St Anthony's news





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Last week we gathered as a community to celebrate the Feast of Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop. We reflected on her legacy. Mary was an incredible woman whose faith and dedication to education shaped Australia, particularly education in outback Australia.

As a school founded by the Josephite nuns, the congregation Mary belonged to, we share a special bond. The essence of who she was, is lived in our everyday experience. Her words 'Never see a need without doing something about it' prominent in our atrium, continue to guide, challenge and shape us. We witness these words in the thoughts, words and actions of each other. We are called to action, to respond to her example with faith, compassion and hope. Our 2025 United in Hope, pays homage to her, while also reflecting this jubilee year.

Tomorrow, we acknowledge and celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Where we will again gather to honour and celebrate Mary. This time, Mary, the mother of Jesus and our heavenly mother. Mary was a woman of strength, love, compassion and determination. She had a faith so strong she said yes; yes to what was hard, yes to the unknown, yes to God. Mary shows us the way to live our lives as people of humility and unconditional love. She loved her son unconditionally and she teaches us how we too can love Jesus.

We invite everyone to celebrate with us at 9.15 am, Friday 15 August in our beautiful church.

STAFFING NEWS

In the coming week Ashleigh Psalia will leave us to prepare for and welcome her second bundle of joy. We wish Ashleigh and her family all the very best as they grow from a family of three into a family of four. We look forward to hearing the news of their newest addition's arrival. Interviews for the position of Performing Arts Teacher have concluded and I will shortly announce Ashleigh's replacement until her anticipated return in 2027.

SPORTING ACCOLADES

We continue to go from strength to strength in the sporting arena. Congratulations to our Girl's Tee Ball team who are now off to State. While the successes are amazing, it is the unwavering team work and sportspersonship which stands out. Our teams demonstrate who we want our St Anthony's students to be-young people who display commitment, determination and encouragement to not only their team mates but also the opposition. Well done to the team and coach, Nick Haddon.

GRATITUDE

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies team who organised a fun day of PJ wearing and a HUGE thank you to all for the generous donations collected. The bags of tooth brushes, toothpaste, socks and gloves located in the atrium are incredible. Shortly we will present the donated items to the St Vincent de Paul Alphington Conference Group for distribution. The spirit of Mary Mackillop's words, evident in our collective action for those in need.

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AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

What a joy it was to witness twenty three of our students from year 3 to 6 participate in the Australian Maths Competition. Some of the students have a love and aptitude for mathematics and others were simply keen to have a go. Every single one of them should be proud of their efforts and commitment to ongoing learning.

100 DAYS OF LEARNING

Congratulations to our junior students who celebrated 100 days of learning. This group has so much to celebrate. They continue to surprise and astound in their growth and development socially, emotionally and academically under the guidance of their incredible teacher Rebekah Grenfell and ESO's Mary Paschalidis and Vince DÁcri. We look forward to seeing all they achieve this year, there is no doubt they will continue to shine!

BOOK WEEK

Next week we celebrate Book Week. This year's theme is 'Book An Adventure'.

Don't forget we have our 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. There will also be a fun (and somewhat challenging) activity in the atrium for students, staff and parents to participate in, if they choose.

PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

Unfortunately I will be with you all in spirit only as you celebrate Book Week, as I will be attending the Australian Catholic Education Conference in Cairns with the North Central Zone Principal's Network and over 1,500 educators, leaders, clergy and parents involved in Catholic Education. A privilege I do not take for granted.

The theme of the conference "Hope, Anchored in Faith" will be explored through the strategic vision and mission of Catholic Education. I look forward to being personally challenged, inspired and empowered in my role as a leader in Catholic Education, bringing back my learning to share with you all.

I am excited for the opportunity to attend this conference while at the same time disappointed that I will miss the Book Week celebrations. I look forward to hearing all about them on my return. During this week I will be available via email, while onsite Rosanna Romeo, Rebekah Grenfell and Nick Haddon can assist you with any concerns.

Tania Bennett

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2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3			
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Friday	9.15am	Feast of the Assumption	
15 August		whole school Mass—all	
		welcome	
Monday	9am	Book Week Parade	
18 August			
Friday	2.30pm	Book Week Family Activity	
22 August			
Sunday	10.30am	Sacrament of First Eucharist	
24 August			
Friday	9.15am	5/6 Year Level Mass	
29 August			
Friday	7.30am	Fathers Day Breakfast and	
5 September		open classrooms	
Friday		Fathers Day Stall	
5 September			
Friday	9.15am	Prep/1 RG & 2/3MG Class	
12 September		Mass	
Thursday	5.00—	School Disco	
18 September	6.00pm	Grades Prep—3	
Thursday	6.15-	School Disco	
18 September	7.30pm	Grades 4—6	
Friday		Sports Colours day and	
19 September		activities	
Friday	1.00pm	Term 3 ends	
19 September			

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				

Term 4			
Date	Time	Activity	
Monday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins	
Tuesday 14 October	7.30pm	School Advisory Council	
Tuesday 28 October		NEW School Closure—PD on student engagement and wellbeing	
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	









Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass

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

Everyone is welcome to attend

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW







https://www.instagram.com/stanthonysalphington/



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



Pyjama Day











NORTHERN METROPOLITAN SPORTS REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Girls Tee Ball Team for winning the Regional Championship! The girls were too strong for Marymede Catholic College in the final winning 20-9.

Thank you to the amazing families who supported the team on the day.





Premier's Reading Challenge Update 2025

As of Week 4, there are still 24 days left of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2025. The challenge will finish on September 5 so there is still a little bit of time to read the targeted number of books in order to complete the challenge.

Congratulations to Josh (2/3 MG) and Sebastien (2/3MG) who have already completed the challenge!

I am so proud of your efforts and willingness to challenge yourselves to read so many books!

Keep on reading!

Rosanna Romeo



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CLASSROOM CUISINE TERM 3 MENU

New items this term include **Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream; Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney; Carrot Cup Cake (Gluten Free, Dairy Free & Vegan); and Harvest Snaps!**



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School

ST ANTHONY'S ALPHINGTON - Term 3 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday!

Order until 8:30am on the day!

2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45

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	Snack/Drink Menu	
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!	Lunch	Lunch	FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES	
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (v)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+\$1.00
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95	Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (v)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95	Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85	Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
			Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / Q	Whole Fruit - Mandarin	Included		
PUFF PARCEL SERVED AT ROOM TEMP!		,	Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (v)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Margherita Pizza TWIST (v)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45	Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Margherita PITA Pizza (/)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	ougar or ap reas, bears and orieny fornatees	- \$1.00
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	BAKERY - SWEET	
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Choc Chip Cookie	La altituda al
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Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Lamington	Included
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (v)	\$13.45	\$15.45	"Not Cross" Bun	Included
			Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided	7233720	7444	Cornflake Cookie	Included
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	51795539	
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	SUSHI	
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)			POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS	
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Popcorn - Lightly Salted	Included
			Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACC		10000000		
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES	
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (v)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Cheese and Salad Roll (v)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65		
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS	S
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Wrap with Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
			Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+\$1.00
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS				
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	YOGHURTS / BOWLS	
Ham Picnic Bo x (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.7 5	Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+\$1.00
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			DRINKS	50 L
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included	100
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included	400
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included	DOM: Y
			Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included	130
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GF = Gluten Free, DF= Dairy Free, H= Halal, V= Vegetarian, Vg= Vegan

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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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"Bringing Faith and Learning to Life"

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









attendance to assist our planning andcoaching

coordinating. Register here: https://www.playhq.com/cricketaustralia/register/063e96





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM DATES:

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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)

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