



Newsletter

Term 3 | Week 3, Friday 8th August 2025

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful fortnight it's been at Annunciation, filled with celebration, creativity and impressive achievements across all year levels.

Our F/1 students marked a huge milestone – **100 Days of School!** With big smiles, bright outfits and proud hearts, our youngest learners celebrated being 100 Days Brighter. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm, confidence and the incredible growth they've shown since their very first day. Thank you to the staff and families who helped make the day so special – and full of sparkle!

A big congratulations also goes to our talented **Yr 5/6 students**, who took to the stage at assembly in the first week and wowed us with their performance based on their Inquiry Unit from Term 2 – "How Australia was formed." With confidence, teamwork and a clear sense of pride, they truly lit up the room. It was a fantastic showcase of their learning, and it was wonderful to see so many families at assembly watching on with pride.

We also took a moment to celebrate **National Principal Day** last week, and I was incredibly touched by the thoughtful gestures from both students and staff. The students presented me with some beautiful poetry, full of humour and heart, and the staff organised a lovely morning tea that made me feel very appreciated. It's easy being a Principal when you're surrounded by such a wonderful school spirit and a community full of fantastic people

Looking ahead, we're excited to celebrate **Book Week** next week – a favourite time of the year that highlights the joy of reading and storytelling. Students are already immersing themselves in the magic of literature, and the buzz in classrooms is contagious!

In preparation for our upcoming **PJs & Poetry Night**, students across the school have been diving into poetry writing. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations at work as they explore rhyme, rhythm and voice. We can't wait to hear their poems come to life during what promises to be a heartwarming evening of poetry, pyjamas, hot chocolate and community spirit.

Well done to all of our students – your efforts, creativity and joy make Annunciation such a special place to be!

Take care,
Anna

DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month

Event

Monday 11th August

2:00pm: PERFORM Education Book Week Performance (Whole School)

Wednesday 13th August

9:00am: BOOK WEEK Parade – All welcome

Thursday 14th August

Yr 5/6 Camp Meeting – 2:45 pm & 6:30 pm (Yr 5/6 parents)

Friday 15th August

11:45am: Feast of the Assumption Mass – All welcome

Wednesday 20th August

6:00pm: PJs & Poetry Evening – All welcome

Friday 22nd August

3:00pm: Assembly – All welcome
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**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.

YR 5/6 CAMP MEETING

We're excited to invite all Year 5/6 parents to a special camp information session where you'll have the chance to hear all about the upcoming adventure to Phillip Island! This is a great opportunity to learn more about the exciting activities planned, see what the camp experience will look like, and ask any questions you may have. To make it easier for families, we're offering two session times – **Thursday 14th August (2:45 pm & 6:30 pm)**, you only need to attend one. We'd love to see you there as we prepare for what promises to be a fun, memorable and rewarding experience for our students!

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.

BOOK WEEK

We are excited to celebrate Book Week next week at Annunciation.

On **Monday 11th August**, Perform! Education will be visiting the school to present this year's play, *Treasure Hunt*. These performances are always a highlight of Book Week, and this year looks to be no different, with an original story based on the CBCA nominated books, *Afloat*, *The Garden of Broken Things*, and *The Wobbly Bike*.

Wednesday 13th August is the big day – where students (and staff) are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters for the day. There will be a parade of costumes at 9am, which everyone is invited to attend. After that, students will have a fun day being immersed in the beautiful books recognised by the Children's Book Council of Australia for Book Week 2025.



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NEW ANNUNCIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We are happy to announce that after a lot of work between staff and students, Annunciation has crafted a new Acknowledgement of Country.

We recognise the importance of acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is built, the Bunurong people, and wanted to do this in a way that is personalised to our school and which we have ownership of as a community.

Over the course of Term 2, Mr. Walshe and Miss Belinda worked with the Year 6 Leaders, to study a range of Acknowledgements of Country from different organisations. From these, we chose some ideas and phrases that we liked, and together crafted an Acknowledgement that shows respect to the Bunurong people in an authentic and heartfelt way, specific to Annunciation Primary School.

This Acknowledgement of Country will be used at the beginning of our school events, including assemblies and staff meetings, and will also be added to the staff's email signatures.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Week 1 of Term 3.

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.



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100 DAYS BRIGHTER! A JOYFUL MILESTONE FOR OUR F/1 STUDENTS

Last week, our Foundation and Year 1 students reached an exciting milestone – 100 Days of School! To mark this special occasion, we celebrated with a day full of colour, creativity, and connection, under the cheerful theme of 100 Days Brighter.

The students arrived in a delightful array of costumes – some dressed in bright, colourful clothes, others as 100-year-old versions of themselves, and many proudly showed off outfits representing what they would like to be when they grow up. The school was buzzing with excitement and laughter as the children shared their amazing outfits and celebrated just how far they've come since their very first day of school.

A highlight of the day was when the students, joined by their families, helped to plant 100 plants in the playground. It was a beautiful way to mark the occasion – creating something lasting and green that will continue to grow just as they have.

The celebrations continued with a trip to the park for some fun and a special treat, followed by the ever-popular activity of making fairy bread back at school. It was a lovely, hands-on way to finish off the day and added a little extra sweetness to the celebrations.

The 100th day of school was a joyful celebration of learning, friendships, and growing together. Thank you to the families who joined us and to the staff who created such a memorable experience. It truly was a day full of smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories for our youngest learners!



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.

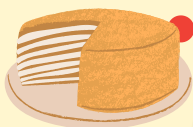
● **My Colour Poem – Blue** ●

Blue looks like rain drizzling, falling
from the sky.
Blue sounds like splashing water in a
fancy bath.
Blue smells like sweet, blueberry ice
cream.
Blue feels like freezing cold ice.
Blue tastes like a blue,raspberry
drink.
Blue feels like deep, dark sadness.



By Paris, Year 2

Honey Cake



I see boiling– hot, golden honey dripping
down the sides of the eight-layered cake.
I hear the silver bread knife carve in and hit
the porcelain plate.
I smell butter and all the sweet ingredients
that formed this delicacy.
I taste the sweet, just-right, tasty cream and
the cake – it has an outstanding flavour that
shocks me the moment I place it on my
tongue, and it melts away just like cotton
candy.
I feel like I need to keep attacking this cake
– I’m like a hyena with its favourite prey.

By Rebecca Year 5

Join Us For **Poetry In Pyjamas**



**Wednesday 20th August
6pm
At Annunciation School, 4 Nolan ave,
Brooklyn**

**Come in your Pyjamas (or something cozy)
On the night we shall be serving donuts and
hot chocolates followed by students
presenting their poems**

GARDENING CLUB

The sun was out last week and it was feeling like spring, a perfect day to make colourful floral suncatchers. Made with petals, cardboard and contact, the students created some bright and joyful designs.

On Tuesday we got the Button Mushroom Kit started. Students mixed the compost to activate the Mycelium. We will keep you posted on the progress of the Fungi.

Big thanks to Linda for all her help and activity ideas!



BEYOND THE BIN INCURSION

As part of our current study of Sustainability, this week our students took part in the Beyond the Bin incursion, presented by Hobson's Bay City Council.

The students learned about the importance of minimising waste, what does and does not go into each of the bins in the Hobson's Bay council area, and where our recycling goes after it is picked up.

Make sure to ask them about it at home, as both students and teachers learned a lot of useful information!



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

Main Course Menu	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch	Snack/Drink Menu
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!			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
PIZZA, SAUSAGE ROLLS, GOZ & PASTIZZI SERVED AT ROOM TEMPI!			Whole Fruit - Apple Included Whole Fruit - Banana Included Whole Fruit - Mandarin Included Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Included Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas Included Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Included Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli Included Edamame (Lightly Salted) Included Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes +\$1.00
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95	BAKERY - SWEET
Margherita Pita Pizza (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Choc Chip Cookie Included
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45	Finger Bun with Sprinkles Included
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	Lamington Included
BBQ Chicken Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	'Not Cross' Bun Included
Vegetarian Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Cinnamon Doughnut Included
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Cornflake Cookie Included
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Choc Cup Cake (GF, DF) +\$1.00
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Blueberry Muffin +\$1.00
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided			Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) +\$1.00 Banana Slice (GF) +\$1.00
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	SUSHI
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF) +\$1.00
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	POPCORN
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Included
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Lightly Salted Included
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Included
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)			Roasted Chickpeas Included Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans Included Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas +\$1.00
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS			Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Corn Chips with Salsa (GF) +\$1.00
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95	YOGHURTS / BOWLS
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Soft Shell Chicken Taco w Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (M)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries +\$1.00
Cheese and Salad Roll (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard +\$1.00
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	DRINKS
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Full Cream Milk Included
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG			
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	ORDER NOW
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, W)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, W)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
Tortellini Pasta Salad (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	

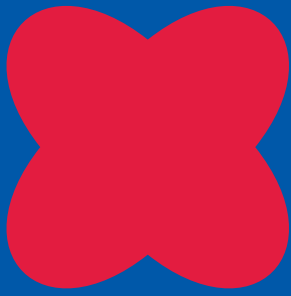
GF = Gluten Free, DF = Dairy Free, H = Halo!, V = Vegetarian, Vg = Vegan

We are a NUT FREE kitchen. Descriptions, dietary and allergen information available on our website

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DATES

SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST
SATURDAY, 30 AUGUST
SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER



SUNSHINE T-BALL COMPETITION







T-BALL COMPETITION

**6 AUGUST TO
10 SEPTEMBER**



WHAT?

-  Fun competition
-  Fundamental skills
-  Game Strategies
-  Teamwork

WHO?

Boys and girls
Age 5 - 11

HOW MUCH?

\$55 for 6 Weeks

WHERE?

Sunshine Softball Association,
More Park, Ardeer



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshinesa/events/303096>

Scan the QR code to register Now!

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Jubilee Mass



St Augustine's Church
71 Somerville Road, Yarraville

Sunday 31st August 2025

at

9.30am

Main Celebrant Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

All past and present parishioners invited.

Bring family and friends



Emmanuel College Latest News

On Friday 25 July, finalists from both campuses represented the College at Melbourne University for the 2025 Italian Dante Poetry Competition. Having competed against over 2,000 Italian students across the state, only 200 were selected to progress to the finals and our students were among them. Emmanuel College had the most finalists out of all the schools competing. It was fantastic to see their efforts recognised on such a prestigious stage. A remarkable achievement by all students involved. Congratulazioni.

Year 6 Transition Activities at Emmanuel

At Emmanuel College, we support Year 6 students as they prepare for secondary school with a range of fun and welcoming events. Earlier this year, the Amazing Race helped students connect with peers from other schools who will be joining them in Year 7.

This week we hosted the Music Discovery Night which was an interactive evening where students got to explore a range of instruments. As well as discover the many possibilities within Emmanuel's vibrant music program and learn more about how music can become a meaningful part of their school journey.

In August, we'll host a Fun and Games Night, offering students a chance to reconnect, meet staff, and get to know the school environment. These events help support the transition and build excitement for starting at Emmanuel.

College Tours

Join us for a College tour where you will have the opportunity to see the school in action. Student-led tours provide the forum for you to ask questions of the young people who live and breathe life at the College every day.

Registration and more details are available via the College website: [Register here](#)

- Notre Dame Campus Tour departs at 9:15am
- St Paul's Campus Tour departs at 9:15am

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:
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Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks
Community Engagement Officer



Emmanuel College Latest News

Student Indigenous Immersion trips at Emmanuel

During the Term 2 school holidays, students embarked on two Indigenous Immersion trips as part of Emmanuel's NAIDOC week celebrations. As a FIRE Carrier school, Emmanuel College remains committed to reconciliation and the promotion of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

Students from NDC travelled to Dalby in Queensland, while another group of students from SPC travelled to Port Augusta in South Australia. Participants at both campuses found the experience deeply enriching as it offered meaningful insights into Indigenous culture and perspectives that challenged their thinking. See page 2 for some insightful student testimonials.

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This year we made our way to South Australia on the 2025 Indigenous Immersion Trip, joined by the Dusty Feet Mob and our friends from Bethel Camp up in Queensland. On this four-day immersion we got to partake in a range of activities, dances and games to deepen our bonds with one another and learn many amazing things about this land and the many generations of stories that come with it. As a group we had the opportunity to come together and develop a better understanding of ourselves and the people around us and establish a profound connection with where we come from and enjoy the gift of unity with so many people from different backgrounds. Seth Richards (Year 12)



During the holidays I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to go across to South Australia to go on the Indigenous Immersion Trip. This was such a cool experience seeing and hearing stories from some Indigenous elders from that area. We got to do some fun activities such as cooking a Kangaroo tail on the fire. This was such a fun trip to participate in. Jeremy Cassar (Year 11)

Over the holidays, eight students in Years 10-12 and two teachers from the Notre Dame Campus visited the small Queensland town of Dalby to take part in the annual Indigenous Immersion Trip. In Dalby, we stayed at local Dhiyaan Bethel Farm, a local farm run by Uncle Billy and his family. Over four days, we learnt spirituality and Aboriginal culture, helped out on the farm, and got to know the Dhiyaan community and each other. Throughout the trip we engaged with numerous aspects of Bethel Farm life as we toured the gardens, assisted with farm work, and took part in opportunities to fully experience everything the farm had to offer. The trip was an incredible experience and provided us with insights into the frameworks that build the foundation for our cultures and the experiences of Aboriginal communities in Australia. Everybody on the trip has an amazing time, and we've all returned to school more informed and enlightened. Samuel Bonser (Year 11)

