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

NEWSLETTER

Reflection

This is a story about an Indonesian farmer which can be found on the Caritas Website
For more information regarding Caritas Australia go to: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/>

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his home, so he had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area, even at night or in the rain.

Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population practice open defecation , with many unaware that it contributes to spreading diseases.

Arsad's family was often sick and open defecation caused neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, he took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He decided to fund the building of a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood to save up for toilets.

Now, Arsad and his family are healthier and have reduced their medical expenses. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. A community event, called 'Declaration of Open Defecation-Free' was even held to acknowledge their achievements.

Improved hygiene practices helped Arsad's community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Caritas Australia, through Laz Harfa, also shared prevention measures and distributing soap and masks.

Arsad has inspired his neighbourhood to 'Be More'.

"We help each other, the 'togetherness' is growing. Our solidarity had increased," Arsad says.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone



Autumn has well and truly arrived with the cooler mornings and the warm afternoons. After this week we only have two weeks of term left!

Please remember that teachers are always available for a chat if you would like to catch up before the term ends. Parent/teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 2 of next term if you would like to wait until then.

A big thank you to all the families that have volunteered to drop off flyers. The response has been amazing and I have handed out hundreds of flyers. Hopefully we will see many new faces arriving at our school for a tour.

Also our thanks for the Easter donations for the raffle. Once again we have had many generous donations so the Easter hampers will be amazing. You can keep donating until Wednesday of the final week. Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Robyn

Please note these dates in your own diary:

Thursday March 25th	Whole school photos
Wednesday March 31st	School Picnic 5:30 - 7pm
Thursday April 1st	School assembly at 12:30pm. All Welcome Easter Raffle will be drawn (See details below) School finishes for the term at 1pm - No after school care
Monday April 19th	Term two Begins
Tuesday April 20th	Confirmation Workshop for Grade 6 Sacrament children - 7pm at Corpus Christi Kingsville
Thursday April 22nd	Parents and Friends meeting to plan Mother's Day Luncheon and stall
Tuesday April 27th	Parent/teacher Interviews
Friday May 7th	Mother's Day Luncheon at a venue in the local community. Please keep this day free. Tickets will go on sale 1st week back of Term 2

FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION

This Thursday is the Feast of the Annunciation which is a very special time for our school. We will be having a movie day and there will be a special lunch provided for the students. (Details to follow on Monday)

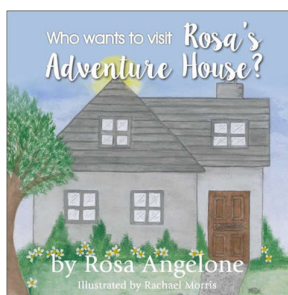
RIDE/WALK to School

It was wonderful to see so many "cyclists" and "walkers" this morning. Thank you to everyone who participated. I hope that a love for riding started today!

ENROLMENTS 2022

We have sent out hundreds of flyers to local houses and Miss Jacqui and myself have visited 5 Kinders to drop off show bags to every four year old. We look forward to many enquiries.

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AUTHOR VISIT

We were very fortunate to have Rosa Angelone visit the F-2 classroom on Tuesday. Rosa has published two children's books and she came to talk to the children about how they can be authors and what inspired her as an author. The children then wrote their own stories. The enthusiasm was fantastic and we thank Rosa for her time and inspiration! (Rosa is also Nana to Lucia in Foundation so we were very proud to have someone from our school community share their talents)

EASTER EGG HUNT Thursday April 1st

On the last day of school we will have a giant Easter egg hunt. Toddlers are most welcome so if you would like to park your car and join in the fun please do so. The egg hunt will be from 9am

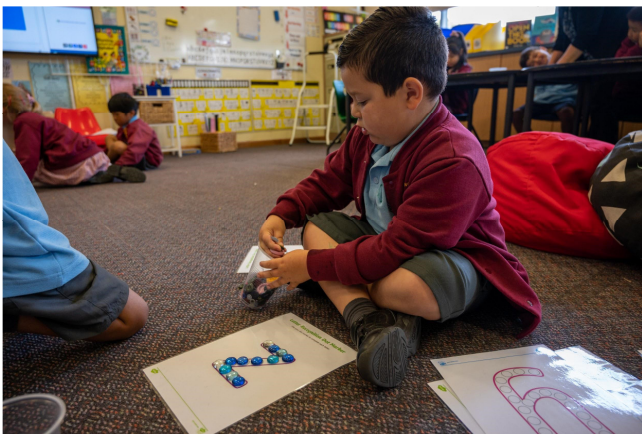


SCHOOL PICNIC

Our school picnic is on Wednesday March 31st starting at 5:30pm until 7pm. BYO chair/rug/picnic food. You might like to even bring a pizza or fish and chips. The icecream truck will be here from 5:30pm.

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

We had professional photos taken recently to market our school. We received many examples but here a few for you to admire! (I will add some in each week)





RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

In Respectful Relationships, Foundation have been learning about emotions. They have been learning a range of emotions words that they can use to describe feelings and reflected on times when they have experienced different emotions. They have been playing lots of games and doing role plays to show what different emotions looks like, sounds like and feels like. Foundation have also been encouraged to place themselves on the Emotions Word Wall everyday to show how they are feeling.



COINS for CARITAS

Our school is once again raising money for Caritas Australia, a Catholic organisation that supports communities in need.

We will have a casual clothes day on the **last day of Term 1**. It would be great if all students could bring a gold coin donation to help our school raise money. There will also be a Caritas donation box in each classroom where families can donate money throughout the term as well.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and all of this money will be helping some of the world's most vulnerable communities build a better future for themselves. For more information regarding Caritas Australia go to: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/>



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Donations for the Easter hampers are still being accepted. The hampers will be made up on Wednesday of the last week.

Due to social distancing restrictions, this year our Mother's Day lunch will be held at a venue that has the correct spacing etc. When details are confirmed we will let you know. It will be on Friday May 7th from 12pm.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



Nutty Scientists® Melbourne Holiday Workshops are an innovative form of “edutainment” (education + entertainment). Combining fun with learning, Nutty Scientists' interactive and hands-on workshops teach children a variety of scientific concepts.

One new theme is learned each day, and all activities are related to this theme, therefore children stay focused on one subject matter, solidifying the concept.

The April school holiday workshops at RecWest Footscray will encourage your child to understand the Sciences involved in Space Travel.

Numbers are limited. Register early to avoid disappointment.

<https://nuttyscientists.com/melbourne/our-programs-events/camps/>

Session date and topic:

April 09 – Blast Off to Space

Session time and costs:

Workshops only -

9.30 am to 2.30 pm - \$65

Full Day -

9.00 am to 4.30 pm - \$85





Mini Dreamers

A fun 2 day workshop for 'mini dreamers' that helps to build confidence and resilience.

12th & 13th April | Port Melbourne Ages 5-12
Throughout this innovative workshop our entrepreneurs will support kids to get curious about what their future might look like. We will explore passions and purpose, identify personal strengths and build confidence using some fun team games and activities.

Kids will learn how to set personal goals, will build their very own dream board, and develop tools to overcome obstacles and maintain a positive mindset.

"Kids won't even know they are learning!"

Tickets: \$178 (Early bird buy before 25th March), \$220 (General).

Book now!

<https://www.projectgenz.com.au/>

Changemakers

Inspiring and exciting, kids will learn how to problem solve and change the world all in 2 days!

14th & 15th April | Port Melbourne Ages 8-13

Is your kid passionate about making a difference in the world? Yes? Then 'Changemaker' is for them!

Over 2 days, kids will learn how to identify global and local problems, and then in teams will come up with creative solutions to make a difference using entrepreneurship and leadership. Think homelessness, climate change, disadvantaged communities... the problems are endless. To end the learning with a bang there is a 'Changemaker' challenge, where the teams will brainstorm an idea for a social enterprise and then pitch it to the Project Gen Z judges.

"I think you may have changed my son's life!"

Tickets: \$198 (Early bird tickets on sale now until 25th March), \$249 (General).

Book now!