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Dawn is breaking earlier and the sun is setting later, signs of spring are emerging. With the arrival of the spring season, we are all given the opportunity to take nature's cue, emerge from our winter slumber and seek out new beginnings. The entrance of this new season puts an end to our hibernation cycle, a signal to peel ourselves off the sofa and put away the winter woollies and blankets.

Ever so slowly, nature is waking up and everything around us begins anew—the flowers bloom, trees adorn their greenery and the bird songs rise steadily each day.

Spring is known as "the season of hope" because it symbolises the resurgence of life after the challenges of winter. This rising energy generally helps us feel more optimistic and driven to make the most out of our days.

This Jubilee year, the late Pope Francis declared that hope be our focus, and in a world where the rhetoric can often seem dark and bleak, hope as part of our toolkit is essential. At this week's MACS Flourishing Learners Conference hope was an interweaving thread. Kirsten Douglas, National Manager & Head of Headspace Schools & Communities spoke of two basic human needs; meaningful connections and purpose beyond tomorrow-hope. Prof Br David Hall IMS stressed that as parents and educators it is not our job to give hope but to awaken it, to nurture it, grow it and enrich it in the lives of our children and students. A daunting task but one we must seize with both hands and deep dive into. But, if we are to be beacons of hope for others we must first identify and cultivate hope in ourselves, in the coming days and weeks consider *What does hope mean to you? What gives you hope? How do or can you cultivate moments of hope in your life?*

Classroom Showcases

Each classroom will be open from 3.00pm till 4.45pm, Tuesday 16 September, providing an opportunity for students to showcase and celebrate with parents and visitors their learning from Term 3. We are always so proud of the work our students and teachers undertake together in all areas of the curriculum, allowing each individual to practice, embed and build upon their knowledge and skills. We look forward to the buzz of discussion between students and adults alike.

Disco

A much anticipated event, our School Disco is next Thursday 18 September. Please see the included flyer for further details.

Thank you to our P & F and parent helpers for organising and facilitating the event. Parents are onsite to supervise and we ask that you chat to your child/children about appropriate behaviour and being respectful to all, allowing everyone to enjoy their session. This is a school endorsed event, on school grounds and our

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Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy and Protocols apply, ideally mobile phones will not be brought but if they are they can be handed in on arrival for safe storage and given back at the end of the night. They are not to be used during the event.

Sports Colours Day

To celebrate the last day of term, Friday 19 September, students (and staff) are invited to wear the colours or uniform of teams they support or play for. Our senior students have organised a tabloid event full of fun physical activities focussed on participation and engagement. At recess Zooper Dooper's will be on sale for \$1, all proceeds going to Opening The Doors Foundation (part of our Fire Carriers Commitment). Don't forget it's a 1pm finish.

Neighbourhood Courtesy

I recently received an email complaint from a neighbour regarding the increasing number of parents and those dropping off or collecting students who are not following the parking restrictions and laws. For those living near schools parking at various times is challenging and more so when people double park, park across driveways or up on nature strips, ignore road signs and speed restrictions. This entitled behaviour restricts access and compromises safety. Any member of the public is now able to take photos of offending vehicles and send them to the council for fines to be issued, while it shouldn't take the potential for a fine to do the right thing, it can certainly be a motivation. Please be respectful of everyone's right to access or exit their own driveway, follow the kiss and go rules, don't park where signs indicate there is no parking, park so that no one's access is restricted and generally be respectful of the rights of all. We want everyone in and around our community to operate harmoniously and safely.

Thank YOU

The end of a term is always a time of reflection of the past weeks and every term I marvel at our achievements, from a student who finally grasps a much rehearsed skill to the success of a sporting team and everything in between. I always feel that the current term can't be beaten but am pleasingly proven wrong. The flourishing of our students, the strengthening of our school and community, none of this takes place in a silo, it is the work of the collective; students, staff, parents, the wider community, all working collaboratively with a common vision and mission. It takes a village and I thank every member of our village for their contribution to a successful Term 3. Have a blessed and well-deserved rest during the break, returning with renewed energy to finish the year, ready to face the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead, with continued enthusiasm, determination and focus on personal as well as collective excellence.

Tania Bennett

52 Austin Street, Alphington 3078









2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3		
Friday 12 September	9.15am	Prep/1 RG & 2/3MG Class Mass
Tuesday 16 September	3.00— 4.45pm	Student Class Showcase Afternoon
Thursday 18 September	5.00— 6.00pm	School Disco Grades Prep—3
Thursday 18 September	6.15- 7.30pm	School Disco Grades 4—6
Friday 19 September		Sports Colours day and activities
Friday 19 September	1.00pm	Term 3 ends

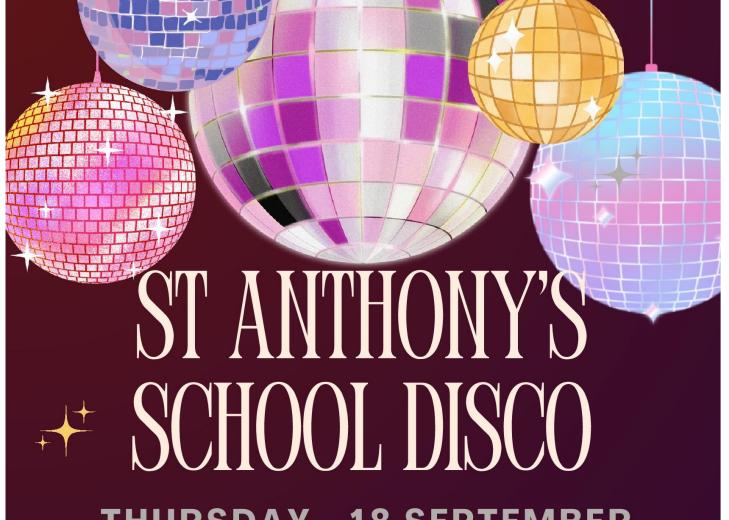
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Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 14 October	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Tuesday 28 October		School Closure—PD on student engagement and wellbeing
Monday 3 November		School Closure—Assessment and Reporting
Tuesday 4 November		Melbourne Cup public holiday
Friday 7 November		COLOUR RUN fundraiser Details to come
Tuesday 11 November	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Wednesday 12 November		Scholastic Book Fair begins
Friday 14 November	2.30pm	Prep Orientation Session 1
Friday 21 November	2.30pm	Prep Orientation Session 2
Friday 28 November	2.30pm	Prep Orientation Session 3
Sunday 30 November	10.30am	Junior 2025 and 2026 Mass and BBQ
Tuesday 9 December		End of year Gratitude Mass—all welcome
Monday 15 December		Step Up into 2026 session
Tuesday 16 December	1pm	Term 4 ends



2025 SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

The 2025 school fees & levies are due to be <u>paid in full</u> by next Friday 19th September (unless on a current direct debit arrangement)

Julia Everest - jeverest@saalphington.catholic.edu.au (Working days Mon-Tues) Bursar



THURSDAY - 18 SEPTEMBER





SENIOR DISCO GRADE 4 TO 6 6.15 - 7.30PM

\$5 AT THE DOOR (CASH OR CARD)

FOOD & DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED

2/3MG's Excursion to Darebin Parklands

On Wednesday 10th September we had a lovely walk to Darebin Parklands where we met the park's Education Officer, Peter. We walked down past the ponds with the ducks and saw some little ducklings and grebes. Then we gathered together and Peter showed us pictures and told us about some of the bugs we might find in the water.

It was then our turn to try to find those bugs! We used spoons and scooped them into ice cube trays. Some of the bugs we found were blood worms, dragonflies and their larvae, backswimmers, water boatman and stick caddis - just to name a few.

It was an exciting and fun day out learning more about our waterways!

"I learnt about the waterbugs that exist in the Yarra River. Some of these swim on their backs!"

Ryker

"My favourite part was when we used a spoon to catch waterbugs." Guli

"I learnt that there are little creatures called waterbugs that you can catch in lakes, rivers and creeks. They are tiny and one is called a bloodworm." Sebastien

"My favourite part of the day was when I saw a cute baby duckling." Audrey

"I learnt that bush tail possums eat turtles!" Ailani















Student Term 3 Showcase Afternoon

On **Tuesday**, **16th September** we will be hosting a student Showcase afternoon.

Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom any time between **3:00pm-4:45pm** to see what students have been learning this term. This is a great opportunity for you to see your child's learning in action and hear from them about what they have learnt.

School finishes at the normal time of **3:30 pm**, however classrooms will remain open until **4:45pm** if you wish to view your child's work after this time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Guli's Visit to 2/3MG

This term 2/3MG has been lucky enough to have an international student visit us from China! Guli has been a wonderful addition to our class and we have learnt so much from him. We have been so impressed with how well Guli has contributed to our learning and taken part so willingly in all of our daily tasks. We have really enjoyed learning more about his culture during his time with us. We will miss him greatly!

Thanks for sharing so much with us Guli, especially your amazing soccer skills!

Wishing you and your family all the very best!









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St Anthony's Primary School Term 4 2025			
Name	Grade		
Add			
Suburb	Postcode		
Parent's First Names			
Telephone (Home)	(Business)		
Please enrol me in:			
Tuesday 8	.15am = 8.45am		

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JUNIOR FUTSAL CALLOUT!

Term 4 futsal fun kicks off soon!

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OPEN (JUNIOR) FUTSAL - LEAGUES

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Age groups: U10, U12, U14 Location: Bundha Sports Centre, Queens Parade Fitzroy

League specifics:

- Seasons are term based (no games on school holidays)

- Term 4 taking registrations now Games are 2 x 13 minute halves. Kick off times 5pm, 5:30pm, 6pm Teams (5+) or individuals, both genders

Costinas

- Cost per team is \$70 for match fees (weekly) \$70 per team per season includes Player Accident Insurance.
- A (refundable) bond of \$70 (should there be no monies owing by the team during the
- League info: www.futsalforlife.com.au/fitzroy-bundha-sports-centre
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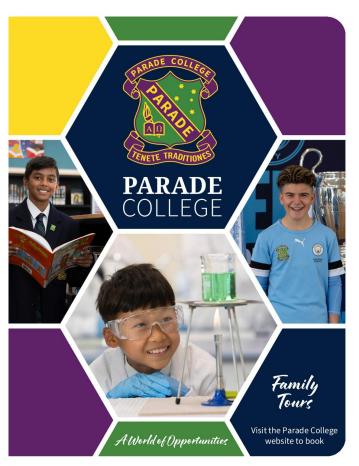
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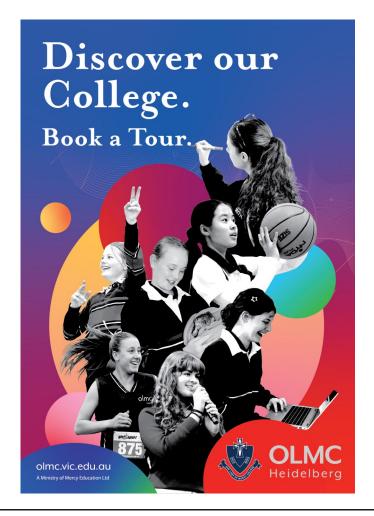




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