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

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION

St Valentine



St. Valentine was a bishop, and is thought to have been a physician. He was arrested for giving aid to Christian prisoners awaiting martyrdom, and while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. St. Valentine refused to deny Christ before the Emperor Claudius in the year 280 and won the jeweled crown of martyrdom by his faithful witness. The feast of St. Valentine was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. This newsletter goes out to families every 2nd Friday via hard copy and/or Skoolbag. Today we are sending hard copies to everyone as Connie is still absent. Please return the slip at the end of this newsletter to advise us of how you wish to receive the newsletter. You only need to do this if you are new or you have changed your mind.

A very warm welcome to the new families who have joined the Annunciation family. We hope your time here is one of great happiness. We have 13 families starting with a few new additions to other grades.

Max, Cooper, Georgia, Ethan, Kadee, Archer, Jonathan, James, Sofia, Rebecca, River, Niamh, Jasper, Qasuar and Ali are now a part of our family. We are thrilled to have you here and look forward to watching you grow and learn.

The staff have also begun the year with great enthusiasm. We have our new Japanese teacher on board now and the children had their first lesson with Jayka Sensei last Friday. Welcome Jayka, we hope you enjoy teaching at our school.

We pride ourselves on the fact that every child matters to everyone at Annunciation so at any time if you have any concerns or questions please know that there is always someone willing to listen and/or give advice.

Please also know that my door is always open and I really love getting to know your child's story and also yours too. By working together we ensure that your child has every opportunity to flourish both spiritually, academically and socially.
I look forward to a great year ahead,

Enjoy your weekend everyone

Robyn Kelly
Principal



THE TERM AHEAD PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Thursday Feb 20th	Kaboom Sports and Welcome BBQ (please see note below)
Wednesday Feb 26th	Ash Wednesday Mass 10:15am
Thursday Feb 27th	Whole school excursion to Arts center (Vietnamese circus)
Thursday Feb 27th	Confirmation Workshop Grade 6 at Corpus Christi 7pm
Tuesday March 3rd	Camp Meeting for Grade 5/6 children and Parents 3pm
Wednesday March 4th	1st Parents and Friends Meeting 2:45pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday March 4th	Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 Excursion to Newport lakes
Monday March 9th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
Wednesday March 11th	Beach Program Grades 3,4,5,6
Thursday March 12th	Celebration day with 3 Parish schools See note below
Tuesday March 17th	Grade 6 Leadership Day at Moonee Valley
Wednesday to Friday March 18th/19th/20th	Grade 5/6 Camp to Ballarat
Tuesday March 24th	School Photos taken at school
Thursday March 26th	Grades 3-6 excursion to Arts center
Friday March 27	School finishes for Term One at 1pm No After School Care

UPDATE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that if you change your home phone number, your mobile number or your address, or emergency contact details, could you please advise the school so that we can keep our contact details up to date.

ABSENCES

We are mandated to follow up unexplained absences. This means if a child is away and we do not receive a call/note/email etc we then have to call parents to check where the student is. As this could be a very time consuming task we ask that you please let us know if your child is away. This will assist us greatly!

FEES AND LEVIES

Fees and levies statement for 2020 will be sent home to all families shortly. Thank you to families who have already made payments.

You can pay fees in cash, cheque or via internet banking (details can be obtained at the office). You can also set up periodic payments through your bank account, (again details available at the office.)

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: • \$125 for primary school students • \$225 for secondary school students. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY: New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

new student enrolments:

- ❖ your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- ❖ changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number,
- ❖ or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

When claiming CSEF for the first time your Health Care Card/Pension Card needs to be sighted and copied by the school.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Also families who hold a valid Health Care Card for the 2020 year are eligible for a rebate from the school in addition to the Camp, Excursion and Sports (CSEF) fund provided by the Government.

MUSIC BUS

Lessons have started amidst much excitement. It is not too late to enrol. Today students will bring home an information form. If you are interested please go to their website and follow the directions. We look forward to a performance later in the year from our budding musicians!

KABOOM Sports and Welcome BBQ

Just a reminder that Kaboom sports will be here on February 20th from 2:30pm followed by races and then a BBQ. We invite all families to come along at any time to join in the fun! Please return reply slip sent home recently re BBQ for catering purposes.



MASS and Movies

Day out with Corpus Christi and St Augustine's

On Thursday March 12th, we will be travelling by bus to St Augustine's in Yarraville. We will celebrate Mass together and then have lunch in the school playground. We will then walk to the Sun theatre in Yarraville to watch a movie. They will all receive a snack during the movie. We will then walk back to St Augustine's and catch the bus back to school before 3:30pm.

Children need to wear **full school uniform** and bring their lunch in a clearly marked disposable bag. A permission slip will be sent home shortly.

CONFIRMATION Grade 6 Children

There are 6 children who will be celebrating Confirmation on Sunday April 26th at 11am. There will be a workshop for students and their parents to prepare for this very special day. **It is on Thursday February 27th** at 7pm at Corpus Christi PS in Kingsville. We ask that families make every effort to be there as it is an important part of the Confirmation preparation.

SCHOOL CAMP MEETING

We are off to Ballarat to stay at Sovereign Hill this year on Wednesday March 18th until Friday March 20th. There will be a camp meeting for all Grade 5/6 students and their parents on **Tuesday March 3rd at 3pm**. I understand that this time may not suit all families but don't worry. We will send home all information and either Mrs Mary or myself can chat to you on the phone or via email.

FIRST PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

This year we are trialling a different approach to see if we can get more people attending. We are not going to appoint roles (eg president etc) this year but will instead have very informal meetings with a delicious spread of afternoon tea. Meetings will start at 2:45pm and conclude at 3:30pm on the dot!.

We just need people to come along to have a chat and perhaps offer suggestions to what we can do to raise funds as well as plan some fun family events. You do not need to take on any jobs but simply be there to offer any ideas you may have. When we plan events we will then just ask for anyone who would like to assist (eg Mother's Day stalls etc).

PLEASE PLEASE consider coming along as the more we have the more ideas we generate. If you cannot attend at this time we will be sending home a note to ask for volunteers at raffle times, special events etc so you don't need to be here to be involved. It is a lovely way to get to know everyone so please put this date in your diary - **WEDNESDAY MARCH 4th 2:45pm PARENTS & FRIENDS Afternoon Tea**. Toddlers welcome as we will be in the community room and there are lots of toys!!! Grandparents etc are all most welcome.

ART SMOCKS

Miss Jacqui has asked that all children have an art smock by next week please. An old t shirt or shirt is fine. Children's names need to be on them.



NCCD

NCCD is the nationally Consistent collection of Data on school students with a disability. Please read the attached letter regarding this and if you have any questions about it please don't hesitate to call or email me.

PLAYGROUP – HERE AT ANNUNCIATION, EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

**A Playgroup called ‘Brooklyn Fun for Tots’ is operating in the Community Room each Thursday
Enquiries - Phone Lauren 0411 895 775 or Michelle 0432 517 222**

Annunciation After School Care - Daily - 3.30pm. - 6.00pm.

(not during school holidays or the last day of term)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

“Looked After” has now introduced their software and this is who we are using now to sign students into after school care. If you would like to use the program we have all the details at school. It is very easy to use. If you intend on using the after school care program you must register online first. (Details can be obtained from the office.) If you have already registered and want to put your child in care could you please make sure that you go online and book them in for the day, the night before. If it is an emergency situation and you haven’t booked your child in you can ring the office.

REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM WHETHER IT BE AS ONGOING OR CASUAL YOU MUST BE REGISTERED

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NOTICES



Best wishes to the Class of 2019 as they commence their tertiary studies, including at the University of Melbourne: Bachelor of Science/Engineering, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Biomedicine/Medicine; and Bachelor of Law (Honours)/IT, Monash; Bachelor of Teaching, ACU; Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy), VU; Bachelor of Software Engineering, RMIT; Bachelor of Applied Psychology, RMIT; Bachelor of Law/Commerce, Deakin University.

SKOOLBAG APP

Just a reminder that our school newsletter is available via the Skoolbag app or via email and also on our webpage. If you haven't already downloaded the app, instructions are below. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please, complete the reply slip below and return to school as soon as possible.



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTION**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

If you are new to the school or have changed your preference please cut out this message and return to school. If we do not hear from you we will continue to send the newsletter as last year or to new families via hard copy.

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REPLY SLIP FOR NEWSLETTER:

FAMILY NAME:

GRADE:

- ☐ Yes I would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.
- ☐ No, I have downloaded the app
- ☐ Current email address: (please print)

