

Over the last two weeks we have celebrated two important women in the Catholic Church. Last week the Feast of Mary of the Cross Mackillop, our first Australian Saint and today, the Assumption of Mary Mother of Jesus.

Despite coming from humble beginnings, Mary Mackillop was convinced that she was sent to spread the Good News and attract others to an encounter with the living God. She felt from a young age that the best way to do this was through something denied to her, education. Pope Francis in 2015 highlighted her belief 'that education should promote the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a community member' a belief echoed in Vision statements across the diocese of Melbourne. In fact our own could have been written by Mary herself, *St Anthony's is an inclusive and vibrant Catholic learning community empowering all to be critical thinkers, compassionate and resilient citizens. We strive to ensure our school, our Catholic school, is a place of welcome, a place where everyone's fullness and humanity is identified, acknowledged and celebrated. Mary's passion was for the poor, the marginalised, she herself was excommunicated by the Church, which only served to motivate and propel her into action, to quote herself 'Never see a need without doing something about it'.*

Mary, Mother of Jesus, is often portrayed for her love, compassion and nurturing. All wonderful qualities but as the staff explored with Eloise Myers, a MACS RE consultant, Mary was so much more. As a young woman she said yes, without hesitation to a most difficult call. She was brave, humble yet powerful. She was a believer when others doubted. She represents hope, in the face of tragedy, darkness and difficulty she remained steadfast and strong. Pope Francis identifies three verbs he finds in all bible scriptures about Mary, three actions we can all put into practice; joy, haste and perseverance. We need to be joyful, to find strength and hope, not sadness and discouragement when we think there are no solutions. We need to act without hesitation when others are in need, the smallest acts of assistance can make a great difference. And lastly we need to persevere, we need to remain true to ourselves, to keep to our word, to remain faithful and never give in or up.

Both Mary of the Cross and Mary Mother of Jesus, possessed values and characteristics that we continue to seek in female role models. Women like, Florence Nightingale, Marie Curie, Amelia Earheart, Mother Teresa, Edith Cowan, Miles Franklin, Professor Fiona Wood and Malala Yousafzai, women who demonstrated perseverance through adversity, to not be beaten by or worn down by societal expectations, to break through the glass ceiling with tenacity and determination. May each of us in our everyday lives find the spirit of Mary Mackillop and Mary Mother of Jesus guiding our thoughts, words and actions.

Tania Bennett
Acting Principal

2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Terms 3 and 4

Term 3		
Date	Time	Activity
Thursday 15 August	11.30am	Feast of Assumption—Whole School Mass—All welcome
Mon-Fri 19-23 August		Book Week
Monday 19 August	9.00am	Book Week Parade
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
Saturday 26 October		St Anthony's Cocktail Night
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
Thursday 21 November		School Disco
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

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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



Book Week Parade

Monday 19 August

9am



DON'T FORGET TO
DRESS UP AS YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK
CHARACTER OR IN THE
THEME "READING IS
MAGIC"!



Hat Reminder

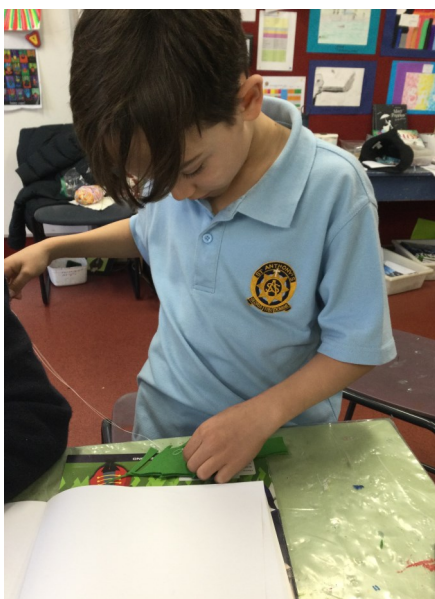
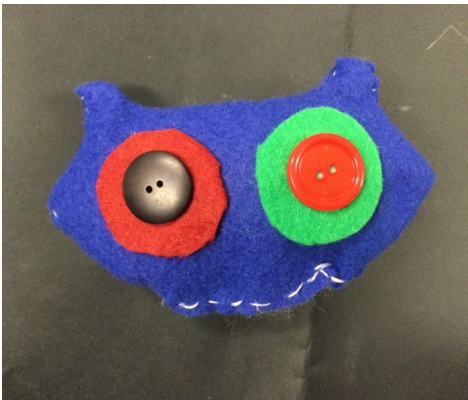
We ask that students have their hat at school all year round to comply with the Sunsmart policy. The wearing of hats is based on the UV ray indicator. The UV rating can be quite high despite there appearing to be no sun. Please ensure your child has their hat at school each day in every term. Once the UV levels are 3 or above the Education Department requires students to wear hats.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN VISUAL ARTS?

YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS RECYCLED MAGAZINE PAGES TO CREATE THESE CREATIVE FREE FORM SCULPTURES

They created tight rolls using the magazine pages along with their choice of other mediums such as chenille stems, foil, paper magiclay, and buttons.

Year 3/4 students learnt how to use running stitch and some students even challenged themselves to use blanket stitch when creating soft toys. They should be congratulated on their wonderful efforts!



St Anthony's Alphington

School Advisory Council

Expressions of Interest

St Anthony's is seeking members for our School Advisory Council to support the principal, parish priest and leadership team of the school.

While no particular expertise is required, we are looking for people who are enthusiastic, have a focus on the whole school and have an interest in making St Anthony's better. Parent voice is an integral part of creating a successful school community.

We are inviting you to express your interest in being part of the School Advisory Council. If you wish to be part of this important team, please get in contact with us.

Matt Zaba, School Advisory Council Chair
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Tania Bennett, Acting Principal-94897936

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



Enrolments now open!

Limited places available in Years 1 – 6

☎ 9489 7936



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Alphington



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

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St Anthony's Alphington

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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PREP/1/2 EXCURSION TO HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY



Healesville Sanctuary

Prep/one/two went to Healesville sanctuary on Friday 2nd August to learn about Australian animals.

What animals did you see?



What was your favourite animal and why?

my favourite animal was dingo because it is a predator.



Healesville Sanctuary

Prep/one/two went to Healesville sanctuary on Friday 2nd August

What animals did you see?



What was your favourite animal and why?

my favourite animal was the wombat because it was cute.



Healesville Sanctuary

Pre 10he/twos were to Healesville sanctuary on Friday 2nd of August to learn about Australian animals.

What animals did you see?



What was your favourite animal and why?

My favourite animal was all the parrots because they were colourful.



Healesville Sanctuary

Pre 10he/twos were to Healesville sanctuary on Friday 2nd August to learn about ~~the~~ animals.

What animals did you see?



What was your favourite animal and why?

My favourite animal was all the animals because they were cute.



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.



ST ANTHONY'S P.S.

TRIVIA NIGHT



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST

*7:00PM START TIME
MACKILLOP ROOM*

TICKETS COMING OUT SOON





Bullying No Way National week of action

12–16 August 2024

Bullying No Way: National week of action

This year we are participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, 12 to 16 August 2024.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. It gives us an opportunity to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The new hero colour for the campaign is purple – symbolising peace, strength and empowerment to take a stand against bullying behaviour.

The theme for this year's campaign is **Everyone belongs**. This theme highlights the importance of creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for students. We recognise bullying often thrives in environments where individuals feel marginalised or excluded, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that every student feels valued and respected.

“Positive school climates that value diversity and inclusion can foster a sense of belonging and provide a protective factor against negative peer relationships and reduce bullying.” (Australian Education Research Organisation 2023).

During the week be students have been engaging in meaningful discussions and activities aimed at promoting empathy, understanding, and respect for diversity. We encourage parents and carers to take this opportunity to have open and honest conversations with their children about the impact of bullying and what they can do if they need support. You can visit the [Bullying No Way website](https://bullyingnoway.gov.au) for tips around how to have this discussion.

Bullying – important conversations to have with your child

By working collaboratively within our community, we can collectively help reduce bullying.

Parents and carers play an important role in helping your child understand bullying, and know how to respond to it.

If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is. Definitions of bullying can be located at bullyingnoway.gov.au.

Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- As well as me, who are the other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

Remind your child that bullying is never okay and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it.

Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if needed.

By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel that they belong.

Tania Bennett



St Anthony's Parent & Friends invite you to join us for

Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 30th August from 7.30am

The MacKillop Room

Light Breakfast will also be provided for the children



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



Dear All,

**Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS):
Monday 2 September – Friday 20 September 2024**

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through **MACSSIS**, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS, in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with principals in our schools.

In 2024, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data. Participating schools are in the process of updating their privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected.

Students at our school will be provided with supervised sessions, where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window via an emailed link and password. Feedback has indicated that previous surveys were completed across a range of mobile devices and different web browsers.

Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school.

All participation is invited, welcomed and 100 per cent voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child does not wish to participate.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Tania Bennett



Come and Try Joey Scouts!



Visit our Joey Unit at 10th Ivanhoe Scout Group in Term 3

We are looking for enthusiastic
5-8-year-olds ready for lots of fun!

When: Thursday nights 6.00pm-7.15pm

Free 'Come and Try' nights

8A Wallace St IVANHOE

Scan QR code to register your interest in 3 free visits.



Enquiries:

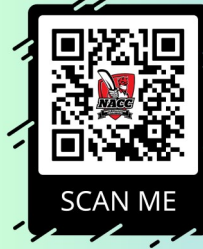
gl.10thivanhoe@scoutsvictoria.com.au



CRICKET IS BACK

Registrations are open for the
2024/2025 Summer Cricket Season - all
ages boys and girls.

We have competition teams from u10s -
u18s (and a Blasters program). New and
returning players welcome.



**Come and join your
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Scan QR code or visit
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for more information or
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Come and try your hand at cricket prior to the
summer season in a exciting, introductory indoor
program.

We welcome all children aged 5 - 10 to all (or any) of
the Come 'n' Try sessions. All equipment supplied.



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<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/063e96>

Sundays 10 - 11 am
Northcote Indoor Centre,
338 Mansfield Street, Thornbury

Four sessions:
August 11th and 25th
September 8th and 15th

No costs are involved, however please register your
attendance to assist our planning and coaching
coordinating. Register here:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/063e96>



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.