

Newsletter

Term 3 I Week 1, Friday 25th July 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We're delighted to welcome you back to school as we begin Term 3! We hope the break provided your family with rest, connection, and perhaps even a little adventure. As we return, there's a renewed energy in the air and a strong sense of anticipation for all the learning, growth, and community events that lie ahead.

This term is set to be a busy and exciting one, packed with opportunities for students to challenge themselves academically, creatively, and socially. Whether it's through engaging classroom projects, upcoming incursions, performances, or dress up parades, Term 3 promises to offer something for everyone. We're particularly looking forward to 100 Days Brighter, Book Week, PJs & Poetry, Yr 5/6 Camp and the School Disco, all of which highlight the vibrant life of our school community.

As we reviewed student reports at the end of last term, one concern that stood out was the number of days many students had been absent. Regular attendance plays a critical role in a child's academic progress and overall engagement with school life. Every missed day is a missed opportunity for learning, connection, and routine. This term, we are placing a strong focus on whole-school routines and expectations, which are clearly outlined at the beginning of each day. These morning sessions set the tone for learning and ensure students are well-prepared and settled. It's more important than ever that students arrive on time and ready to start their day. A reminder that the school day commences at 8:45 am. Consistent attendance and punctuality help build confidence, independence, and a strong sense of belonging within the school community.

As always, we value the strong partnership between home and school. Your continued support plays a vital role in your child's education, and we encourage open communication throughout the term. Let's work together to make Term 3 a successful, positive, and inspiring chapter in the year.

Take care, Anna





DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month	Event
Tuesday 29th July	F/1 100 Days Brighter Celebration (further information below)
Wednesday 30 th July	Maths Competitions (selected students)
Friday 1 st August	3:00 pm - Assembly (all welcome)
Tuesday 5 th August	Beyond the Bin Incursion (Whole School)
Wednesday 6 th August	2:30 pm - P&F Meeting (all welcome)
Friday 8 th August	11:45 am Mass – Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (all welcome)

A reminder that there is a School Closure Day scheduled for Term 3:

Thursday 28th August -staff will be participating in Professional Learning on this day.





100 DAYS BRIGHTER

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming **F/1 100 Days Brighter** celebration to be held on this Tuesday 29th July! This milestone marks a significant achievement for our youngest learners as they embark on their educational journey. **To commemorate this special occasion, the F/1 students are encouraged to dress up in something bright or creative.**

Some examples include:

- wearing bright colours or neon clothing.
- decorating a T-shirt with 100 items (e.g. stickers, pom poms, stars).
- dressing as a 100-year-old.
- creating a costume that represents the number 100 in a fun way.

As part of our celebrations, the students will take part in a range of fun activities:

- At 9:00 am, there will be a parade where students can show off their creative "100 Days Brighter" outfits. Families are warmly invited to attend the parade and cheer on the students as they celebrate this special milestone together.
- Following the parade, students and their families are invited to join us in planting 100 plants to mark the occasion- a wonderful way to connect with our sustainability learning this term.
- After lunch, students will also walk to the local park for a mini party, where they will enjoy popcorn and juice with their classmates.
- Later in the day, students will be making a special treat fairy bread to add to the celebration fun.

We look forward to celebrating this joyful milestone with the F/1 class and their families!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

A heartfelt thank you to our school community for your generous support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your donations of warm clothing, blankets, and non-perishable food items have been truly overwhelming and will go a long way in helping those doing it tough during the colder months. It's inspiring to see such kindness and compassion in action, and we are incredibly proud of the way our students, families, and staff have come together to support this important cause. Your contributions have made a real difference in the lives of others—thank you for embodying the spirit of giving.



Gail from St Vincent de Paul joins our students to celebrate the incredible generosity of our school community, pictured here with just some of the many donations collected for the Winter Appeal.





SAVE THE DATE: PJS & POETRY: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH AT 6:00-6.45 PM



Dear Parents and Carers,

You are warmly invited to join us for our **Winter Poetry in Your Pyjamas Evening**, a cosy and creative celebration of student writing!

From our curious Foundation learners to our expressive Year 6 writers, students across the school have begun crafting imaginative, heartfelt, and clever poetry — and it will be wonderful for them to share it with you.

Come dressed in your comfiest pyjamas and enjoy an evening filled with rhymes, similes, and word snapshots that will warm your winter night.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the voices and creativity of our wonderful students.



This term we will focus on whole-school routines and expectations. This focus is based on the whole-school routines and practices from the Berry Street Education Model. The Berry Street Education Model helps schools build a consistent and predictable whole-school approach that supports all students.

We gathered as a whole school this week to focus on the instruction to be **PRESENT**, **CENTRED AND READY TO LEARN/LISTEN**. We discussed what it means to be present at school, centred at school and ready to learn/listen at school.

Each teacher will use the same instruction across the school.

The teacher will say:

- Are we present?
- Are we centred?
- Are we ready to learn/listen?

At each step, the children will be aware of how they are present, how they are centred and how they are ready to learn. By using such a routine, each child gets ready to focus and to learn, which then allows all children to be ready for learning.





PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



It was lovely to see so many families join us for a cuppa before school late last term—it was a wonderful way to connect and start the day together.

Thanks to your support, last term's fundraising efforts, including the Tony's Pies fundraiser, raised over \$650 for our school. We're looking forward to more exciting events this term, including the always-popular Father's Day Stall.

A reminder that our next Parents & Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th August at 2:30 pm—we'd love to see you there and welcome new ideas and faces!



If you have anything to add to the agenda, please email: principal@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

PARENT WEBINAR ON AI AND ONLINE SAFETY

Catholic Network Australia (CNA) and Cyber Safety Project are hosting a free 'AI & the Digital Generation' webinar for parents and carers of primary and secondary school students on **Monday 11 August 2025 from 7.30 to 8.00 pm.**

- · Registration and further information are available via bit.ly/AICSP25.
- The webinar offers essential insights into topics including:
- generative artificial intelligence (AI) and AI companion apps
- deepfakes and online misinformation
- AI safety at home
- legal and ethical considerations of AI use.
- The webinar will help parents and carers:
- understand the online tools and technologies their children are using
- build confidence in discussing AI, deepfakes and digital truth with their children
- learn practical strategies to encourage safe and ethical online behaviour.





AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Weeks 10 & 11 of Term 2.

These incredible learners have been recognised by their teachers for their positive mindset, kindness, dedication, and hard work—along with many other fantastic qualities! We are so proud of their efforts and the way they contribute to our school community.

Keep up the amazing work, and let's continue to inspire each other every day!





PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

A huge congratulations to these outstanding students for receiving the Principal's Award

These students have shown an incredible attitude and have gone above and beyond





Their kindness, generosity, and commitment to our school values truly make a difference.

Well done! We are so proud of you!





BOOK CLUB- ISSUE 5



The book club catalogue for Issue 5 was sent home with your child this week. The final ordering day for Issue 5 is 11 August 2025.

No cash payments will be accepted at school. All orders need to done via LOOP orders on Scholastic. Instructions are in the catalogue.



SUNSHINE T-BALL COMPETITION







CLASSROOM CUISINE



New menu items in Term 3 are a Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream; Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney; Carrot Cup Cake (Gluten Free, Dairy Free & Vegan); and Harvest Snaps. The Poke Bowl has been a huge hit and will continue this term along with our other "new in Term 2 items" – Soft Shell Chicken Tacos with Salsa, Cheese & Salad; Sausage Rolls with Tomato Sauce; Lamingtons; Corn Chips with Mild Salsa; and "Not Cross" Buns.

The children will also be excited to learn that the Margherita Pizza TWIST will be returning for Term 3! Please note, our menu is all served cold/room temperature.





AUSSIE HOOPS LAUNCHING AT ALTONA BASKETBALL

We are pleased to announce that Ford Aussie Hoops is launching in Altona for Term 3. We are excited to offer a new fantastic basketball development opportunity for young players.

This program is perfect for children new to basketball, run by experienced coaches who will ensure a fun, engaging, and supportive environment for all participants to learn the basics of basketball and make new friends.

Program Details:

Start Date: Friday, 1st August 2025 Duration: 8-week program Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Venue: Altona Sports Centre

Ages: 5-10

Program Streams: Mixed & Girls Only

Register now for Term 3 – spots are limited! https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/e39c25

Further information can be found on the Ford Aussie Hoops Website: https://www.australia.basketball/get-involved/play/aussie-hoops

We are also pleased to announce that Altona Basketball is now a provider within the Sporting Schools program and will be taking bookings for Term 4.







ALL-GIRLS AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM











Emmanuel College Latest News

Welcome back to Term 3 as we begin the exciting second half of 2025. The students have many great adventures to look forward to during the remainder of the year, things such as Yr 8 Surf School, Yr 9 Camps, Yr 10 Driver Education and the Semester 2 Music Concert. We look forward to sharing stories and photos from these events with you as the year unfolds.

Information Morning - Saturday 2 August

Joinus at Information Morning on Saturday 2August where youwill learnmore about the innovative learning programs, see the fantastic facilities and enjoy a student-led tour of the campus. Registration and more details are available via the College website - **Register here.**

- Notre Dame Campus from 9am to 11am
- St Paul's Campus from 10:30am to 12 noon

Applications for Year 7, 2027 - close Friday 15 August 2025

If you have a child in Year 5 and you would like to apply for Year 7 2027 at the Notre Dame or St Paul's Campus, applications close on Friday 15 August 2025. Please ensure that you submit your application before the closing date. **Click here to apply online**If you have any questions regarding the online application process, please contact Ms Donna Grech, College Registrar - 8325 5100, enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au
We look forward to welcoming you at a College event soon.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks Community Engagement Officer