to Connie and we will reimburse you.



If you did not buy Easter raffle tickets and you would like to purchase tickets for the toy raffle please email Connie or myself and we will send tickets home. We will draw the raffle on the last day of Term.

CANCELLATIONS

We are aware that we had put many excursions/incursions/closure days in the diary at the start of the year. Please note that all these dates have now been cancelled for Term 3 especially. As we are given instructions we will revisit them.



School photos will hopefully go ahead towards the end of 3rd term.

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS



Connor Thursby was in the midst of a fundraiser (guess the amount of jellybeans) for Caritas when we closed the school. He will continue this after next week. More details to follow

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
(Playgroup currently not running - will advise when things change)

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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

“Looked After” has now introduced their software and this is who we are using now to sign students into after school care. If you would like to use the program we have all the details at school. It is very easy to use. 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

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NOTICES

TEAMKIDS

As you may already know, TeamKids specialises in providing the best possible BEFORE, AFTER & HOLIDAY PROGRAMS imaginable for kindergarten and school-aged children. TeamKids run educational play-based programs that are child-centred, fun and maximise opportunities for enhancing and extending each child's learning and development. Our highly experienced educators and industry leading ratios of 1:10 means that your child(ren) are in safe hands and enriched at every opportunity.

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TeamKids... bringing fun back these school holidays



One of the most rewarding things about being a part of the Emmanuel community is seeing the way that the young people successfully move from primary school to secondary school. The transition experience is a very important element in this success. At Emmanuel, our transition program commences in the March of a child's Grade 6 year with the

Amazing Race event where students and families come along to a family sausage sizzle and then the students head off and do an amazing race with all of the other incoming Year 7s. They start to familiarise themselves with the campus, meet new friends and interact with some of the teachers they will have when they start with us. This is one of 5 events that students are involved in during their final year of primary school, so when they walk through the door on their first day of secondary school, it's not frightening at all.

Please use the link below and enjoy a short video of some of the events and some thoughts of Emmanuel students who participated in the events as primary school students.

SPC – https://youtu.be/7_k90N2-WcU

A reminder that **applications for Year 7, 2022 close on Friday 21 August 2020**. If you would like a Prospectus Pack, containing an application form, they can be requested at from the College website; www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au under the enrolment information tab. Or, by contacting the College Registrar via email at; enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or calling on 8325 5119.



Dear Families

If you received Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for 2018-19, you must confirm your income with Centrelink. This includes CCS paid directly to you and CCS paid on your behalf to a child care provider.

Most parents have already confirmed their income, but if you haven't, do it now.

If you don't confirm your 2018-19 income by 30 June 2020, your CCS will stop from 13 July 2020.

To confirm your income with Centrelink, you and your partner need to either:

- lodge your tax returns with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- complete an 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return' with Centrelink, if you don't need to lodge a tax return.

You complete the 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return' in your [Centrelink online account](#) through [myGov](#) or your [Express Plus Centrelink mobile app](#).

If you've already confirmed your family income for 2018-19, there's nothing else you need to do.

Find out more about [Child Care Subsidy](#) on the Services Australia website.

SKOOLBAG APP

Just a reminder that our school newsletter is available via the Skoolbag app or via email and also on our webpage. If you haven't already downloaded the app, instructions are → →



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

* School newsletters	* Cancellations
* Notices	* Reminders
* Events	* ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!