

St Anthony's news



"Bringing Faith and Learning to Life"

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It's something we hear a lot, but it cannot be repeated enough. One of the keys to students' success is the home school partnership. Parents and teachers working together with the children at the centre. Parents are vital partners in education. They influence their children's attitudes about learning and support learning at home. They are a vital link between home and school. And when they become involved in the life of the school, they make our schools better places to learn, grow and thrive. I would say nearly all educators and parents I have worked with agree that positive, supportive and open relationships between home and school, parent and teacher are desirable. Additionally, research has shown that parent engagement and successful parent-teacher partnerships result in improved educational and emotional outcomes for students. Teachers and parents provide a vital support system to help students flourish. When parents and teachers communicate and work together effectively, it can significantly impact each student's long-term success.

But we cannot confuse the difference between parent involvement in schools and parent engagement. One dictionary definition of involve is "to enfold or envelope," whereas one of the meanings of engage is "to come together and interlock." Thus, involvement implies doing **to**; in contrast, engagement implies doing **with**.

Parent involvement in schools includes attending events, volunteering in class or other activities, and serving on school councils and parent committees. It's not that family involvement is bad. Almost all the research says that any kind of increased parent interest and support of students can help. But almost all the research also says that family engagement can produce even better results—for students, for families, for schools, and for their communities (Ferland & Hammond, 2009)

Over the last semester as a school we have focused on home school communication and we have looked for ways to increase our parent involvement. Both important pillars of the home school partnership and in a sense the laying of the foundation of the ultimate aim, parent engagement. Authentic engagement where parents have the opportunity to work alongside staff; where they are invited to share their ideas, dreams, worries and opinions and the responses are heard and valued.

As we begin Term 3, let's strengthen our home school partnerships, continuing to work collaboratively in an environment of positivity, respect and authentic relationship.

**Where I have used the word 'parent' it is interchangeable with guardian*

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ST ANTHONY'S BOOK FAIR

GET READY FOR LOTS OF BOOKS, LOTS OF READING, AND LOTS OF FUN AND PRIZES!

Our Book Fair begins next week with a browsing day for students on Thursday, July 25. Students will visit the Book Fair with their teacher and fill in a 'Wish List'.

There are 2 ways to purchase books.

1. Scan the QR code on your child's wish list. Pay online, fill in the receipt number, and send it back to school. Your child can then exchange their wish list for their books.

2. Come shopping in person with your children at the following times:

Friday, July 26 – before school (8 - 8:50am) and after school (3:30 - 4:15pm)
Monday, July 29 - before school (8 - 8:50am) and after school (3:30 - 4:15pm)
Tuesday, July 30 - before school (8 - 8:50am)

(There's also a kid-free shopping time on Monday, July 29 after morning assembly for parents wishing to make 'secret' purchases)

All purchases are electronic. No cash please. More information will follow next week!

Come and experience how St Anthony's Alphington stands out from the rest



Enrolments now open!

Limited places available in Years 1 – 6

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52 Austin Street,
Alphington



Book a private tour of our vibrant school with our student leaders and Principal.

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Come and see how we stand out from the rest



2024 Open Mornings

9.30-10.30am

TUE 28 MAY | MON 24 JUN | WED 24 JUL
TUE 13 AUG | THU 12 SEP

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



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2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Terms 3 and 4

Term 3		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 22 July	8.40am— 9.15am	2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open
Wednesday 24 July	9.30am- 10.30am	Open Morning
Wednesday 24 July	7pm	Eucharist Formation Evening
Thurs-Fri 25-26 July		Scholastic Book Fair—details below
Friday 26 July	9.15am	Year 3 Level Mass
Friday 26 July		Mum’s Night Out—details to follow
Sunday 28 July	11am	Eucharist Commitment Mass
Mon-Tues 29-30 July		Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 2 August	9.15am	5/6VM Class Mass
Saturday 3 August		Working Bee
Thursday 8 August	9.15am	Mary of the Cross—Whole School Mass—All welcome
Mon-Fri 12-16 August		National Science Week
Tuesday 13 August	9.30am- 10.30am	Open Morning
Thursday 15 August	11.30am	Feast of Assumption—Whole School Mass—All welcome
Mon-Fri 19-23 August		Book Week
Friday 23 August	9.15am	Year 4 Level Mass and Reconciliation
Sunday 25 August	11am	Sacrament of First Eucharist
Tuesday 27 August	7pm	School Concert—TOY CAMP
Friday 30 August		Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 30 August		Father’s Day Stall
Saturday 31 August	7pm	St Anthony’s Trivia Night—details to follow
Wednesday 4 September		Indigenous Literacy Day Book Swap
Friday 6 September	9.15am	Prep/1RG and 2MW Class Mass
Wednesday 11 September	6.30pm- 7.30pm	Year 2MW Scripture Night
Thursday 12 September	9.30am- 10.30am	Open Morning
Friday 13 September	9.15am	5/6ZN Class Mass
Friday 20 September	9.15am	5/6RL Class Mass
Friday 20 September	1pm	End of Term 3

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 7 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 22 October		Year 5 Darebin Yarning Conference
Wednesday 23 October		Maths Activity Day—details to come
Friday 25 October	9.15am	3/4MG & 3/4JB Class Mass
Friday 1 November	9.15am	5/6VM Class Mass
Monday 4 November		School Closure Day—Assessment and reporting
Tuesday 5 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 6 November		Italian Activity Day—details to come
Friday 8 November		Prep Orientation Session 1
Friday 15 November	9.15am	5/6RL Class Mass
Friday 15 November		Prep Orientation Session 2
Friday 22 November	9.15am	5/6ZN Class Mass
Friday 22 November		Prep Orientation Session 3
Sunday 1 December	11am	Prep 2024 & Prep 2025 Mass & BBQ
Thursday 5 December		Mission Stalls—details to come
Friday 6 December	9.15am	Prep/1 RG & 2MW Class Mass
Tuesday 17 December	1pm	Last day of school



Zooper Dooper Fridays

We will pause our Zooper Dooper Fridays during this winter term.

We can look forward to bringing them back in Term 4 once the weather is a little warmer.

WHAT PREP/1 RG DID ON THE HOLIDAYS

On the Holidays ...



On the Holidays I went to my house with some of my friends. We had a party and we had a lot of fun. We had a cake and we had some games. We had a very good time and we had a lot of fun.

On the Holidays ...



On the Holidays I went to the pool with my family and I had a lot of fun. We had a picnic and we had some games. We had a very good time and we had a lot of fun.

On the Holidays ...



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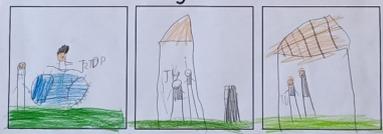
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On the Holidays ...



ON the holidays we play with my family and I had a lot of fun.

On the Holidays ... JUDE



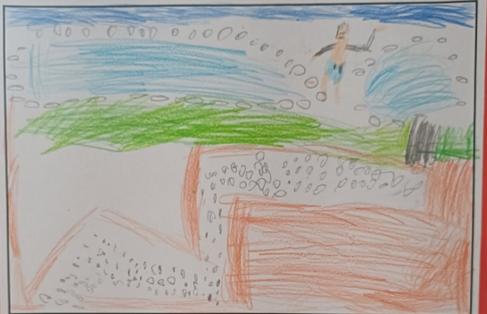
I went to the farm with my sister and I had a lot of fun.

On the Holidays ...



I went to my house with my family and I had a lot of fun.

On the Holidays ...



On the Holidays I went to the pool with my family and I had a lot of fun.

On the Holidays ...



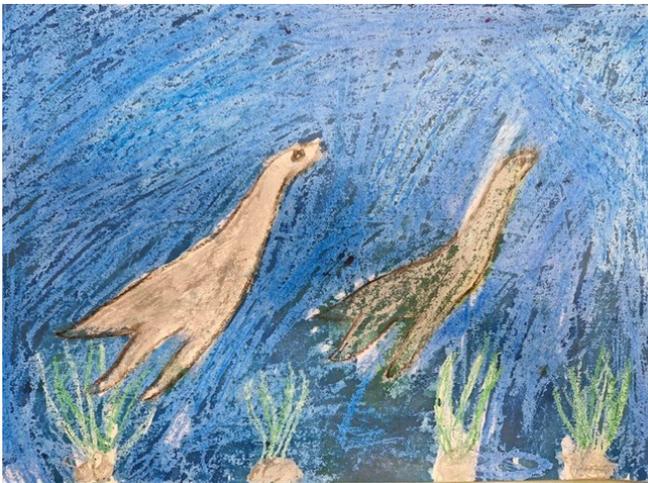
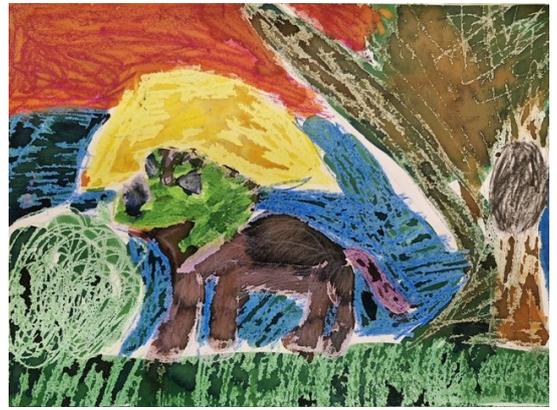
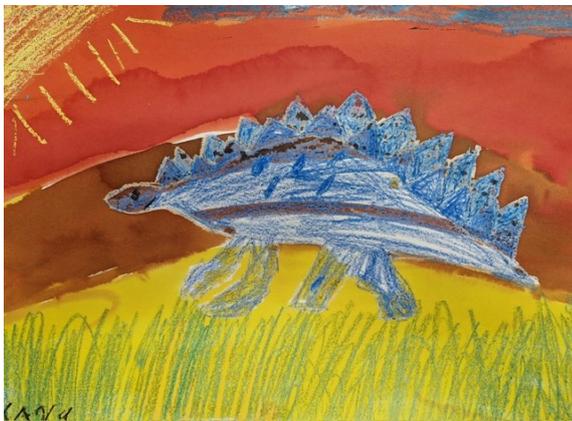
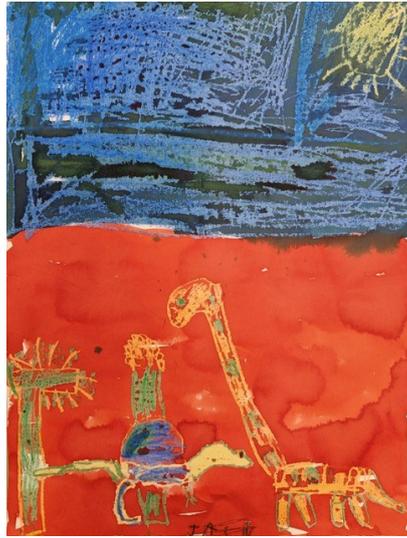
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THIS WEEK IN VISUAL ARTS



JUNIOR INQUIRY UNIT—TERM 3

Tuning into our Inquiry unit "Thrive and Survive in our Natural World"

Using a range of utensils similar to bird beaks to see which ones work well to gather food?





TOY CAMP NEWS



Operoo

An Operoo was sent home on Tuesday 16th July with all the important information about the production. Please read it carefully and reach out to Ashleigh with any questions.

Rehearsal Update

Rehearsals are in full swing and it's so wonderful to see the students' hard work coming to life. They are busily learning lines and practising vocal parts and choreography.

Tickets

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 22nd July (Week 2) at 9am. Each St Anthony's family will be permitted to make one transaction, purchasing a maximum of five tickets, between Monday 22nd July and Friday 16th August (Week 5) at 5pm. This is to ensure every family has ample opportunity to purchase tickets. After this time, general ticket sales will open and any remaining tickets will be available for purchase with no limits.

Tickets are \$20 each, plus the processing and ticket fees set by the ticket merchant.

You may use the link or the QR code on the poster to purchase tickets.



ST ANTHONY'S ALPHINGTON PROUDLY PRESENTS



Tickets on sale Monday 22nd July!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTGZQ>
or via the QR code



Tuesday 27th August, 2024
7:00pm
Inigo Theatre
Magis Performing Arts Centre
Loyola College - 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand uniform shop will be open on

Monday, 22 July at 8.40am

before and after the Morning Assembly.

All items will be offered **free of cost.**

If you would like to donate clothes, please ensure they are washed and in good condition. These can be brought in on Monday or left at the office.



St Anthony's Primary School

Term 3 commences Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Cost per seven (7) week term - \$110.00

Lesson Details:

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 outrageously enthusiastic, 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 (Melways ref: 32-K7)



Free tennis racquet with each new enrolment!!

Places cannot be held unless payment accompanies this form. Please fill out and return form with payment to the school office by Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

Bank: Commonwealth Bank, BSB 063236 Account No: 10173271. Please use student's name & school as reference. Cash is to be given to the tennis coach.

Tennis in Stages 56 Aylmer Street, North Balwyn Vic 3104
For enquiries call Russell Cornells (Director) 0408 363 656

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ENROLMENT FORM St Anthony's Primary School Term 3 2024

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Parent's First Names _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Please enrol me in:

Tuesday 8.15am - 8.45am

Tennis in Stages School Tennis Program
russell@tennisinstages.com.au



An evening with
COLIN CARTER

**Parishes of Northcote, Thornbury,
Thornbury East and Alphington
Events.**

Thursday 25th July 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Location: MARY MACKILLOP HALL
52 Austin Street, Alphington VIC
3078**

Winter Talk Series #2:

**"BEING AN AUTHORITY ON
AFL FOOTBALL"**

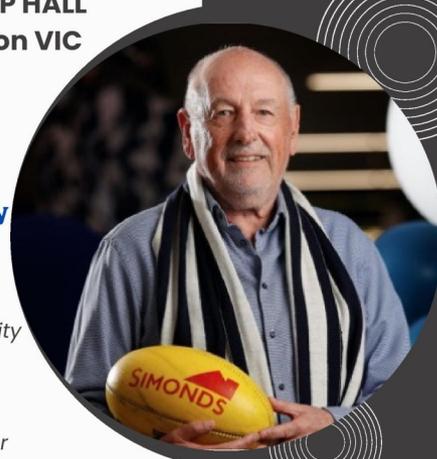
Join us for a friendly, free community presentation that features an engaging talk and discussion, followed by light refreshments. Copies of the book are available for purchase before and during the event.

TO REGISTER:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSEKQ>
or **9484 2907**

RSVP: Friday 12th July 2024

Bookings are essential for seating and catering purposes.





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REMAINING TOUR DATES BEFORE AUGUST CUT OFF:
24 June 9.00am, 18 July 9.00am, 6 August 9.00am



BOOK A TOUR or APPLY ONLINE

Year 7 2026 enrolments close August 16
Very limited places for Year 7 2025

Phone: 9488 1600 Email: registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au

MUSIC LESSONS AT ST ANTHONYS PS

** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC **

ST ANTHONYS Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School).

Lessons Offered: **KEYBOARD PIANO GUITAR** – (subject to sufficient enrolments)

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

Please enrol online at the above website address.



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All students attending St Anthony's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.