

Welcome back to Term 3, already we are nearing the end of the second week. This term will be over before we know it!

As we begin this term together, we look forward to continuing our shared journey bringing to life our vision through, our learning and teaching, our words, thoughts and actions: *An inclusive and vibrant Catholic learning community empowering all to be critical thinkers, compassionate and resilient citizens. Our vision is the foundation of who we are and what we do, let's celebrate our successes while also striving to improve.*

OUR COMMUNITY

We say goodbye and wish the best of luck to the Laskaj family who have undertaken a sea-change. We thank them for all their valuable contributions to our school and wish them the very best in their new endeavours. Don't be strangers!

We warmly welcome Luke (2/3MG) and Winnie (P/1RG) and their families to our community. We look forward to working with you in the coming years. We also extend an excited welcome to Guli (2/3MG) and his family for Term 3. Guli is spending the term with us from Shanghai. We have no doubt that the learning experience will be an enriched two way experience for the class and wider student population.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Already this term we have reason to cheer. Our Mixed Netball team are Division Champions and off to Regionals. Our Girl's Soccer team tied for runners up in Division and today our Girl's Tee Ball team were victorious at Division and will head off to Regionals.

There is no denying the outcomes are great but what we really love celebrating is the teamwork, support and determination each member of every team provides. Our students do themselves and us proud every time they step foot onto a playing field.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results have arrived and will be sent home with the Year 3 and 5s next week and our school data released to the wider community later this term. As a school we use the NAPLAN results to inform our educational strategies, and evaluate the effectiveness of our school's learning and teaching in the fundamental areas. We acknowledge that these results are only a snapshot in time of what each student has achieved and do not capture all the wonderful skills and knowledge they have in many other areas. Parents wishing to discuss results please contact the classroom teacher or myself.

MINI VINNIES—WEAR PYJAMAS TO SCHOOL DAY

Our Mini Vinnie's group are excited to have organised their first activity. This group has been meeting regularly to discuss ideas and look forward to seeing one of them come to life next Wednesday, 6 August (see included flyer). It is always fun to see everyone dressed in their PJs! If you can support with donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, new socks or gloves it will be warmly received by the Alphington St Vincent de Paul group we are working collaboratively with.

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'BULLYING NO WAY' WEEK

The week commencing 11 August is 'Bullying No Way' week. Our SEL lessons for all classes during this week will utilise evidence-informed resources and activities for a proactive approach to bullying prevention and education. A vertical group afternoon will also take place on the topic.

BOOK WEEK

This year's theme is 'Book An Adventure'.

Book Week is always a favorite week for the students! Beginning 18 August we have multiple activities planned in individual classrooms, across levels and as a whole school. Two key activities for families are the *Dress Up Parade on Monday 18 August at 9am (no assembly that day)* and the *Family Activity Afternoon Friday 22 August at 2.30pm*. For this afternoon we are asking for a gold coin donation which will go to *Opening The Doors Foundation*. Opening the Doors supports indigenous literacy and is the key foundation we support as a F.I.R.E Carrier school. We hope to see many parents, siblings, grandparents, aunties and uncles in attendance.

MACSSIS SURVEY

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS) are conducted annually for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This year's MACSSIS window is from Monday 1 September to Friday 19 September 2025. Further information will be sent closer to the date. Please see the attached letter.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is currently seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to join. The SAC is a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents who support the principal and the school community.

No specific experience is required, just a willingness to get involved and a desire to help build a better St Anthony's together.

The SAC meets once a month on a Tuesday evening at the school or online, with occasional additional meetings and actions as required.

If you're interested in joining or would like to learn more, please contact Tania or myself via the office. We'd love to hear from you! - Lauren Nuske

I look forward to a rewarding and purposeful term filled with growth, collaboration and celebration.

Tania Bennett

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2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3		
Saturday 2 August	5pm	Eucharist Commitment Mass—Holy Spirit
Sunday 3 August	10.30am	Eucharist Commitment Mass—St Anthony's
Monday 4 August		Book Club Issue #5 orders due
Wednesday 6 August		Wear your Pyjamas to School Day
Friday 8 August	9.15am	Feast of Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop) whole school Mass—all welcome
Monday 11 August		'Bullying No Way' Week
Tuesday 12 August	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Thursday 14 August		Year 4 First Eucharist Retreat—more info to come
Friday 15 August	9.15am	Feast of the Assumption whole school Mass—all welcome
Monday 18 August	9am	Book Week Parade
Friday 22 August	2.30pm	Book Week Family Activity
Sunday 24 August	10.30am	Sacrament of First Eucharist
Friday 29 August	9.15am	5/6 Year Level Mass
Friday 5 September	7.30am	Fathers Day Breakfast and open classrooms
Friday 5 September		Fathers Day Stall
Friday 12 September	9.15am	Prep/1 RG & 2/3MG Class Mass
Thursday 18 September		School Disco—details to come
Friday 19 September		Sports Colours day and activities
Friday 19 September	1.00pm	Term 3 ends

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 14 October	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Monday 3 November		School Closure—Assessment and Reporting
Tuesday 4 November		Melbourne Cup public holiday
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



MINI VINNIES HAS
ORGANISED

Pjajama Day

WEDNESDAY



AUGUST 6

PLEASE DONATE NEW:
GLOVES
TOOTHBRUSHES
TOOTHPASTE
SOCKS



Feast of Mary of the Cross

Whole School Mass

Friday, 8 August at 9.15am
at St Anthony's Church

Everyone is welcome to attend

Feast of the Assumption

Whole School Mass

Friday, 15 August at 9.15am
at St Anthony's Church

Everyone is welcome to attend

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property baskets are overflowing, mainly with jumpers with no names or names from families who have left which end up in the second hand uniform. Please take a look in the baskets before the end of school tomorrow, as anything left will be donated. Also, please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name on it.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform co-ordinator has also asked me to remind parents that when donating items, please only send items that are official school uniform, no Target/Kmart polos, jackets etc. They also need to be washed and in reasonable condition.

All items are free of charge and we are quite low in stock of sizes 8—10. If you need additional uniform, please contact the office.



**St Anthony's
Primary
Alphington**

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Tuesday 5 August - Numeracy
Wednesday 20 August - Literacy
Thursday 4 September - Science
Thursday 18 September - Arts

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Register online at www.saalphington.catholic.edu.au

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BOOK AN
Adventure



2025 Children's Book Week®
16–23 August

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE

Monday, 18th August

9.00am

Come dressed as your favourite book character or in
the theme of “Book an Adventure”

All are welcome to attend

BOOK WEEK FAMILY ACTIVITY

Friday, 22nd August

2.30pm

Please bring a Gold coin donation for the
Opening the Door Foundation

All are welcome to attend



HAYES RECAP OF ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY

On the first day back for Term 3 we celebrated St Anthony's Feast Day. For lunch we were treated to a delicious pie. Everyone enjoyed playing with their friends again after the holidays.

For the first activity, we did circus skills which was led by Maddie. There were hula hoops, spinning plates, poi socks and flower sticks. We also did balancing on each other at the end. Our favourite thing was balancing and flower sticks.

For the second activity we made juggling balls filled with rice. We filled a freezer plastic bag with rice, and then we wrapped them until they were a neat bag. Then we got two balloons and cut the necks off them, then we wrapped the balloons over the bag of rice to add some colour to the bags. In the end some of us made one, two, even three or four! After that we (tried) to juggle the balls we recently made and it was so much fun even though some of us couldn't do it that well. In the end it was a tonne of fun trying to juggle the balls and everyone enjoyed it. ★

The Trapeze artist craft was lots of fun. In this activity we were using a lot of creativity. Some students made unique designs on their Trapeze Artist, others made accessories like a hat or skirt. To make these we thread string through a straw and tied a knot to make the trapeze, we needed a paper trapeze artist to colour in and place on the trapeze with tape. We would love to make these crafts again.



For our fourth activity we made clown masks and we decorated them with lots of colours and stickers! We liked this activity a lot and we enjoyed colouring our masks. We looked funny and had fun making them and wearing them! ★



Written by all the students in Hayes House





HAYES RECAP OF ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY



ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY CIRCUS FUN

MARTINS HOUSE

By Elsie, Bonnie, Emily and Lucy

Our first activity of the day was making juggling balls out of rice, balloons and plastic bags. We made them by taking half a cup of rice and putting it into a plastic bag, then twisting the bag and folding it over again and again until there was none left to fold over and it resembled a ball shape. From there, we got two balloons to put over the rice ball. To do this, we cut off the bottom of each balloon and used the top part to wrap over the rice ball. Everyone then had the choice to add as many balloons as they wanted.

After we had finished putting the balloons on, we used the bottom of a balloon to cover the ball and make sure no rice would fall out.

Then we watched a video showing how to juggle. After the video, we tried doing it ourselves by first throwing one ball up, then two juggling balls crossing over. Once you perfected that skill, we moved on to throwing three juggling balls in the air.

We all had fun doing that for a while until it was time to move on to the next activity.

– *Bonnie*

For our second activity, we went to the Future Design room to create paper acrobats and make them flip on a string and cut straw we were given.

First, we got a paper outline of a person to decorate and colour. We used lots of colours and patterns and added a face and hair. We decorated both the front and the back to give it an illusion like it was 3D when it flipped.

Once we were ready to stick it onto the straw, we got a piece of string and put it through the straw using a stick to help us. We then stuck the person to the straw, and when we moved the straw, the person moved too.

These acrobats were really fun to make and they all looked really good!

– *Elsie*

Our third activity was making eye masks in the art room.

Everyone got a mask, a piece of string, and a clown nose to work with. On the eye mask, the people in Martin's group would draw a design on their own eye mask with textas and pencils. When they were done drawing, they would tie the string through the holes in the mask to actually make it wearable.

Now the clown nose – we got a red clown nose for fun to wear. We could either wear it with the mask or just on its own. If you were done with your mask, you could do free drawing on a piece of paper, or the teacher in our art room would print something off for you.

I found this activity very, very fun and I would definitely do it again.

– *Emily R*

For lunch we got meat pies and a juice box of our choice.

The meat pies were very delicious and tasted amazing. They were warm and nice.

For the juice boxes, there was a selection of flavours to choose from: orange juice, apple juice, and tropical punch. All of these flavours looked very good, but I chose my personal favourite – apple juice. The meat pies and juice boxes were very tasty and I'm glad I got to eat them. I really liked this part of the day.

– *Emily R*

Our last activity for the day was circus activities. There were various stations, including devil sticks, poi, hula hoops, and spinning plates. We were split into four groups and rotated around until we had done all of them.

In the devil sticks activity, we had one long stick with strings at the ends and two smaller sticks. We made an "H" shape with the sticks – the smaller ones on the sides and the big one in the middle. Then we used the smaller sticks to throw and catch the big one. We could flip it, spin it, and try many cool tricks.

Then there were the hula hoops. With these, we could swing them around our legs, waist, neck, and arms.

Another activity was called poi. These are long stretchy socks with balls stuffed inside the ends. We swung them around and did a trick called "The Butterfly." It's called that because it looks like two flapping butterfly wings.

Finally, there were the spinning plates. We balanced special plastic plates on long sticks and spun them. Some people stepped outside their comfort zone and did harder tricks, like throwing the plate onto the stick and landing it.

Once we finished all the rotations, we had a bonus activity of human balancing. We made a big crowd formation with people standing on and leaning on each other. And that concluded our circus activities.

- By Lucy

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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).

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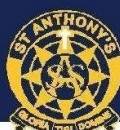


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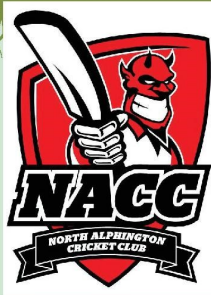
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September 8th and 15th

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>



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TERM THREE DATE

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

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"Bringing Faith and Learning to Life"

Dear students, families and staff,

**Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS):
Monday 1 September – Friday 19 September 2025**

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 2025, 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 in years 3-6, 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.



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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

Acting Principal



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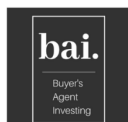


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All students attending St Anthony's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.