

Newsletter

Term 2 I Week 8, Friday 13th June 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we find ourselves already eight weeks into Term 3, I am filled with gratitude and pride as I reflect on all the wonderful learning and community experiences taking place across our school.

Our classrooms are alive with curiosity, creativity, and a real sense of purpose. It has been a joy to see students engaging deeply with their learning and showing growth not just academically, but socially and spiritually. Our teachers are currently preparing student reports, taking the time to reflect on each child's progress and achievements so far this year. This is a time-intensive task, and I thank our dedicated staff for the care they take in celebrating student growth and identifying next steps for learning.

A particular highlight this week was our school excursion to Sovereign Hill, which took place yesterday. What a fantastic day it was! The students stepped back in time and immersed themselves in the history of the goldfields. They represented our school with pride, curiosity, and respect—qualities we continually strive to nurture in each of our learners. Thank you to the staff who supported this valuable experience.

As we move through the coldest part of the year, I remind families to ensure children are coming to school dressed warmly, with named jumpers and jackets. It's also important that unwell children stay home to rest and recover, helping us keep our school community healthy and well.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership in your child's education. Let us continue to walk together in faith and learning.

Take care, Anna







DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month	Event
Monday 16 th June	Students from Caroline Chisholm College visiting Yr 4&5 students
Wednesday 18 th June	2:30pm - Parent & Friends Meeting
Friday 20 th June	3:00pm - Assembly (All invited)
Tuesday 24 th June	9:15am - Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass (All invited)
Wednesday 25 th June	Tony's Pies Delivery (Volunteers Required)
Thursday 26 th June	9:30–10:30 am – Yr 7 Emmanuel College Roadshow (Yrs 4–6)
Friday 27 th June	Reports Sent Home 3:00pm - Assembly (All invited) Newsletter Published





PRINCIPAL'S PILGRIMAGE REFLECTION – PART 4: ISTANBUL – TURKEY

We began our day in the vibrant, cosmopolitan city of Istanbul with a hearty breakfast before setting out to explore its rich tapestry of history, culture, and faith.

Our first stop was the **Hippodrome**, once the sportive and political heart of the Old City. Standing amidst the remnants of its once grand arena, we imagined the chariot races and public events that once captivated ancient crowds. We then descended into the Underground Cistern, an engineering marvel constructed by Emperor Justinian in AD 535. The cistern's vaulted ceilings and forest of marble columns created a hauntingly beautiful atmosphere, with artistic carvings—including the famous Medusa heads—highlighting the ingenuity of Byzantine design.

We continued to **Hagia Sophia**, originally built as a church and later converted into a mosque, now a museum. The sheer scale of its dome and the harmonious blend of Christian mosaics and Islamic calligraphy made it one of the most awe-inspiring structures we visited. Our group showed quiet reverence as we took in the spiritual and artistic layers of this sacred space.

Next, we entered the **Blue Mosque**, named for the exquisite blue İznik tiles that adorn its interior. Unique with its six minarets, the mosque welcomed us with its tranquil atmosphere. We respectfully observed local customs, removing our shoes and remaining silent as we admired the intricate floral motifs, arabesque patterns, and stained-glass windows that filled the space with soft light.

Our exploration continued at the **Istanbul Archaeological Museum**, home to a treasure trove of biblical artefacts. We viewed ancient Hittite treaties, artwork from the sacred way of Babylon, the inscription from Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem, and the magnificently preserved **Alexander Sarcophagus**, all of which offered fascinating insights into the world of the Bible and ancient Near East.

We then walked through the gates of **Topkapi Palace**, the opulent seat of the Ottoman sultans for over 400 years. In the treasury section, we were captivated by the dazzling displays of jewels, ornate weapons, and ceremonial garments. Tucked within the palace grounds, we visited the **Church of St Irene**, a rare example of early Christian architecture untouched by later Islamic influence. Here, the Council of Constantinople convened in AD 381 to finalise the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. We paused to reflect in the stillness of the church, appreciating both its historical and spiritual significance.

Throughout the day, as we visited places of worship from different faith traditions—Christian, Islamic, and interfaith historical sites—we maintained an attitude of deep respect. We observed religious customs, acknowledged the sacredness of each place, and were continually moved by the beauty and craftsmanship of the architecture and artwork that told the story of Istanbul's diverse and enduring spiritual heritage.

















STAFF NEWS

We wanted to inform you that Connie Cornwill recently underwent surgery after suffering a broken leg. She is currently recovering and will be off work until further notice as she focuses on healing.

We kindly ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Your support and understanding are greatly appreciated.

An advertisement has been placed to find a suitable replacement whilst Connie is recovering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RISING FOOTBALL STAR!

We are thrilled to announce that one of our talented students has achieved a remarkable milestone—Valerie Taranto has been selected to represent the School Sports Victoria Under 12 Girls Football Team!

After a rigorous selection process that involved multiple tryout days and fierce competition from an incredibly strong talent pool, Valerie's hard work, determination, and dedication have truly paid off. Her perseverance in training and her unwavering commitment to excellence on the field have been nothing short of inspiring.

This prestigious selection is a testament not only to Valerie's exceptional skills as a footballer, but also to her resilience and sportsmanship throughout the journey. She will now go on to represent Victoria at the School Sport Australia Championships in Queensland this August—an exciting opportunity and a well-deserved reward for her efforts.

We are extremely proud of Valerie and wish her all the best as she prepares to compete on the national stage. Go Valerie, and go Victoria!



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A reminder that notes were sent home early last week with information on how to make a booking for our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences which are scheduled for Wendnesday 2nd July from 1:00–7:30 pm. If you haven't returned your note, please do so as soon as possible. You will be informed on Monday 23rd June regarding the time you have been allocated to meet with you child's/ren's classroom teacher.

This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress for Semester One. We encourage all families to attend and engage in these important conversations.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

As the colder months set in, it's important to remember those in our community who are doing it tough. This winter, our school is proudly supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal by collecting donations of non-perishable food items to help families in need.

We invite all families to contribute what they can—items like canned goods, pasta, rice, long-life milk, and other pantry staples make a big difference. Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes etc.. are also in high demand. Donations can be dropped off at the school office from now until the end of the term.

Giving to others is a powerful way to show compassion and care, especially during the winter season. Every item donated helps bring warmth, comfort, and hope to someone in need. Let's come together as a school community and show kindness where it's needed most.

Thank you for your generosity!



LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

This term, staff have been working hard to enhance the reading skills of students through the use of decodable books, which were purchased earlier this term. By focusing on texts that align with students' current phonics knowledge, staff provide targeted support that helps students practice and master decoding skills. integration of decodable books into daily literacy activities and intervention sessions, have created a positive and supportive learning environment for all students, where they are able to recognise and sound out words more effectively.



At Annunciation, staff are committed to ongoing professional learning, with our next focus being on building skills in phonemic awareness. By deepening understanding of how students develop the ability to recognise and manipulate individual sounds in words, staff aim to strengthen overall reading proficiency.

Belinda Ward Learning and Teaching Leader





COLDS/FLU SEASON

As we move through the school year, we want to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of keeping children home if they are showing signs of illness—especially cold or flu-like symptoms.

We understand that balancing work, school, and family responsibilities can be challenging, and missing a day of school is never ideal. However, when a child comes to school sick, it increases the risk of spreading illness to classmates, teachers, and staff. This not only affects the health of our entire school community but can also lead to more widespread absences and disruptions to learning.

If your child is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, or body aches, please keep them home and monitor their condition. Children should only return to school once they are symptom-free and feeling well enough to participate in class activities.

Please also remember to call or email the school office or use the Audiri app to report your child's absence. This helps us keep accurate attendance records and ensures that we're aware of any potential health concerns affecting our students. office@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our school a safe and healthy environment for all.

TONY'S PIES

Our next school fundraiser is here, and it's one the whole family will enjoy – Tony's Pies! Orders are now open, so it's the perfect time to stock up your freezer with some delicious, ready-to-go meals. Not only will you be treating yourself to some tasty comfort food, but you'll also be helping to raise valuable funds for our school. Every order supports programs and initiatives that benefit our students, so we encourage all families to get involved and spread the word.

Thank you for your continued support! Orders close on Sunday 22nd June. Delivery will be on Wednesday 25th June.

Please see the attached flyer at the back of the Newsletter to place your order or scan the QR code on the front office window.







STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Weeks 6 & 7 of Term 2.

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.





PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to these students for receiving a Principal's Award.

These students have demonstrated a positive attitude and have gone out of their way to support our school community.













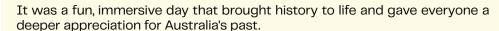




This week, our students braved the chilly Ballarat weather to visit Sovereign Hill – and what an adventure it was! Rugged up in coats, scarves and gloves, the students arrived full of excitement and curiosity, ready to step back in time to the Gold Rush era.

The students were cheerful, engaged and wonderfully well-behaved throughout the day. Staff and volunteers at Sovereign Hill even commented on their excellent manners and enthusiastic questions.

The day was packed with learning and hands-on experiences. Students tried their luck panning for gold, visited the bowling alley, explored old-fashioned shops, and witnessed an awesome gold-pouring demonstration. They also gained insights into the lives of children during that time, the impacts of European colonisation on Ballarat's Aboriginal people, and the key events of the Eureka Rebellion.





































GARDENING CLUB











Last week the Year F/1 & 4 classes visited the Brooklyn Community Garden to plant the snow pea seedlings they had grown from seed in their classrooms. Students got their hands dirty and had fun. On Wednesday students created wizards, witches and animals from spoons and felt in a craft activity.











CARING FOR OUR MINDS AND HEARTS

At Annunciation, we believe that every child is created in the image of God, deeply loved, and called to live a full and joyful life. Supporting children's mental health is an important part of nurturing the whole child — mind, body, and spirit. Here are some tips for helping our young learners flourish:

1. Speak and Listen with Love

Encourage your child to talk about how they're feeling. Remind them that God gave us words and feelings for a reason, and that it's okay to ask for help.

2. Create Calm and Comforting Routines

Daily routines offer a sense of safety. A regular bedtime, mealtime, and prayer time can help children feel secure and connected.

3. Move with Joy

God made our bodies to move! Active play helps reduce stress and supports a happy heart and mind.

4. Rest and Replenish

A good night's sleep helps children feel ready for learning and loving. Sleep is a gift we give our growing bodies and brains.

5. Time Away from Screens

Help your child balance screen time with other life-giving activities—playing outside, reading, praying, or creating art.

6. Practice Gratitude to God

Saying "thank you" each day builds a grateful heart. Try ending the day with a prayer of thanks:

"Thank you, God, for the good things today. Amen."

7. Breathe and Be Still

Taking slow breaths, sitting quietly, or saying a short prayer like "Jesus, be with me" can calm anxious thoughts and help children feel God's peace.

8. Be a Model of Peace and Hope

Children learn from us. Show them how to manage worries with faith, kindness, and trust in God's presence.

If you are ever concerned about your child's wellbeing, please speak with their teacher or our school's wellbeing team. Together, we are partners in nurturing each child's growth in love, faith, and joy.







Annunciation Primary School

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Wednesday**, **June 25**, **2025**.

Last day to order is midnight, Sunday, June 22, 2025.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We need the support of everyone to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	
Steak Pies \$45 \$39		\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18	
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18	
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18	
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18	
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14	
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14	
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18	
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13	
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13	
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26				
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26				
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26				
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39				
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39				

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/annunciation-primary-school-2





CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine has updated their menu for Term 2. They have added quite a few new items to their main course menu and subsequent other courses as well. See Below



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL - Term 2 - Wednesday!

> Order until 8:30am on the day! 2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

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Main Course Menu	2 Course	3 Course		Snack/Drink Menu	
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!	Lunch	Lunch		FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES	
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll M	\$6.45	\$8.95		Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+\$1.00
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95		Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Topped with Only Cheese Roll M	\$6.45	\$8.95		Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95		Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85		Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes	Included
Frankfurt in a blanket with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65		Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
				Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
PIZZA, SAUSAGE ROLLS, GOZ & PASTIZZI SERVED AT RO	OM TEMP!			Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) ⋈	\$7.45	\$9.95		Whole Fruit - Mandarin	Included
Margherita Pita Pizza 🖂	\$8.95	\$11.45		Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45		Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65		Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
BBQ Chicken Pizza (4)	\$10.95	\$13.65		Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Vegetarian Pizza (v)	\$10.95	\$13.65		Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Lamb and Beef Gozleme 🖂	\$13.45	\$15.45		Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45			
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (v)	\$13.45	\$15.45		BAKERY - SWEET	
				Choc Chip Cookie	Included
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Teriyaki Chiaken Hand Rolls M	\$11.50	\$13.75		Lamington	Included
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H	\$11.50	\$13.75		"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (CR)	\$11.50	\$13.75		Cinnamon Doughnut Cornflake Cookie	Included
Avocado Hand Rolls (25, 1/g) Cuaumber Hand Rolls (25, 1/g)	\$11.50 \$11.50	\$13.75 \$13.75		Choc Cup Cake (05/08	Included
		\$13.75			+\$1.00
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Total Hand Rolls (Sr. 9)	\$11.50	\$13.73		Banana Slice (SR	
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed. Thu. Fri)				Banana Side ((2r)	+\$1.00
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SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS				POPCORN	
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) Ng	\$7.45	\$9.95		Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Vegemite Sandwich (2) Mg/	\$8.95	\$11.45		Lightly Salted	Included
Soft Shell Chicken Taco w Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85			
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (v)	\$9.95	\$12.85		DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES	
Cheese and Salad Roll (v)	\$10.95	\$13.65		Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65		Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll 🖂	\$11.50	\$13.75		Balsamia & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75		Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75			
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75		DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS	
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber p	\$12.75	\$14.95		Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG				Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
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Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (S.F. Vg) Vegetarian Piania Box (S.F. V)	\$11.50 \$11.50	\$13.75 \$13.75		Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+\$1.00
Ham Pionia Box //sr	\$11.50	\$13.75		Corn Crips with Saisa (Gr)	*\$1,00
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF W	\$12.75	\$14.95		YOGHURTS / BOWLS	
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GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS				Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+\$1.00
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65		Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65		= W	F4
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GF = Gluten Free, DF= Dairy Free, H= Hala(, V= Vegetarian, Vg= Vegan

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Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter



Annunciation OSHC - Brooklyn

Term 2

A message from the team

Welcome to our OSHC newsletter! Highlights from the past two weeks include:

- Assembling a new dollhouse, with one of our kids taking the lead and many others enjoying the finished product.
- Designing and crafting paper plate animal masks, showcasing their artistic skills!

Vincent & Anna Before & After School Care Coordinators

Check out the fun!





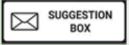




Upcoming Activity:

Stick Insect Project

Exploring habitats, diets, lifespans, and care for these fascinating creatures!



Your feedback matters!
We've set up a suggestions
box near the sign-in/out ipad
station. Grab a form and share
your thoughts with us and let
us know how we can improve
our service.

Term Dates

Monday 24 April – Friday 4 July 2025

Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at Annunciation OSHC - Brooklyn today!

Call our friendly team: 0490 222 097 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: OSHC Brooklyn Before School Care 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM, After School Care 3:25 - 6:00 PM

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Altona Gate Kindergarten Open Day

Saturday 21st June - 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Step into our close-knit community kindergarten, where diversity is not only embraced but genuinely celebrated. At Altona Gate Kindergarten, we recognise that children are deeply connected to their community, and that this connection is vital to their sense of belonging. Here, children thrive in a warm, welcoming environment that fosters strong, meaningful relationships with educators, peers, and families. Our small setting offers more than just education, it is a place where every child is valued, and every voice is heard. We nurture a foundation for growth, friendship, and inclusive learning. We believe children view the world in ways that are fresh, curious, and full of wonder. As educators, we don't just guide, the children invite us into their world, and when we join them, we too can discover something new.

Join us for our Open Day and explore what makes our kindergarten special. You'll have the chance to:

- Tour our indoor and outdoor learning environments
- Meet our passionate educators
- Learn more about our sessional kindergarten program
- Ask questions
- · Experience the warm, inclusive atmosphere our community is known for.

Bring your curiosity - we can't wait to meet you!











Australians generate a mountains of waste, and we need more help to recycle and reuse. When looking to the future we need to focus on our environment and the foot print we leave behind. We at Altona Gate Kindergarten are organising a market that will assist in avoiding, reducing waste, and land-fill by reusing, recycling and upcycling items.

We invite stall holders to sell pre-loved, reclaimed, home-made or recycled products to the local community on

Saturday 21st June 2025, 9am - 1.30pm.

Please contact Janine – Nominated Supervisor for more information if you would like a stall to sell items.





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