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

## NEWSLETTER

### *Reflection*

*Lent Prayer for God to bring beauty from ashes:*

*Dear God,*

*In this season of Lent, we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to be manifest through our own weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We choose to give you thanks today and believe that this season of darkness will fade away. Thank you that you are with us in whatever we face and that you are greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone

What is it about an impending long weekend that puts a spring in everyone's step? The weather looks beautiful for it too!

This week marked the halfway point of Term One so already the year is going quickly. We are very busy getting ready to market our school for 2022 enrolments and I have been working with a design company to make posters and brochures to display at local Kindergartens and to drop off in the local community. Please read the information in this newsletter about how you can help promote our wonderful school.

We also held our first Parents and Friends meeting on Thursday with 15 people in attendance and 2 apologies. We were thrilled with the turnout. If at any time you would like to be a part of the Parents and Friends please feel free to come along to any of our meetings. (These will be advertised in the newsletter)

Enjoy the long weekend everyone, if you are heading off somewhere, stay safe and happy travels!

Robyn

**Please note these dates in your own diary:**

<b>Thursday March 25th</b>	<b>Whole school photos</b>
<b>Wednesday March 31st</b>	<b>School Picnic 5:30 - 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday April 1st</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Monday April 19th</b>	<b>Term two Begins</b>
<b>Tuesday April 20th</b>	<b>Confirmation Workshop for Grade 6 Sacrament children - 7pm at Corpus Christi Kingsville</b>

**Dates for your Consideration:**

We try to give as much notice as possible for future school closures so that you can plan for work and/or babysitters.

The following dates are our allocated school closures for this year:

**Monday July 12 and Tuesday July 13 - These 2 days are the first 2 days of Term 3**

**Monday November 1st**

**ENROLMENTS 2022**

In the next week or two our new posters and brochures should be ready for distribution. Here are some ways that you can help get our enrolment campaign going:

1. If you work locally perhaps you could put some of our posters up in your staffroom or foyer
2. If you belong to a Playgroup please speak to the other parents about our school and if they are interested I can give you some information to share
3. If you belong to a local facebook page or blog it would be great if you could post that enrolments are now open for 2022
4. Once I have all the flyers ready I will approach individual families to ask if you can do a letter drop in the local area.
5. I will also send a note home to see if there are any people willing to walk and drop off flyers.

Every little bit helps in our quest to get Annunciation known to everyone.

**COVID SAFE PRACTICES**

Thank you to everyone for your continued commitment to keeping our school safe. Masks do not need to be worn in the school yard anymore but please have one with you in case social distancing is difficult.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Our school uniform promotes our school to the wider community so I kindly ask that everyone ensures their child has the correct uniform on at all times. I also ask that parents please do not add clothing to the uniform such as skivvies/leggings etc. Once children have run around a few times they do get warm and it is not in the uniform guidelines. Orders for winter uniforms will be sent home today.

## AROUND OUR SCHOOL



A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,  
of adding joy  
*to every day!*







## SCHOOL PICNIC

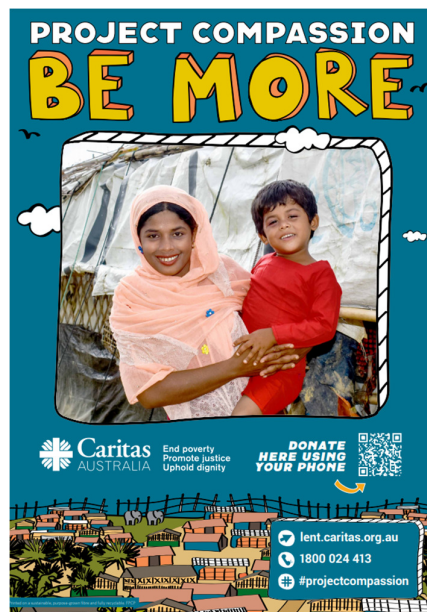
Don't forget to put March 31st in your diary for our school picnic. This will be a lovely way to finish the term and also to meet all our new families. (5:30pm - 7pm). BYO food/rug and or deck chairs

## 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

### MEETING

At our first meeting for the year we discussed fundraising ideas as well as opportunities to get together socially. Some of the ideas we had were:

- Silent Auctions
- Colour Fun run
- Movie nights
- Selling Children's Art as part of an Art show
- Raffles
- Mother's Day Luncheon
- Father's Day Breakfast

All options will be subject to restrictions but it was a great start. Our first fundraiser this year will be an Easter Raffle. Our first social event will be the Picnic on the 31st.

### EASTER RAFFLE

Next week we will send home raffle tickets for our giant Easter Raffle. We would like to make up several hampers but we need your assistance. We would like families to donate an Easter egg or anything that is associated with Easter (eg Toy Easter Bunny etc). Parents are then going to put together Easter Hampers which will form the prizes for the raffle. All donations will be gratefully accepted at the office. We will need donations by March 26th please.



### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

We normally have a sit down catered lunch for our lovely Mums/Grandmas/Aunties etc but due to social distancing we are looking to move it off site. We have a place in mind but for now please lock in **FRIDAY MAY 7th** as a day not to be missed!

New dates! Starts Mon April 19

## Engaging (tech-obsessed) adolescents

A 4-session webinar series to help parents improve communication and boundary setting with tweens & teenagers in a tech-saturated world.

Presented by psychologist, **Jocelyn Brewer.**

Jocelyn Brewer

## Engaging (tech-obsessed) Adolescents: April 2021

Mon 19th Apr 2021, 7:00 pm - Mon 10th May 2021, 8:30 pm AEST

Price **\$89 - \$109 AUD** - BF

### Event description

Because teenagers don't come with an operating manual and the digital playground is complex!

Due to popular demand - I'll be running a second series of the 'Engaging Adolescents' program (created by Australian psychologist and author, Michael Hawton).

The weekly, 90-minute Zoom sessions run over 4 weeks. The final session is dedicated to managing technology and screen-based media use issues. Parents will gain a renewed sense of confidence about the role they can play in their teenagers' lives, without conversations morphing into arguments.

+ DATES: 4 x 90-minute Zoom sessions held on Mondays on Apr 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 2021 at 7pm (Sydney time, AEST). Each session builds upon the previous.

+ LOGISTICS: All ticket holders will receive a Zoom link inviting you to the event. If you can't attend the live event - you will receive a recording of the webinar to catch up on.

You will receive **IN THE POST** the 50-page workbook for the 'Engaging Adolescents' course plus resources on Digital Nutrition.

+ PRESENTER: Psychologist, teacher and parent, Jocelyn Brewer.

### + WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- New understandings of adolescence, teen brain development, and the role of technology in their lives
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making and communication around key issues and values
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations, setting guidelines for handling those problems you just can't ignore
- The principles of Digital Nutrition and how to apply these to create a family technology agreement (week 4).

// Got questions? Get in touch for answers!