

Newsletter



Term 2 | Week 2, Friday 2nd May 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday break and had a joyful Easter with your loved ones. It has been wonderful to see the students return with such enthusiasm and energy. They have settled back into school life beautifully and are already engaging positively in their learning.

For the last 2 weeks of Term One and during the holidays, I was fortunate to take part in a special Principal Pilgrimage, travelling to Greece and Turkey to follow in the footsteps of St. Paul. It was an incredibly moving experience, and throughout this term, I look forward to sharing highlights and reflections from my journey with you in each newsletter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Seán Walshe for his leadership as Acting Principal during my absence. I am very grateful for the way he supported our staff, students, and families during this time.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Take care,
Anna

DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month	Event
Monday 5 th May	Parish Fun Day Out (Mass & Movie)
Tuesday 6 th May	Yrs 2/3/4 Inform & Empower Session (Cybersafety) 7:00pm – Confirmation Family Workshop at St Augustine's
Wednesday 7 th May	District Cross Country (selected students only)
Thursday 8 th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 9 th May	AFL Clinic – Western Bulldogs 9:00am – Assembly (All welcome) Please note change of time
Tuesday 13 th May	Year F/1/2/3 Inform & Empower Session (Cybersafety)
Wednesday 14 th May	2026 Foundation Open Day (9:30–10:30am) Yr5/6 Inform & Empower Session (Cybersafety)
Thursday 15 th May	Yr 5/6 attending Emmanuel College Music Performance 7:30pm – Parent online session – Inform & Empower
Friday 16 th May	3:00 pm – Assembly (All welcome) Newsletter Published

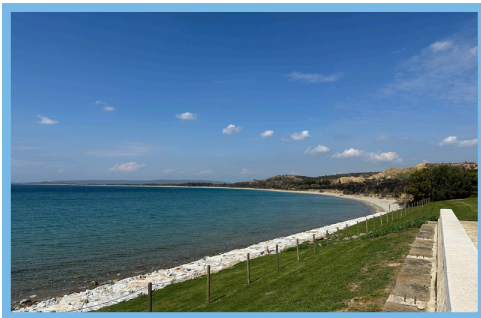
PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Recently, I had the privilege of participating in a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, following in the footsteps of St. Paul and visiting sites of deep historical and spiritual significance. One of the most powerful experiences of the journey was visiting Gallipoli, especially with ANZAC Day so near. As I reflected on both St. Paul's mission and the sacrifice of the soldiers at Gallipoli, I was struck by the shared values of courage, perseverance, faith, and hope. Both St. Paul and the ANZACs faced incredible hardships, driven by a deep sense of purpose and unwavering commitment to something greater than themselves. I would like to share a reflection on this moving experience with our school community.

GALLIPOLI REFLECTIONS

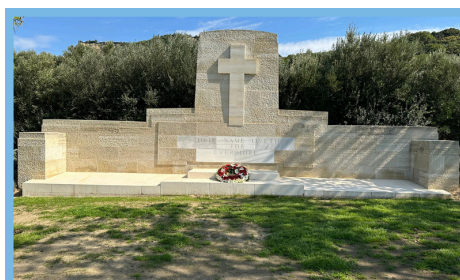
Our arrival at ANZAC Cove was a deeply moving experience. The peaceful shoreline stood in stark contrast to the stories of courage, sacrifice, and loss that unfolded there over a century ago. A prayer service was held, offering a powerful moment of reflection as words of remembrance echoed across the water and into our hearts.

We then continued to Lone Pine, where the emotional weight of the day grew even stronger. The sight of row upon row of headstones served as a solemn reminder of the many lives lost. For some in our group, this visit held a personal significance, as they discovered the graves of family members—names once carried in memory now found etched in stone. Poppies were carefully placed by the graves, and prayers were offered in quiet reverence.



Standing on such sacred ground so close to ANZAC Day made the experience even more profound. As Australians, being at Gallipoli brought a deep sense of connection to our national story—one shaped by the bravery, resilience, and sacrifice of those who served. It was a powerful reminder of the freedoms we enjoy today and the enduring spirit of the ANZACs that continues to inspire us.

Later in the afternoon, we made our way to the coastal town of Eceabat and crossed the Dardanelles by ferry, marking a symbolic passage to the city of Canakkale. It was a day filled with reflection, connection, and profound gratitude—an experience that will remain in our hearts for many years to come.



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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We're excited to announce our annual Mother's Day Stall is just around the corner!

-  **Date:** Thursday 8th May
 **Location:** Open Space
 **Prices:** Items range from \$2 to \$10

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a special gift for the wonderful women in their lives — mums, grandmas, aunties, or other special carers. There will be a variety of lovely gifts to choose from, all at affordable prices.

Please send your child with money and a plastic shopping bag on the day.

Volunteers needed!

We'd love your help to make the day a success. If you're available to help with setting up, running the stall, or packing up, please email Anna (principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au) or let Connie in the office know.

We look forward to helping the children make this Mother's Day extra special!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

You're Invited!

We would love to invite all our wonderful mums to join us for a cuppa and pastries before school on Friday, 9th May.

Come and enjoy a relaxing morning with a hot drink, some tasty treats, and good company—followed by a special morning assembly to celebrate all that you do!

Time: From 8:00 AM
Location: Open Space
Assembly: Begins at 9:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you there!



Annunciation Mother's Day Breakfast

FRIDAY 9TH MAY FROM 8AM IN
THE OPEN SPACE

FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL MOTHER'S
DAY ASSEMBLY IN THE COMMUNITY
HALL AT 9AM.

COFFEE VAN AND
PASTRIES PROVIDED

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TEETH ON WHEELS

We're excited to announce that Teeth On Wheels will be visiting our School on June 2nd 2025!

Teeth On Wheels is all about making dental care fun and stress-free while teaching children the importance of oral health. They specialise in working with children, offering services such as check-ups, cleans, and more—right here at the School! The team is specially trained to provide compassionate and tailored care for neurodiverse patients, ensuring a respectful and supportive experience for everyone.

If eligible under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), your child may even receive FREE dental care.

To participate, simply complete the e-form by the cut-off date May 27th 2025:

[Click here to complete the e-form.](#)



TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our first fundraiser for the year were the Cadbury Easter Eggs.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously supported our school by purchasing Easter eggs during our recent fundraiser. Your kindness and community spirit helped make this initiative a sweet success!

The funds raised will go a long way in the purchasing of resources for the students. We're so grateful for your continued involvement and support — we couldn't do it without you!



*Our next **Parents & Friends (P&F) meeting** is happening on **Wednesday 14th May at 2:30 pm**, and we'd love to see you there!*

It's a great opportunity to hear what's happening around the school, share ideas, and get involved in upcoming events and initiatives. Everyone is welcome — whether you're a regular or it's your first time!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 1.

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.



GARDENING CLUB

This week gardening club got crafty, creating beautiful air dry clay nature pendants using leaves, seed pods and flowers. It was lovely to see the students enjoying creating their design in the sunshine.

The veggie garden will be filled with winter veg over the coming weeks.

Big thanks to Linda Taranto for looking after the garden during the break.



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PARENT ONLINE SESSION – INFORM & EMPOWER

We're pleased to invite all parents and carers to an upcoming webinar on cybersafety and digital awareness – a valuable session that supports the important learning our students are doing at school.

This session will provide practical advice on how to support your child online, understand current digital trends, and promote healthy screen habits at home. We strongly encourage all parents to attend – together, we can help our children become safe, respectful, and confident digital citizens.

Once you register (with an email address and name), you will be emailed a link to the webinar. You will also receive reminder emails. The following day, you will receive a link to access the replay. Therefore we recommend that even if you are unable to attend the live webinar, you register to ensure that you can access the replay which will be available for 30 days.

Here is the link for parents to register for the webinar:

[Click Here to Register \(May 15\)](#)

INFORM & EMPOWER

Cyber Safety & Digital Wellbeing

Delivery: Community Webinar

Presenter: Martin McGauran & Carley McGauran

Date: Thursday 15 May 2025

Time: 7.30pm (90 mins)

ANZAC DAY WREATH

One of our families kindly laid a wreath on behalf of Annunciation, at the ANZAC Day dawn service at Altona.

Thank you to the family for representing the school in this thoughtful way.



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EXCITING READING NEWS!

We're thrilled to be supporting our students' reading journey with a new collection of high-quality decodable readers for take-home use and engaging classroom texts—an important step in line with the MACS vision and the Science of Reading.

These books help children practise essential skills like phonics and decoding, building strong foundations for lifelong reading success.

A big THANK YOU to our amazing families who helped cover over 300 books in contact—we couldn't have done it without you!

Reading satchels go home every Thursday and should come back to school each day.



CRAFT CLUB

In craft club you can create fun and amazing stuff

Who: Alice, Jacky, Lily

Where: In the Open Space

When: Every Tuesday - 1st half of lunch



Mental Health in Primary Schools

Peaceful Kids

The Peaceful Kids program is up and running again for Term 2. Children are invited to take part in the Peaceful Kids program.



It runs for 45 minutes per week for 5 weeks for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2.

The program runs for 1 hour per week for 8 weeks for children in Years 3 – 6. The program is run in small groups of no more than 6 students.

The 'Peaceful Kids' program is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. This program helps children to build their emotional resilience,

so they are better equipped to deal with the day to day stresses that life brings them.

Mental Health Resources for parents to support their children –



<https://app.growyourmind.life/collections/home-products>

Grow Your Mind is an award-winning social and emotional wellbeing website that has great resources to support your child's mental health and wellbeing.

Click on the link above and if you sign up free resources are made available to you. There are also a range of resources to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing.

GUIDED DRAWING

Used for brain break and to regulate emotions.

Last week each class took part in a guided drawing task. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

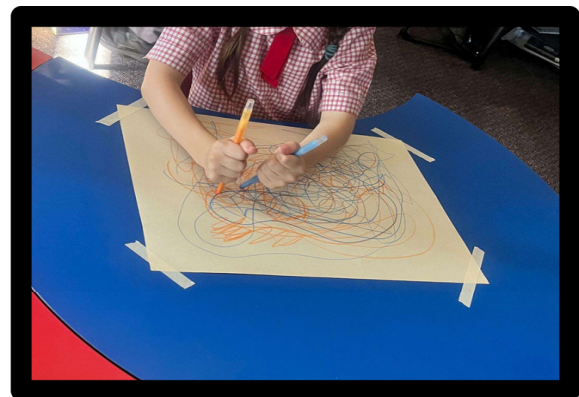
Guided drawing is an opportunity to draw freely and without limits. The purpose of this task was to provide the children with the opportunity for a brain break or mindfulness experience. It is another way of supporting their mental health. Guided drawing is a mindfulness exercise used to support the body to integrate the left and right brain functions. As with all art therapy approaches, it is not essential for a person to be a great artist but to have some sense of play. To play is the most natural and self-healing measure, (Erikson, 1977) as it allows us to be able to communicate.



To look within with guided drawing, it is essential to remember that making a beautiful artwork is not the goal. But instead, to express oneself through the creative process and let go of any worries about what is created and trust your intuition.



Guided drawing has been around since the 1950s and has become a simple art-based activity that capitalises on self-regulation (Malchiodi, 2015).



BOOK CLUB



Issue 3 orders are due 13th May 2025.

If you ordered from Issue 2 remember to use your \$5 promo code before it expires.

HOW TO ORDER FROM BOOK CLUB

The parent ordering platform is called LOOP. The website has many resources for parents to set up and order through LOOP.

Parents wishing to order products through Book Club can follow the following step-by-step instructions:

- 1. Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)
- 2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
- 3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
- 4. Select your child's name
- 5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous Issues
- 7. Make a payment via credit card
- 8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school

COME & TRY

with

FOOTSCRAY WATER POLO!

JUNIORS

8-11 YEARS OLD +
12-15 YEARS OLD

SATURDAY
3RD & 10TH MAY 2025
1.30pm - 3.15pm

SENIORS

AGES 16 YEARS
AND OLDER

SATURDAY
17TH & 24TH MAY 2025
1.30pm - 3.15pm

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Learning the Basics - Passing, Shooting and Movement
Learn the rules and play friendly games to put it all together

Build confidence, coordination and teamwork in a
fun & friendly environment while connecting with
our local water polo community

LOCATION:
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY POOL
70-104 BALLARAT ROAD, FOOTSCRAY

REGISTER NOW!
via the links on our website
<https://www.footscraywaterpolo.com/comeandtry>

JNR Register now, Saturday 3rd May:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/footscraywp/events/291262>

JNR Register now, Saturday 10th May:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/footscraywp/events/291261>

SNR Register now, Saturday 17th May:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/footscraywp/events/291264>

SNR Register now, Saturday 24th May:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/footscraywp/events/291272>

Any questions can be directed to
info@footscraywaterpolo.com

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

You're Invited! Experience Our College at Open Day

We are delighted to invite you and your family to our Open Day at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College – a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the vibrant learning environment, strong community spirit, and outstanding opportunities that await your child.

Date: Sunday 18 May
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

During your visit, you will have the chance to:

- Take a guided tour of our facilities
- Meet our dedicated teachers and student leaders
- Learn about our academic programs, co-curricular activities, and faith-based values
- Discover how we nurture students to become confident, compassionate and capable young people

Please register your intention to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mount St. Joseph Girls' College and sharing what makes our community so special!

Kate Dishon

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Emmanuel College Latest News

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

Last week at each campus the College held assemblies that included an ANZAC Day commemoration at Notre Dame the students heard from Petty Officer Marie Burns and at St Paul's they heard from Warrant Officer Brad Parmenter. We acknowledge the courage and sacrifice made by servicemen and women who contribute to our safe lives here in Australia both now and in the past. The College thanks all representatives of the Armed Forces for their service.

Join one of our upcoming College events for a student-led campus tour and the opportunity to meet our College Principal. Details are on the attached flyer and below:

St Paul's Campus

Thursday 1 May 9:15am to 10:30am – Meet the Principal and College Tour

Monday 23 June 9:15am to 10:30am – College Tour

Notre Dame Campus

Thursday 8 May 9:15am to 10:30am – Meet the Principal and College Tour

Tuesday 17 June 9:15am to 10:30am – College Tour

☞ To learn more and register, please visit: [Meet the Principal and Tour registration](#)

Year 7, 2027 Enrolments Now Open

Do you have a child in Year 5? Applications for Year 7 in 2027 are now officially open and will close on **Friday, 15 August 2025**. Even if you have a child already attending or enrolled for Year 7 in 2026, a new application is required for 2027.

Apply online now: [Application Form](#)

• For any enrolment enquiries, please contact:

Ms. Donna Grech, College Registrar – 8325 5100 | enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

We hope to see you at a College event soon.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks
Community Engagement Officer