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

NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION

A prayer for Our Country, in drought and fire.

Our heavenly Father, creator of all things and especially the creator of this land and its original peoples, we call out to you in these desperate times as we see the first catastrophic fire warnings for New South Wales, as fires have already swept across several parts of our land.

Our hearts cry out to you in desperation for those whose properties are affected by ravaging fires and whose very lives are in danger.

Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage; in your mercy protect human life.

Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these fires. Guide police and authorities who help evacuate and shelter those who are

displaced. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss.

Remembering that long ago you extended your hand through your servant Moses to stop the waters and then to return the waters to their normal course, so we pray for rain.

In your mercy, we pray for drenching rain.

We pray that despite the forecasts, in your miraculous power you would bring forth rain to quench these fires and to bring life back into the earth, so that crops may grow and farmers may bring forth the harvest of the land again.

We bring these requests before your throne, in the name of your Son, who died and rose again for our deliverance.

Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all

The students have had a very busy last two weeks with lots of activities in and outside of the school. Last week the students in Grade 3/4 visited Marina Aged Care and I received a lovely phone call from the organiser who said the residents loved having our children visit.

The Junior school then went to Kmart this week to sing Christmas songs for Kmart's Wishing tree appeal. Once again staff from Kmart commented on how great the students were. We are so proud of all of our students who always represent the school beautifully when we make connections with the community.



This coming Tuesday we welcome our new Foundation students for 2020 and their families. We are very excited to have eight new families (and several existing ones!) joining our school next year. This week I sent a note home to the Foundation and Grade One parents inviting them to a meet and greet on Tuesday morning so that the new families can start to get to know the current families. If you are able to stay for half an hour we would be very grateful. I extend this invite to all families as it is important that we make connections early.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the calendar below as days are continually being added as we head into a very busy last few weeks. Enjoy your weekend everyone

Robyn Kelly
Principal

THE TERM AHEAD

Tuesday November 19th	1st Prep Orientation morning Junior school parents welcome to join us for a meet and greet at 9am
Monday November 25th	Grade 6 transition Day (Most Grade 6 students will head off to their Secondary schools for the day)
Tuesday November 26th	2nd Prep Orientation morning
Wednesday November 27th	Music Bus Information session from 8:30am (Please see note below)
Tuesday December 3rd	P& F Meeting and thankyou
Wednesday December 4th	F/1 and 3/4 singing Christmas carols at Marina Aged Care
Tuesday December 10th	Graduation Night for Grade 6 at 6:30pm
Tuesday December 17th	Christmas Concert for whole school at 6:30pm
Wednesday December 18th	End of Year Mass 10am School finishes at 1pm (No After School Care)

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have finalised Fee and Levy payments for 2019. A reminder that all accounts are due now. Payments can be made at the school office or by EFT (please see Connie for details). If you are experiencing difficulties could you please arrange to meet with Robyn, to discuss payment arrangements. Thankyou.

MUSIC BUS

On Wednesday Nov 27th we have a company coming called “The Music Bus” who offer music lessons to students during school time. They teach a wide variety of instruments. They will be here from 8:45am for parents to look inside the bus and to chat to you about possibilities of music lessons. If we get enough families interested they will start here next year. If you think that you would like to explore this further please feel free to come in for an informal chat with the directors. If you can’t be here at that time we will send further information home.

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!

SMITH STREET DONATIONS

Thank you very much to all the families who have donated to our Smith Street Drive. We now have enough items and will now close the drive. We will now be asking for donations to go towards the annual xmas raffle that the Parents and Friends hold every year. Please see information below.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This term Year 5/6 have come to understand that they can experience all kinds of challenges as they grow and develop. They have been encouraged to foster help - seeking behaviours as this is one way to improve mental health and wellbeing.

We have been working towards ensuring they are aware of help - seeking avenues and that they are confident to seek help from an appropriate source when needed. This week the students have been demonstrating their knowledge of emotions, strengths, coping and help - seeking strategies, and sources of support by creating a storyboard.



GR. 5/6 VISIT TO ALTONA GATE SHOPPING CENTRE



WELL AREN'T WE A GOOD LOOKING GROUP.

KMART WISHING TREE



NEW FUNDRAISER

Linda (Valerie's Mum Foundation) has organised for Annunciation to be a part of the fundraiser at Grill'd Yarraville for the month of November. If you go into Grill'd and purchase a burger they will give you a token. You pop this token in the jar marked "Annunciation" and if we get the most tokens the school receives \$300. If you are around the area and pop in we would love your support.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

XMAS RAFFLE

With the end of year fast approaching, it is time again to organise for the Parents and Friends annual Xmas Raffle. As this will be our last major fundraiser, we are hoping for a good result. Thanking you in anticipation.

As we have in past years we are asking for each grade to contribute different items to go into our hampers. So that we don't receive too many of the same item we have decided to allocate each grade a "category" from which to purchase and donate. The categories are as follows:

Foundation/1	chocolates, lollies, biscuits.
Grade 1/2	nuts, chips, savoury nibbles, mince pies, tarts
Grade 3/4	books, stationery items (colouring books/pencils, writing sets etc) xmas items, bon bons.
Grade 5/6	age appropriate toys, games other xmas novelties



Of course any donations you may want to make will be gratefully accepted. When you send in a donation could you please check the use by dates. Other donations besides food, will also be gratefully accepted.

Then, all families are asked to sell raffle tickets to ensure that the raffle is a fundraising success. Books of raffle tickets will be sent home to each family shortly. We would ask that you try to sell them all, even get a second book and sell to family and friends

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