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



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

Greetings to you all from Tasmania (lutruwita). For the past week, I have been fortunate enough to be participating in a tour of Hobart (nipaluma), exploring Australian Spirituality and Aboriginal culture. I am travelling with a group of Principals from the Western Zone where we have been learning about many important aspects of Aboriginal storytelling and song, visiting important sites that have a rich heritage and sharing in some Aboriginal tucker. I look forward to sharing some of my new learnings with the staff and students upon my return.

A warm welcome back to families and students, for the start of Term 2! We hope you had a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready to dive back into learning. As we embark on this new term, we want to assure you that our team of dedicated teachers is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment that fosters academic and personal growth. We encourage families to stay engaged in their child's education and to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Let's make this term a successful one!

Take care

Anna



Dates to note for the next fortnight:

Monday 8th May: District Cross Country (selected students only)

Tuesday 9th May: Yr 5/6 Money Incursion

Wednesday 10th May: 10:15 am Mass -Yr 5/6 (Families welcome to attend)
Yr 3/4 attending Emmanuel College (9:00-1:15 pm)

Thursday 11th May: Mother's Day Stall (Volunteers needed)

Friday 12th May: 3:00 pm Assembly (All welcome)

Sunday 14th May: **MOTHER'S DAY**

Wednesday 17th May: 10:15 am Mass -Yr P/1 (Families welcome to attend)
7:00 pm - SAC Meeting at St Augustine's

Thursday 18th May: Yr 5/6 Money Incursion

Friday 19th May: Walk to School Day
3:00 pm Assembly (All welcome)
Newsletter Published

HOLY WEEK LITURGY

Many thanks to all of the families and friends who came along to celebrate the events of Holy Week. The students re-enacted the week leading up to Jesus' resurrection with respect, reverence and compassion. It was a lovely way to finish the school term.



EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all of the winners of the Egg Raffles. There were plenty of prizes with some people walking away with more than one prize! A HUGE thankyou to the wonderful mums, Danielle, Linda & Maree who beautifully wrapped all of the prizes.



Congratulations to Hailey (5/6) who was the closest guess of “How many eggs were in the jar.” *The correct answer was 206 eggs.* Let’s hope that Hailey shared her winnings with her brothers!



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Raffle tickets have been sent home with students this week for the Mother's Day raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and it would be greatly appreciated if all tickets could be returned no later than Wed 10th May.

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 11th May in the Community Room. If you are able to volunteer some time to assist on the day, please let Connie in the office know. We will also need volunteers to organise the gifts for the stall on Wednesday 10th May.

NEXT LEVEL LEARNING WITH TEACHING AND TECHNOLOGY



On Monday 24th April, staff from Annunciation worked collaboratively with staff from St Peter's, South West Sunshine 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.

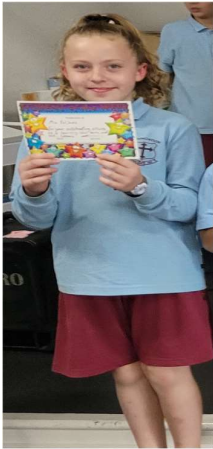
[Click here to read the full article as published on the MACS website](#)

SHADE SAIL INSTALLATION

Works were completed over the holidays on the shade sail structures. A new shade sail has been erected over the sandpit and another one over an area on the playground. Not only do these look great but they will provide further protection from the sun.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS - CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



A special congratulations to Annie & Lily from Yr 6 who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend at Corpus Christi in Kingsville. It was a lovely celebration led by Bishop Martin Ashe and Fr John O'Connor. Many thanks to all of the staff who came along to support the girls on their special day.



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 shortly.

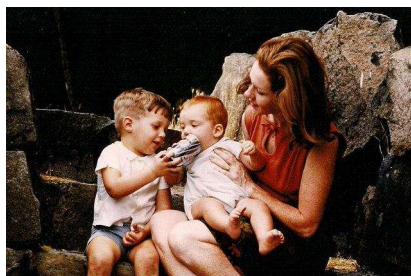


As the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency, Caritas Australia works hand in hand with the most marginalised communities in Australia and overseas, to confront the challenges of poverty. Through local-led programs, we work with all people, with shared hope and compassion, towards a world where all can thrive and reach their full potential.

The monies that were raised from "How many eggs in the jar" which was a total of \$182 will be donated to Caritas Australia.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

There will be a special Mother's Day assembly held on Friday 12th May. During the assembly, there will be a presentation celebrating the mothers of Annunciation students, parents and staff. If you would like to submit a photo to be part of the presentation, please email Sean Walshe - swalshe@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 MAY 2023!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023



Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation will be visiting our school for 2 sessions for the Grade 5/6 students on 9th May and 18th May.

Talk Money is a free financial education program that teaches young Australians money lessons for life and aims to help students be confident when talking about money and to make informed financial decisions.

Delivered by talented facilitators, they offer interactive workshops on “Talking about Money”, “Spending and Saving Money” and “Making Money Work”.

The program is designed for students in Years 5-10 and has been developed in collaboration with education experts and a financial education advisory group.

All workshops are evidence based, and are aligned to the Australian curriculum and the National Consumer and Financial Literacy Framework.

OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 7 MAY
10am - 2pm

Explore our learning and faith community
Register online to attend

133 Maidstone Street, Altona 8398 2000 www.msj.vic.edu.au

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College Altona invites you to explore our faith and learning community at one of our Open Events in 2023

OPEN DAY

Join us for our vibrant and interactive Open Day on Sunday 7 May from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Explore the College on a guided tour led by our student ambassadors and participate in all the fun educational activities that we have to offer. As part of the carnival atmosphere, listen to our talented musical acts and enjoy a snack from the BBQ. Meet our Principal and teaching staff and see why Mount St. Joseph Girls' College is the best choice for your child's education.

Register to attend by visiting our website [HERE](#).

OPEN MORNINGS

Open Mornings provide an opportunity for families to witness learning in action on a regular school day. Our Year 9 student ambassadors will give you a personal tour of the College. Visiting families will have the unique opportunity to ask questions of our ambassadors and gain an honest insight into our programs and what it is like to be a student at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College.

Register to attend by visiting our website [HERE](#).

Thursday 8 June - 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 20 July - 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 3 August - 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 7 Sept - 9:15am – 10:30am

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2025 close on 18 August 2023. Apply online [HERE](#) or contact the College Registrar, Mrs Sherri Collins for further information.

Contact details: registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or phone 8398 2007.



Open Day
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023
11am - 2pm

Enjoy tours of all three campuses, meet and greet our students and staff plus ask all your questions. Register your attendance today!

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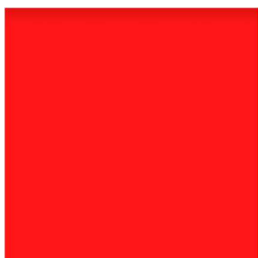


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JOIN THE FUN!
Spotswood Auskick Centre

Fridays 5:30pm - 6:30pm starting
 Friday April 28, 2023
 Contact - Aidan Finlay
 Email address: auskick@spotswoodfc.com.au

play.afl/auskick 



JUNIOR WATER POLO TRAINING

Calling all kids aged 8 - 16 years BRING A FRIEND

Come along and give it a go - learn the basics, then put your skills
into action in a game!

THE DETAILS:

Where: Victorian University Pool Footscray

When: Sundays commencing 30 April 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Cost: First 2 sessions FREE
\$50 per term



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