

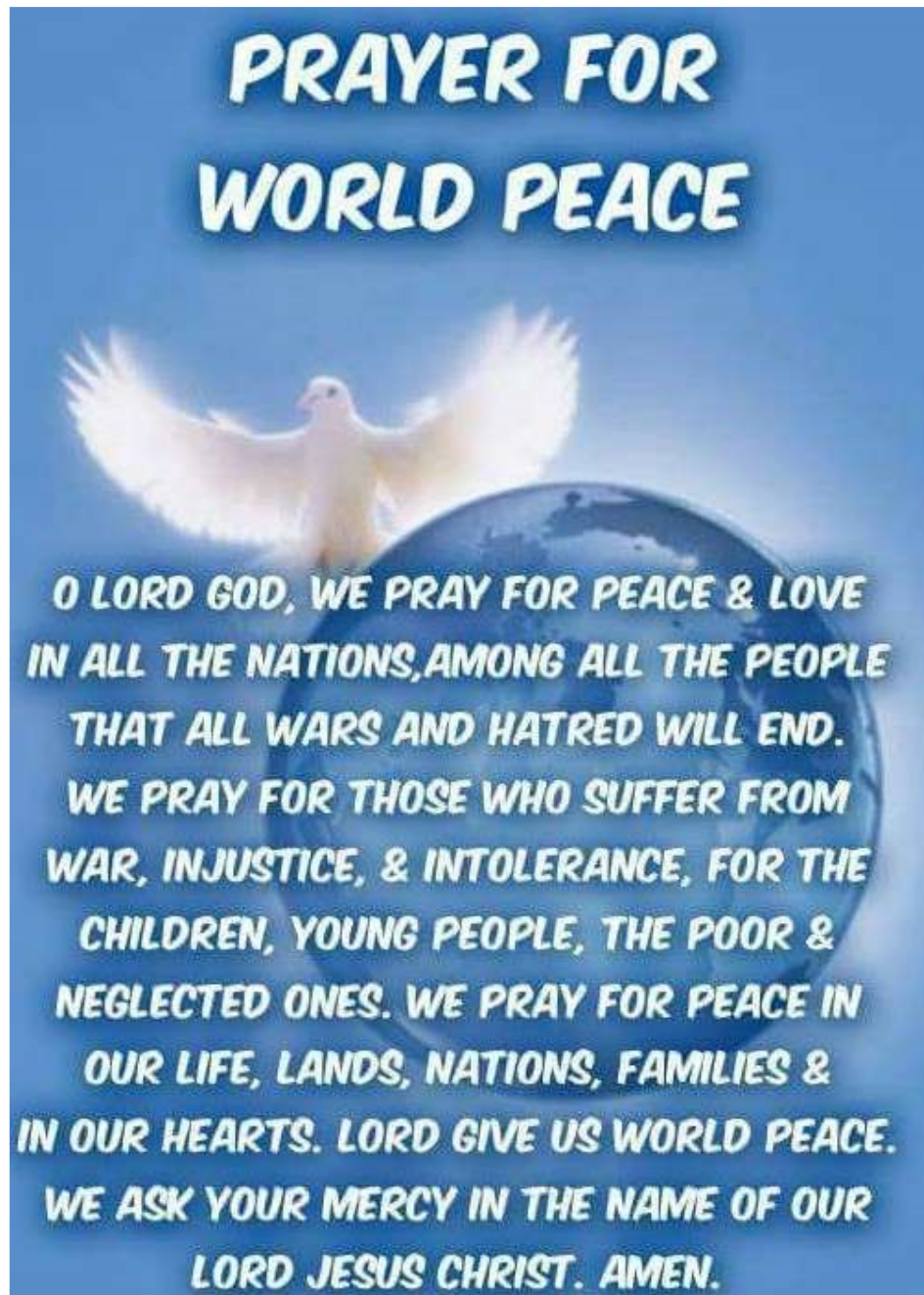
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Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.



Ukraine

Please keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. We have a school family who have many family members living in Ukraine. Please know that we are thinking of you.

Hello everyone

The last two weeks have been a time of great reflection for us all and it is sad times that unfortunately make us reassess what is important and who we value in our lives.

As a school community we have been strengthened in our capacity to come together and to celebrate the very “uniqueness” that is our small school. As I said at last Friday’s assembly, I think Miss Jacqui would be looking down upon us and encouraging us to be kind, always and to embrace, each and every day.

Jacqui’s funeral last week was a celebration of everything that Jacqui was as a person, warmth, laughter and family. Jacqui’s families’ tributes to her life were both brave and honest and those that attended were deeply touched. Early next term, we will create an area in our garden that celebrates Jacqui’s contribution to our school and we will definitely include our children and families where possible.

Thank you to everyone for being such an important part of what makes our school so special!

Robyn

Dates to note:

Monday March 14th	Public Holiday
Thursday March 17th	School Photos (See more information below)
Tuesday March 22nd	Grade 5/6 Tabloid sports at Emmanuel College
Tuesday March 29th	7pm First School advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday March 30	Whole school visit to Animal Land Children’s Farm
Friday April 8th	Last day of term One School finishes at 1pm

UNIFORM ORDERS

Next week you will receive an order form for winter uniform items. Could you please make sure if you require items that you complete this form and return with payment (cash only at this stage) by due date. If you do not return by due date you stand the chance of waiting much longer for your order.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will take place on **Thursday March 17th**. There will be an order envelope coming home soon. You can order individual photos, class photos and/or school sibling photos.



Children will need to be in full summer uniform on this day. Please no runners!

LENT

On Wednesday 2nd March we celebrated Ash Wednesday.

Pope Francis asked the global church to pray for peace on Ash Wednesday.

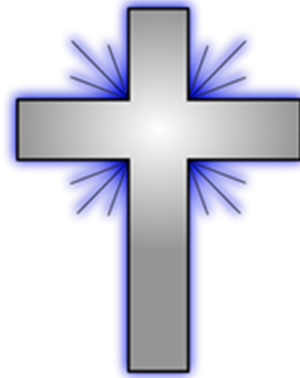
We joined with the whole world to pray for peace.

We then prayed together and remembered how much Jesus loves us all.

The ashes were distributed to each and everyone of us.

During Lent we will work hard to:
pray more,
to fast
and to share with the those who are in need.
Lent lasts 40 days as we prepare for Easter.

Don't forget to save your coins for CARITAS CUP on 1st April to help Caritas to support communities in need. CARITAS is sending money to Ukraine to support the Ukrainian people.



SEESAW

We are relaunching the SEESAW APP next week. SEESAW is an app that parents can put on their phone and teachers and students can send photos/videos etc of work completed by your child. For example your child might have completed a Maths problem and they may send a photo of how they did this. This then provides a great opportunity for you to have a conversation about the learning happening at school. We used SEESAW for remote learning and now we wish to use it to provide on the spot feedback to you as the parents. In the Junior school the teachers will need to upload the photos whereas the older children will be able to choose what they would like to share and then upload themselves. As a result there may be different amounts of notices that you may receive class to class. Eventually we hope that all the children will be experts in SEESAW and will be able to select and upload whenever they wish. Codes will be sent home soon so that you can download the APP.

ENROLMENT FLYERS

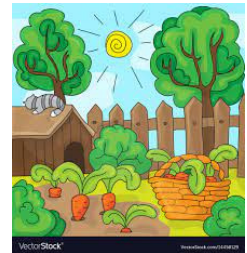
Thank you to the families that have offered to do flyer drops. I still have a few streets left if anyone would like a walk around the neighborhood!

I will bundle up the flyers on Monday and send them home in childrens' bags. I am off to visit Kinders next week too.

SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

We have started a school vegetable garden. The idea is that each term a grade will help plant vegetables and then help to maintain the garden over the coming weeks.

Children will be able to harvest their vegetables. If you would like to assist please send an email to your classroom teacher. It will simply be helping the children to weed and just checking the water levels etc. **The first Grade to do the garden will be Grade 3/4.** If you would like to assist grade 3/4 in planting we will be planting next Thursday at 2:30pm. As I have had many offers of assistance, perhaps parents from Grade 3/4 can be involved first.



ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEY

The Catholic University in Leuven was commissioned by the Catholic Education of Victoria to create a survey to collect information on how students, staff and parents perceive the Catholic Identity in our school.

All teaching staff and students in Grades 5/6 will be completing the survey. I also would kindly ask that as many families as possible also complete the survey so that the data has a wide representation of families.

Everyone's input is valid and appreciated. A letter will be sent home next week with the website, the access code and extra information. All responses are anonymous. We will need all response's in by Monday of the last week of term One.

SCHOOL EXCURSION



Last year we had to cancel a whole school excursion to Animal Land Children's Farm as part of our Inquiry unit.

We have completed a COVID risk assessment and we believe that as it is outside that we can proceed. All grades will participate in the excursion on **Wednesday March 30**. A permission slip with more details will be sent home next week.

CAMP, SPORTS AND EXCURSION 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 for the 2022 year, 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 allowance amount for primary aged children is \$125.00 per year.

Applications for the CSEF can be collected from the school office. We encourage families to submit these to the school office as soon as possible.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Ethan in Gr. 2 entered a Photography Competition at Louis Joel Art Gallery & Community Centre

He became a finalist. He is pictured standing next to his photo which was framed and on display.

Congratulations Ethan

CARITAS CUP

Annunciation Working Together With Caritas To Help All Future Generations All Over The World

Lent is a time for us to:

Pray, Fast and Help those who need help.

Caritas is an organisation which helps those all over the world who need help.

Together, with Caritas we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow..... *For All Future Generations.*

Get Ready to win the Caritas Cup and help those in need!

Save your coins and bring them along on Friday 1st April. We will have two teams led by our social captains. Team Archer and Team Samar.

Each member of each team will add their coins to a line and the team with the longest line of coins will win the Caritas Cup.

The coins we collect will be sent to Caritas to help them help vulnerable communities.



Loving God.

We thank you for the gift of our lives and the lives of every person, both near to us and far away.

We thank you for the wonder of your creation.

Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer may this Lent draw us deeper into the warmth and light of God's love.

May we see the world more clearly,
especially those who are often overlooked.

May we come closer to your heart,

Which you showed through the cross of Jesus.

May we be full of hope for all future generations.

We ask this in Jesus' name

Amen

How many coins can you collect??

Melbourne Knights FC, are located in Maidstone and are a non for profit community club. We are currently looking for additional players both male and female



PLAY FOOTBALL





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