

Welcome back to all our students, families and staff for Term 4! We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and returned feeling refreshed, re-energised and ready for another exciting term of learning. Our gentle and intentional approach to the first student day back for each term was again well received by our students this week. Student wellbeing is at the heart of our return strategy providing opportunities for students to reconnect with friends and teachers, re-establish familiar routines and ease back into learning at a comfortable pace. We recognise that every child returns to school differently, so we are focusing on connection, belonging and emotional wellbeing alongside learning. Through calm classrooms, positive conversations and plenty of opportunities to check in, we hope to create a supportive environment where every student feels safe, valued and ready to embrace the term ahead.

Many thanks to Ms Annie McGinnes who organised our Words Can Change the World Day. It was disappointing that author Adam Wallace was ill and unable to attend but our Plan B activities were brilliant and Adam will be rescheduled when his voice returns.

Term 4 is always a special time. It is a chance for students to celebrate how far they have come, continue building their confidence and make the most of every learning opportunity. Our classrooms are once again buzzing with curiosity, collaboration and enthusiasm as we begin the final chapter of this school year.

There is plenty to look forward to this term, exciting learning experiences, special events, celebrations and opportunities for our students to showcase their skills and achievements. For our graduating Year 6 students, Term 4 is also a time to reflect on their primary school journey and look ahead to the next exciting stage.

As we begin the term, we encourage all students to continue to set themselves positive goals, embrace challenges and continue to demonstrate our school values each day. Remember, every day is an opportunity to learn something new, try your best and make a difference to those around you.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Cruz (Year 5) and Romeo (Year 2) and their family who have joined our community this term. Already they have experienced the care, kindness and inclusion we epitomise in our everyday words and actions. We look forward to getting to know them all as they journey with us.

Child Safety

Child Safety is always at the forefront of all we do here at St Anthony's and we continue to update and improve our policies, protocols and practices.

To date we have tightened our attendance record keeping and I thank everyone who is signing their child/children in via the VPass ipad at the office when arrival takes place after 9am.

A reminder that ***any adult entering the school beyond the office (this includes going up to classrooms) when students are onsite, for whatever reason or length of time, must be signed in at the office and have a WWCC. If you are yet to provide your WWCC details, please do so asap.***

In addition to this, reference checking of all volunteers will be rolled out over the coming term. More

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details to follow...

Adults are not to enter the student toilets for any reason.

If there is a need to assist your child, school age or preschooler, with toileting, head to the office to use the sick bay toilet.

Thank you for your ongoing support and compliance in keeping all our students safe.

MACSSIS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Survey)

Applause for those who completed the MACSSIS Survey! We had 59.5% of our families participate, which will provide wonderful insights into how our school is operating and where areas for improvement are. Data should be released to us by the end of the year and will be shared at various points and across various platforms.

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2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 12 October	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Friday 16 October	9.15am	Prep BG & 3/4MW Class Mass
Saturday 17 October	7pm	School Trivia Night
Tuesday 20 October	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Friday 23 October	9.15am	5/6 RL Class Mass
Sat-Sun 24-25 October		Working Bee Weekend
Friday 30 October	9.15am	1/2JB & 4/5MG Class Mass
Monday 2 November		School Closure Day—Report Writing
Tuesday 3 November		Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 6 November	2pm	COLOUR RUN fundraiser
Friday 13 November	9.15am	Prep BG & 1/2 JB Class Mass
Monday 16 November	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Friday 20 November	9.15am	Grade 3—6 Mass
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

St Anthony's Primary Alphington

TERM 4 KINDER INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER
Sport/Science

WED 4 NOVEMBER
Literacy/Numeracy

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER
Christmas Craft

9:30AM - 10:30AM

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







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St Anthony's Primary Alphington



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Book a personal tour with our Principal via the website

ALL WELCOME





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Thank you for helping make our school the amazing place it is! This term, we're excited to launch our **Monty the Monstar Fun Run**, raising funds for two 3D printers for our Future Design room and, if we do really well, an outdoor inflatable cinema!

How Do We Fundraise?

It's super easy! Simply go to myprofilepage.com.au, click register and create a cybersafe online profile for your child. Once you're set up, share the link with family and friends to collect online donations. Please note: this is an online-only fundraiser.

Raise just \$10 online and receive a prize for your awesome fundraising efforts! When the fundraiser finishes, students will need to login and order prizes based on their donations. Students can mix and match up to a total of five prizes based on their donations or choose to give back to one of the six amazing causes - The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), Carbon Neutral (tree planting), OzHarvest (providing meals to those in need), The Starlight Foundation (bring happiness to sick kids) or Dolly's Dream (end bullying in schools).

Event Information

FRIDAY - 6 NOVEMBER, 2 PM

- Wear a white shirt to make the colour pop!
- Each student will also receive a pair of sunglasses and a headband!
- Students are required to wear closed-in shoes!
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder and slime!
- Parents and pre-school aged siblings are welcome to attend and/or participate.



Challenges

1. House with the most online profiles by Wednesday, 14 October win a zooper dooper!
2. House with the most money raised wins a movie afternoon – with snacks!
3. Any student who raises \$50 or more by Friday, 30 October goes into the draw to win one of 5 x \$20 Classroom Cuisine voucher! Winners announced at Assembly.
4. The top student fundraisers will get to slime a staff member on the day!
5. The student who raises the most money will get to slime Ms Bennett!

We look forward to seeing the students all bright and colourful on the day of our Monty the Monstar Fun Run! Let's fundraise, have fun and make a difference!



ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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*Small
Steps
Big Gains*



**SPEED
& REACTION**



**AGILITY
& FOOTWORK**



**JUMPING
& POWER**



**BALANCE
& COORDINATION**



**CHANGE OF
DIRECTION**



**GAMES
& RELAYS**



**THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:10am – 8:45am**

**SESSIONS AT
ST ANTHONY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**COMMENCES
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER
(Week 2)**

**FINAL SESSION
THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER
(Week 9)**



**AIMED AT STUDENTS
IN PREP – YEAR 4**

**LED BY OUR
YEAR 5 STUDENTS
AND STAFF**



ST ANTHONY'S P&F PRESENT

Going Viral



TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA
NIGHT
THINK FASHION, TRENDS, CRAZES & FADS
(BEST DRESSED PRIZES)



SAT 17TH OCT
7:00 PM

QUIZ MASTER MR WALSH

BYO FOOD & DRINK

Mackillop Room

Team up for a table of 8
or Single Tix to join any table.

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GROWING GREAT KIDS!

This week, the staff at St Anthony's got a treat – we got to be the students! We had an opportunity to engage with some really beneficial professional learning run by headspace. headspace offer education, support and services for youth mental health, and we had the opportunity to take part in SAFEminds (Schools and Families Enhancing minds) training. This training is based on the framework NIP!, teaching families and schools to notice if there are changes in the young people they live and work with, how to inquire about how they are and planning action should action need to be taken.

Schools and families are in a privileged position to create protective factors for young people in many different ways, which can have a positive impact they will take with them for life. Protective factors are things in a child's life that encourage good mental health and help them to build resilience in challenging times.

Connection. Connection, for all people, old and young is the biggest protective factor we can give another person. Everything starts with relationships, and this cannot be overstated! Building a positive relationship with your child offers a sense of security, a trusted adult they can turn to in good times and challenging times, and a healthy dose of fun and positivity! [Raising Children Network](#) offers tips on how to build a better relationship with your child that begins in the early primary years and can continue to strengthen even into those tricky upper primary and teenage years.

Three small things we can all do each and every day to have lasting impact –

- **Be in the moment with your child.** Listen to your child and tune into their feelings. Is their behaviour trying to tell you something?
- **Spend quality time with your child.** Think about how important the small, everyday experiences can be. Smiles, laughter, eye contact, hugs and gentle touch are ways we can use small moments of connection to build meaningful relationships.
- **Create a caring environment of love and respect.** Be available to them, stick to your promises and don't be afraid to create safe boundaries for your child.

Head over to the [Raising Children Network](#) for more detailed tip sheets on why relationships are so important, as well as practical ways that you can keep building better relationships.



2027 Twilight Fair – We need your help

We're calling out for members of the St Anthony's community to help planning the 2027 Twilight Fair. The Twilight Fair is an important fundraiser for our school and a fun community event that our kids absolutely love!

 Friday 19 February 2027

 3:30pm–8:30pm

Planning is already underway, with many experienced Fair volunteers returning and some new volunteers joining us.

This year, we're creating Fair Teams to share the work between experienced and new volunteers. We still need a few more people to join us and support in key roles before Christmas to kick things off.

 Sponsorship & Marketing Team – 4 people

Tasks include:

- Organise Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsors.
- Coordinate our Real Estate Agent Sponsor.
- Organise real estate signboards and leaflet drops.
- Promote the Fair at local schools, kindergartens and the parish.
- Promote the Fair through Facebook and Instagram.
- Keep our school community informed in the lead-up to the Fair.

 Silent Auction Team – 4 people

Tasks include:

- Ask local businesses for donations.
- Set up and manage the online Silent Auction.
- Manage the auction and payments on the day.
- Make sure winners receive their purchases after the Fair.
- Organise thank-you certificates for sponsors and donors.

 Can you help? You don't need to have helped with the Fair before. The teams will share the workload and knowledge, making it easier and more enjoyable for everyone.

If you can spare some time or would like to get involved, please put your hand up!

We will also need volunteers to run the stalls and help volunteer on the day, but will call out for these roles closer to the event. Please email Catherine P&F President to sign up or discuss any queries cathbell14@gmail.com Thank-you St Anthony's Parent's & Friends.

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St Anthony's Primary School

Term 4 commences Tuesday 13th October 2026

Program Overview:

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 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.



Cost of Program: \$130 - seven (7) weeks

Payment via bank transfer to Tennis in Stages

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ENROLMENT FORM

St Anthony's Primary School Term 4 2026

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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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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- 👤 AGES 5–12



**FOOTBALL
(SOCCER)**
AGES 5–12

📅 **WEDNESDAYS**
3.45PM

COACHES ARE ON SITE FROM 3.30PM
Looking after the kids until
the session starts!



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MAKE NEW FRIENDS • STAY ACTIVE & HEALTHY**
In a fun, safe and supportive environment.



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- ✓ Develop skills
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Stay active & healthy

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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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2026**

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