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

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

Hello everyone

This week our community was devastated by the news that Max Riebl, Dad to Ivy in Grade One passed away after battling cancer. Our hearts and love go out to Beth and the children as they say farewell today.

It is so difficult to comprehend why such tragedies happen but it is a timely reminder that we need to remember the things that are truly important and to be grateful for all that we have.

I spoke to the children about how we cannot change what happens but we can make sure that every word we speak is one of kindness and that every action shows appreciation for the people in our lives.

I know that the family will be embraced by you all and I ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Wishing every Mum a very special day on Sunday. Thank you for all that you are and all the love that you give

Robyn

Dates to note:

Monday May 9th	Cross Country event for some children (Grades 3-6) Yarraville Gardens
Tuesday May 10th	NAPLAN for Grade 3 and Grade 5 begins today School Board meeting 7pm
Tuesday May 17th	Whole school excursion to Sovereign Hill
Friday May 27th	Grades 5/6 Winter Gala Sports
Friday June 10	School Closure Day NO SCHOOL
Monday June 13	PUBLIC HOLIDAY No School
Thursday June 16	Movie and Pizza Night 5:30 to 7:30pm
Tuesday June 21st	Reconciliation 6pm School Board meeting 7pm
Thursday June 23rd	School Reports go home Possible excursion to MCG for Grades 3-6 (Waiting confirmation)

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended these important discussions. Remember that teachers are always happy to meet with you if you have any concerns at any time!

EXCURSIONS

We know that parents like to join us on excursions and wherever possible we try to involve Mums and Dads if we can. Please understand that sometimes venues have limited space and we cannot always invite parents. And there are also times where it is more advantageous to take just the students.

We do have some very limited seats on the bus for our trip to Sovereign Hill on Tuesday May 17. If you would like to be a Parent helper on this day we will collect names and place them into a hat. We will only be able to take a very small number so if you do not get drawn out this time, you may be able to come along at a later date.

Please send me an email indicating your interest by next Wednesday at the latest. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate toddlers on this trip.

We are endeavouring to have a whole school excursion or incursion at the end of the year where all parents and toddlers will be invited.

SURROUNDING STREETS

We are currently having discussions with the local council regarding the very busy streets around our school. Thanks to one of our parents (Alex) we had a recent visit from several dignitaries who are going to assist us with getting some sort of traffic controls put into place. I do remind all parents to ensure that they are observing the road signs that have been replaced. I don't wish for anyone to get a traffic fine but more importantly we want to keep our children safe.

SRC MEETING

I had the pleasure of meeting with our SRC for the first time last week. Their enthusiasm for our school is lovely to see. We discussed the following:

- A memorial for Miss Jacqui. We are going to create a peaceful place in our yard for the children to go to. This will include a bench seat, garden and bricks with words about Miss Jacqui engraved on them.
- Involvement with other schools in Crazy Sock day to raise funds for Cancer research
- A movie and pizza night this term. We will send home more information regarding this but in a nutshell : on the 16th of June children will come back to school for pizza at 5:30pm followed by a movie. They will be able to bring a pillow and wear their Pyjamas! Parents will then pick up from 7:30pm

SICK LEAVE

I am attempting to have surgery after I had to postpone last term. Next week will be my last week before I go on Sick leave from Monday May 16th for several weeks. During this time please direct emails to classroom teachers and/or Katy Hall.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We had a lovely morning together as we celebrated Mother's Day with a special breakfast.. A special thanks to Nick and Rebecca who supplied the coffee machine and Nick as the barista!!! You did an amazing job and your time and effort was greatly appreciated.

Also our thanks to Salt n Pepa Cafe (57 Pier St Altona) who assisted with the catering. A special mention goes to them as they were extremely man powered down and they went above and beyond to make sure we had plenty of delicious food.

I wish you all a very special day on Sunday!



HAPPY
Mother's Day
♥

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St Paul's Campus	-	Sunday 22 May, 2022	-	Between 10.30 am & 1.30 pm
Notre Dame Campus	-	Sunday 22 May, 2022	-	Between 11.00 am & 2.00 pm

Come along and see our school and meet our students, it would be great to see you there.

Also, enrolment applications are now being accepted for students due to commence Year 7 in 2024. **Applications for this group close on 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 webpage, by emailing enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au, calling the College Registrar on 8325 5119 or visiting the friendly staff at reception of either of our campuses. It is a requirement for you to submit an application for all children you wish to attend the College, even if you have older children already attending Emmanuel.