

# St Anthony's news



*"Bringing Faith and Learning to Life"*

**Edition 1**  
**31 January 2025**

Welcome Back!

Seeing all the smiling faces, students and adults, on the first day back at school was an excellent start to the year! Infectious laughter and chatter is once again filling the playground and classrooms.

A warm welcome to all our families, in particular our new preps and their families. I have been spending time in all classrooms and the way everyone has settled is incredible. I often use the saying 'start as you plan to continue', our start indicates great things are ahead.

This year our theme is United in Hope, this aligns with the Jubilee Year theme, Pilgrims of Hope. The "most beautiful gift" the Catholic Church and its members can give the world is a reason to live with hope, Pope Francis said. "The Christian cannot be satisfied with having hope; he or she must also radiate hope, be a sower of hope". To radiate and sow hope, a beautiful guiding purpose to our words, decisions and actions.

Our first term is jam-packed with lots of excellent learning planned. Our structures this year are providing opportunities for change, students will be supported and encouraged to stretch themselves. Examples include Year 2s attending swim classes, Year 4s participating in Inter School Sport and extended Student Leadership; Young Vinnies, Sustainability Team, Student Improvement Team and Library Monitors. Academically we will continue our focus on Explicit Instruction in the Literacy and Mathematics areas. The professional learning of staff is an ongoing priority ensuring that we are delivering current, diverse and learning and teaching where every student achieves growth and success. We will also move towards student led learning conversations as part of our assessment and reporting, this includes goal setting and learning showcases.

A positive home school partnership is proven to be a crucial factor in students' success. Critical to this is effective communication, the importance of school to home and home to school communication cannot be underplayed. Teachers and myself can be contacted via email or phone, additionally teachers collect their class off the line each morning and have time for a quick chat. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

The year's first event is the Opening School and Commissioning Mass, Sunday 16 February at 11am. I invite all families to attend to support our staff, Student Leaders and School Advisory Council as they are commissioned in their roles. After Mass there will be time to catch up with old friends and welcome new families in the school grounds. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch.

An important and highly anticipated event is our yearly Twilight Fair, Friday 28 February. The P & F and Fair Committee are hard at work. Your support where available is much appreciated, please take the time to read information as it is supplied, it really is an amazing night building social capital while also fundraising.

Looking forward to 2025 as it evolves and unfolds.

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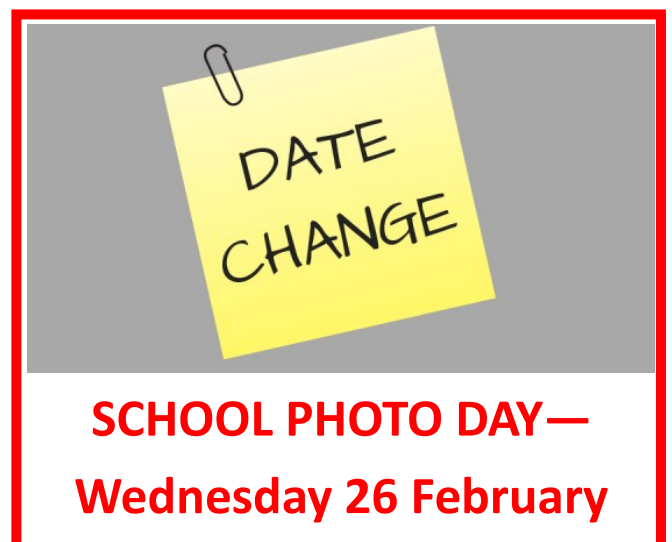


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# 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1		
Date	Time	Activity
Mon—Thurs 3-6 February		Swimming—Grades 2 - 6
Friday 7 February		Swimming Trials
Tuesday 11 February	9.30- 10.30am	Open Morning
Wednesday 12 February	6.30pm	“Initial Lit” Parent Information Evening
Sunday 16 February	11am	Opening School and Commissioning Mass & Picnic—all welcome
February 17-19 February		Camp—Years 5-6
Monday 24 February		District Swimming
Wednesday 26 February		<b>New</b> School Photo Day
Mon—Wed 17—19 February		Grade 5/6 Camp
Friday 28 February	3.30- 8.30pm	2025 Twilight Fair
Wednesday 5 March	11.30am	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass—all welcome
Thursday 6 March	9.30- 10.30am	Open Morning
Friday 7 March		School Closure day— professional learning— maths
Monday 10 March		Labour Day public holiday
Wednesday 12 March		Naplan begins
Wednesday 12 March	7pm	Reconciliation Formation Evening—Year 3
Friday 14 March	9.15am	Prep/1RG Class Mass
Sunday 16 March	11am	Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Sunday 16 March		Catholic Education Week begins
Monday 17 March		Cultural Diversity Week starts
Monday 17 March	9.30am	Story Time session
Tuesday 18 March		Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations
Friday 21 March	9.15am	2/3MG & 4MH Class Mass
Wednesday 26 March	9.30- 10.30am	Open Morning
Wednesday 26 March	7pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 28 march	9.15am	5/6 BW & 5/6 RL Class Mass
Tuesday 1 April	2.30— 5.00pm	Learning Showcases
Friday 4 April	1.00pm	Term 1 ends

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 21 April		Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 April	8.50am	Term 2 begins
Friday 25 April		Anzac Day public holiday
Monday 9 June		King’s Birthday public holiday
Tuesday 10 June		School Closure— Assessment and reporting
Friday 1 July		Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations
Friday 4 July	1.00pm	Term 2 ends
Term 3		
Monday 21 July	8.50am	Term 3 begins
Friday 19 September	1.00pm	Term 3 ends
Term 4		
Monday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Monday 3 November		School Closure—Assessment and Reporting
Tuesday 4 November		Melbourne Cup public holiday
Friday 19 December	1.00pm	Term 4 ends—date to be confirmed





## St Anthony's Alphington



**2025 Open Mornings**  
9.30-10.30am

**TUE 11 FEB | THUR 6 MAR | WED 26 MAR**  
**MON 28 APR | TUE 13 MAY | THU 5 JUNE**

Or alternatively please call to arrange a private tour with the Principal

**ALL WELCOME**



**BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES**

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## 5/6 RL HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS



My lovely summer holidays ended with a two week trip to Japan with my cousins. We first went to Universal Studios together. The second theme park we went to was Disney Sea. The third theme park we went to was Disneyland. My favourite theme park was Disney Sea because there was better sightseeing and rides. We also went snowboarding in Hakuba for five days. The mountains we went to are Imore, Happo One and Escal Plaza. I loved this holiday!

By Emily C

On the school holidays I went to the island state of Tasmania. When we got out of the airport and caught a shuttle to a car rental. After we got a car we went to stay in Hobart for two days. For the rest of the first day we went to the place we were staying and went to the beach to eat dinner. After the second day we got ready to leave and went to stay with the Hancock family. While we were there we went to the beach, watched movies, and went to a different town. When me and my family left for our final day, we went to Pirate Bay and did the Port Arthur ghost tour.

By Nathan

### MY HOLIDAYS By Xavier

Over the school holidays I did lots of things that were fun and exciting. Although my favourite thing that my family and I did was our trip to Venus Bay with some of my friends from my cricket team. We stayed at my best friend, Freddy's house and Lachy and Henry came over twice during our 4 night stay. We went to the beach a couple of times and we had a fun time there. I had the most fun when we went to the salt/freshwater river and went on the boat. Freddy went wakeboarding and the rest of us had turns on the biscuit. I had lots of fun!

My holidays were great. They were filled with everyday swims in Robe that were so refreshing and made all my worries go away as the waves crash onto shore. We went out a lot for family dinners and would go out for ice cream for dessert. In Melbourne I had lots of exciting adventures like Bounce, Watermarc and mini golf and plenty of playdates and sleepovers with my friend. I also spent my time reading along with deep sleep till 12 o'clock. I enjoyed all of it very much yet am very glad to be back at school.

By Ava B



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**Joe Bolzonello and his wife Nadia and  
son Caleb, on the arrival of their bundle  
of joy 'Evie Joyce' on 19/12/2024**







## St Anthony's Primary School

**Term 1 commences Tuesday 11th February 2025**

### Program Overview:

Lessons are held in the school grounds. Each lesson consists of different themes with loads of fun games. Coaches work on footwork, balance skills, decision making and the fundamentals of each stroke. All Tennis in Stages coaches are passionate and have played at a high level of competition. Group and private coaching available after school and weekend tennis coaching at Bulleen Tennis Club.



**Cost of Program: \$120 - seven (7) weeks**

Payment via bank transfer to Tennis in Stages

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Please reference student name and school

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### ENROLMENT FORM

**St Anthony's Primary School Term 1 2025**

Name	Grade
Add	
Suburb	Postcode
Parent's First Names	
Telephone (Home)	(Business)

Please enrol me in:

Tuesday ☐ 8.15am – 8.45am

**Tennis in Stages School Tennis Program**  
[rus&viv@bigpond.com](mailto:rus&viv@bigpond.com)



Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack.

### Main Course Menu

#### SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided

	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75

#### RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)

Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45

#### BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!

Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

#### PIZZA & GOZLEME Served at Room Temp

Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Samosa Pastizzi (2) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pita Pizza (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Vegetarian Pizza (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45

#### SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS

Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95

#### SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG

Steamed Corn Wheels, Broccoli & Carrot (GF, Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Mexican Inspired Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95

#### GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS

GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95
GF Wrap - Garden Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95

### Snack/Drink Menu

#### FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+\$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00

#### BAKERY - SWEET

Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Fruit Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF)	+\$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00
Banana Slice (GF)	+\$1.00

#### SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00
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#### POPCORN

Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
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#### DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES

Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00

#### DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES

Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00

#### YOGHURTS / BOWLS

Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+\$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00

#### DRINKS

Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
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## Parkside Netball Club is looking for U9 Players for Season 1!

Parkside Netball Club is a thriving community club in the Fairfield, Alphington, Northcote and Thornbury areas. Teams play in the Darebin Netball Association competition on Saturday mornings. Parkside currently has teams in 9&Under to Open (20+) age groups.

With the start of the new season we are specifically looking for players for a new **9&Under team** (born 2016 or 2017). Limited netball experience is expected and okay! Your enthusiasm is what we want to see. If you are interested in joining an older team please get in contact as we have some vacancies in other age groups as well!

Game day Information: Saturdays 8:20-9:10am start times (9&Under), 40 minute matches

Location: Narrandjeri Stadium - 281 Darebin Rd Thornbury

For more information call or email: Nat 0438 334 012; [players@parksidenetballclub.org.au](mailto:players@parksidenetballclub.org.au)

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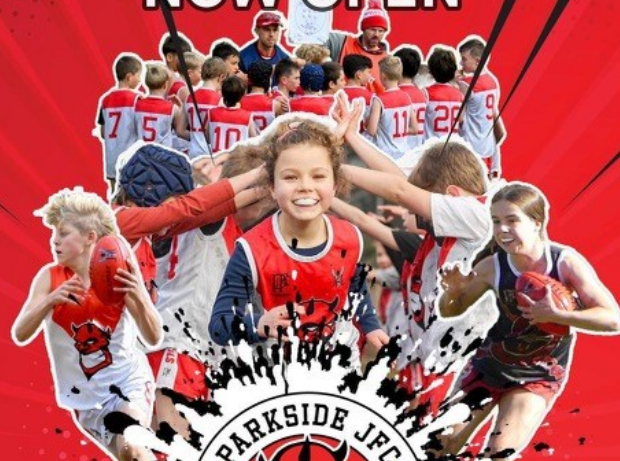
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