

St Anthony's news



Edition 6
23 April 2026

Welcome back from the Easter term break. I trust you were able to spend quality time with family and friends experiencing the spirit of joy Easter brings.

Over the break I spent time preparing for the term ahead. In particular, focusing on our Review. Our landscape has seen considerable change both at our own school level and a system level over the last four years and this will certainly be reflected in our review documentation. I look forward to sharing more about this in the coming weeks.

I love learning, which is a good thing given my profession, and over my break I undertook some work in leadership development. There was a topic on self-imposed limiting beliefs that captivated me and I had many inspiring and thought-provoking conversations with several people from all different fields around this in various professional and social settings. Generally, our decisions and experiences in life are very much steered by what we believe of our own capabilities. So, taking the time to question these beliefs can only assist in a better stance before making the next decision or taking that next step.

I challenge you to join me and take the time, when appropriate, to really break down any thoughts that you may have which are limiting; the self-imposed limiting beliefs, which can be a barrier to becoming the best version of ourselves. I will be using this work with staff and our students in various capacities.

What a delight it was to have our students back. Seeing the Easter bonnets, bright colours and smiles and enjoyment on everyone's faces as we participated over the day reinforces why we love what we do.

As a staff we made a conscious decision back in 2024 that each term would start with an ease back into school life. The intentional focus on well-being allows time to reconnect, strengthening our relationships and ease the pressure for those who may be a touch anxious about the return.

A big thanks to the staff who embraced the day and our P & F for the 'best school lunch ever'.

In additional to all the learning which will take place, Term 2 is packed with a number of events to look forward to including: Mothers Day Breakfast and Activities, Family Week, Sacrament of Eucharist...be sure to read the newsletter each fortnight and monitor the NFORMA emails to stay up to date.

I look forward to connecting with you over the coming weeks.

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2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Term 2

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 27 April	9.00- 11.00am	VU Pop Up Play Session
Monday 27 April	9.30am	Open Morning
Monday 27 April	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Friday 1 May	9.15am	5/6RL class mass
Friday 1 May		Mum's Night Out—details to come
Monday 4 May	9.00- 11.00am	VU Pop Up Play Session
Friday 8 May	8.00am- 9.15am	Mother's Day Breakfast and class visits
Friday 8 May		Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 12 May	9.30am	Open Morning
Tuesday 12 May	6.30pm	Eucharist Formation Evening -Grade 4
Thursday 14 May	2.30pm	Family Week Activity—All welcome
Friday 15 May	9.15am	Family Week Mass & Walk-a-thon—All welcome
Sunday 17 May	10.30am	Eucharist Commitment Mass -Grade 4
Monday 18 May	9.00- 11.00am	VU Pop Up Play Session
Monday 18 May	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 19 May	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Friday 22 May	9.15am	Prep BG & 1/2JB class mass

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 25 May		School Closure Day-report writing
Friday 29 May	9.15am	3/4MW & 4/5MG class mass
Sunday 31 May	10.30am	Sacrament of Eucharist-Grade 4
Monday 1 June	9.00- 11.00am	VU Pop Up Play Session
Thursday 4 June	9.30am	Open Morning
Monday 8 June		Kings Birthday public holiday
Friday 12 June	9.15am	Feast of the Sacred Heart & St Anthony's Feast Day Mass
Monday 15 June		School Concert—details to come
Tuesday 16 June	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Monday 22 June	9.00- 11.00am	VU Pop Up Play Session
Monday 22 June	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 23 June		Learning Conversations
Friday 26 June	1pm	Term 2 ends

TERM 2 UNIFORM REMINDER

At St Anthony's, students traditionally begin to wear their winter uniform as the days get colder in term 2.

If you need additional uniform, our pre loved uniform shop is available.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Terms 3 and 4

Term 3		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 13 July		Term 3 begins
Monday 20 July	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 21 July	9.30am	Open Morning
Tuesday 21 July	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Tuesday 28 July	6.30pm	Confirmation Formation Evening-Grade 6
Sunday 2 August	10.30am	Confirmation Commitment Mass-Grade 6
Friday 7 August	9.15am	Feast of Mary of the Cross Mass - All welcome
Monday 10 August		School Closure Day— to be confirmed
Wednesday 12 August	9.30am	Open Morning
Friday 14 August	9.15am	Feast of the Assumption Mass—All welcome
Saturday 15 August	3pm	Sacrament of Confirmation-Grade 6
Monday 24 August	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Mon-Fri 24-28 August		Book Week
Friday 4 September		Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 4 September		Father's Day Stall
Monday 14 September	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 15 September	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Friday 18 September	1pm	Term 3 ends

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 5 October		School Closure Day—Staff Wellbeing PL with Head Space
Monday 5 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Monday 12 October	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 20 October	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Monday 2 November		School Closure Day—Report Writing
Tuesday 3 November		Melbourne Cup Day
Monday 16 November	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 24 November	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Sunday 6 December	2.30pm	Combined Parish Carols including school choirs
Monday 7 December	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 8 December	6pm	Gratitude Mass and carols
Tuesday 15 December		Step Into 2027
Tuesday 15 December	1pm	Term 4 ends

**No Assembly on
Monday 27 April**

St Anthony's Primary Alphington



**2026 Open Mornings
9.30am - 10.30am**

- TUE 3 FEBRUARY
- WED 4 MARCH
- MON 23 MARCH
- MON 27 APRIL
- TUE 12 MAY
- THUR 4 JUNE
- TUE 21 JULY
- WED 12 AUG

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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.

Students who do not wear a hat are required to play under shade cloth areas only.

**ST ANTHONY'S
PARENTS & FRIENDS**

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

MUM'S NIGHT OUT

**Friday 1st May 7pm
Curious Alice**

15A Railway Place
Fairfield, VIC 3078

*Entrance off Gillies St

TIX \$35

DRINK ON ARRIVAL, GRAZING
TABLE & CANAPES

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SAC Update

Our St Anthony's School Advisory Council for 2026

Lauren Nuske (Chair) – Matthew (Grade 4) and Ben (Grade 1)

Kate Phillips (Secretary) – Jude (Grade 4)

Jess Costa-Pinto – Leo (Grade 2) and Eva (Prep)

Matt Grant – Isabella (Grade 4)

Claire Hayes – Ella (Grade 2), Lucy (Prep) and Oliver (Prep)

Craig Little – Edie (Grade 4) and Pippa (Grade 1)

Jess Lorenzi – Max (Grade 5)

Kirsty Nason – Frankie (Grade 5) and Sam (Grade 3)

Miranda O'Brien – Clara (Grade 5)

School Advisory Councils (SAC) play an essential role in supporting the governance and operation of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). At St Anthony's, we work in an advisory capacity alongside Tania Bennett, contributing thoughtful discussion and discernment while representing the voice of parents and the broader school community.

A highlight for the SAC so far this year was the opportunity to welcome Sarah Parry (North General Manager) and Linda Tarraran (North Senior Manager, School Leadership, Primary) to a meeting in Term One and another in Term Two. Their visits strengthened our connection with the governing body and provided a valuable opportunity to confirm their strong commitment to the long-term future of St Anthony's. It was especially reassuring to hear their confidence in the school's direction, their recognition of the progress achieved under Tania's leadership and their clear support for our continued growth and sustainability.

I am proud to be a St Anthony's parent and enjoy being part of a collective voice that supports the school's ongoing development. On behalf of the SAC, I invite members of our school community to connect with us, ask questions, share ideas or simply have a conversation. Positive connections build strong relationships, which helps us explore ideas with shared understanding and clarity.

Warm regards,
Lauren

#togetherwecan

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ANZAC DAY BADGES

ANZAC Day badges, pens, bag tags and wristbands will be on sale for the final day tomorrow during recess and lunchtime.

The cost of these items range between \$2 and \$5.

Please send cash with your child tomorrow.





GROWING GREAT KIDS!

With our school musical fast approaching, this week's Growing Great Kids is about the power of music!

Music has so many benefits, from the time we are small, when it helps build connection with caregivers and introduces language concepts such as rhyme, slow and fast, loud or soft! It can impact our mood depending on whether or not it's upbeat or calming.

Playing music together builds social connection, and can improve self-regulation strategies. It reinforces concepts around teamwork, empathy and awareness of others. It promotes positive neurotransmitters in the brain, and it is just fun!

Music has the gift of creating shared memories. I will always remember singing R.E.M with my mum on the way to school each morning, even if it was 35 years ago!

So while the students are busy singing and dancing together to get ready for the big performance, we encourage you to pop some music on before and after school each day (you might need to take turns choosing the song!), sing loudly, dance together, build beautiful brains and grow great kids!

For more info on using music at home, including ideas about family activities, making your own instruments, activities that use music and a bunch of websites perfect for including music in the lives of young people, click here to access the [Play Matters](#) website.



EASTER CELEBRATION FUN DAY





ST ANTHONY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS
INVITE YOU
TO CELEBRATE

Mother's Day

FRIDAY
8TH MAY, 2026

BREAKFAST
WITH THE CHILDREN
FROM 8AM

LOCATION
MACKILLOP ROOM

FOLLOWED BY TIME IN CLASSROOM
TILL 9.15AM





EVERYONE WELCOME



VICTORIA UNI

2026 POP UP PLAY SESSIONS



Venue: St Anthony's Primary School

Dates: 27 April 4 May 18 May
1 June 22 June

Time: 9.00am – 11.00am

VU early-childhood pre-service teachers and their mentor are trained in the theory and practice of Playwork and will help to facilitate play by providing a variety of items for children to explore, create and engage with.

Ages 2 - 6 year olds

Register online

www.saalphington.catholic.edu.au

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 **2 Course** **3 Course**

BAKERY - All items freshly baked this morning!

Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (M)	\$6.45	\$9.15
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$9.15
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$9.15
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$10.15
Scroll with Ham & Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.65
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PASTIES - SERVED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!

Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$8.95	\$11.65
Margherita Pizza TWIST (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$9.95	\$12.65
Margherita PITA Pizza (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Pepperoni Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Vegetable Pastie with Tomato Sauce (H, V)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Lamb & Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Mushroom & Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Spinach & Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$16.15

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

Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$12.45	\$15.15

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) - (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)

Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Prawn Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$16.15

SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS

Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$10.15
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.65
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Cheese & Salad Roll (V)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$14.20
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Chicken, Mayonnaise & Salad Roll (H)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Mexi Style WRAP w. Chicken, Salsa, Cheese, Salad, Corn Chips (H)	\$12.75	\$15.45

SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS

Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Greek Style Salad with Feta & Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V) (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$16.15

GF SANDWICHES

GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Chicken (with Mayo) & Cucumber Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65

Snack/Drink Menu

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+ \$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+ \$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Bag of Grapes	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included

BAKERY - SWEET

ANZAC Biscuit	Included
Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Lamington	Included
Blueberry Muffin	+ \$1.00
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+ \$1.00
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+ \$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+ \$1.00
Passionfruit Melting Moment Biscuit	+ \$1.00
Yo Yo Biscuit	+ \$1.00

SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+ \$1.00
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POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS

Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn - Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included

DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES

Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Pineapple Pieces by "Peels"	+ \$1.00

DIPS W/ MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS

Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+ \$1.00
Mango Chutney with Vege Chips (GF, Vg)	+ \$1.00

YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS

Raspberry Jelly Cup	Included
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+ \$1.00
Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+ \$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
Full Cream Milk	Included



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DRAMA CLASSES

Anne has been a therapeutic theatre maker for more than 13 years, collaborating with young actors to write performances based on personal narratives. As a drama teacher, Anne allows children the ability to tap into their imagination, and express it through play. There is no expectation for them to "perform". Simply, to explore and enjoy the process. These classes aim to build students' confidence, enhance their imagination and encourage creative expression. While also developing skills such as problem-solving, adaptability, collaboration and emotional intelligence.



Location St Anthony's Primary School Alphington

Wednesday 4.30 - 5.30 for 9 - 12 year old

Thursday 4.00 - 5.00 for 6 - 8 year old

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MUSIC LESSONS AT ST ANTHONYS PS

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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).

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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Mothers Day**

**SATURDAY 2nd May 2026
10am-2pm**


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FREE COFFEE CARD FOR THE FIRST 200 MUMS AT THE EVENT*
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**WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL
4:00PM - 5:00PM**

- Sport
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- Music




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INFORMATION EVENING**

Wednesday 20 May
6:00pm



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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.