

St Anthony's news



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Dream boldly, plan wisely, and build the future with purpose

The energy of autumn and winter in our lives provides a time of transformation and reflection. Reflection requires courage. It's thoughtful and deliberate. The brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder in our lives. Like the leaves falling away from their branches, with great grace, together we can let go and make way for new beginnings. In winter we appreciate the vibrant colours of fire and warmth that the leaves bring, the crispness of the air and the fresh clarity of the light. It is also a time of taking in the crisp invigorating air of our surroundings, which brings a greater clarity to our thoughts and ideas. Being your best only comes when you extract from your past how to engage the future.

Preparing our Review documentation involves reflecting on our achievements over the last 4 years and dreaming for the future. Dreaming for the future; envisioning a bold and positive direction, embracing opportunities for growth, and working strategically to turn our shared vision into lasting success. Great futures are not created overnight; they are shaped by small steps, steady progress, and unwavering commitment.

The future is in our new students and families, who bring fresh perspectives, diverse experiences, and endless possibilities to our community. I have started our 2027 Prep interviews and am delighting in the joy preschoolers bring. The prospective students are asked if they have any questions for me. Yesterday I was asked if I could fly? I can do many things but flying is outside my skillset, perhaps in this student's lifetime it will be possible. Most inventors were initially met with skepticism, yet their perseverance, unique perspectives and creative thinking lead to new inventions and discoveries. Who knows what the future truly holds? It is full of possibilities waiting to be discovered.

'Yours must be a work of love, of kindness, you must give your time, your talents, yourselves' Blessed Frederic Ozanam

What a beautiful quote to live by. Blessed Frederic Ozanam was the founder of St Vincent de Paul Society. They are a lay Catholic organisation that lives the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Our Mini Vinnies support the work of St Vincent de Paul. We speak often of 'Never seeing a need without doing something about it' Mary MacKillop. The Catholic Social Teachings we embed at St Anthony's through our curriculum, our words and actions highlight that we do not need to be mutually exclusive to any one organisation, we can support many, particularly those founded on the principles we hold dear.

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As such the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project, who our Parish works closely with, are in desperate need of toiletries and household cleaning products. A basket will be in the atrium for any donations you are able to provide. Your generosity is gratefully received in advance.

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2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Terms 2 & 3

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Thursday 4 June	9.30am	Open Morning
Monday 8 June		Kings Birthday public holiday
Tuesday 9 June	9.30am- 10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session— Literacy/Numeracy
Friday 12 June	9.15am	Feast of the Sacred Heart & St Anthony's Feast Day Mass
Monday 15 June	7.00pm	School Concert—details below
Tuesday 16 June	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Friday 19 June		Dads Night Out—details to come
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 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
Wednesday 22 July	9.30am- 10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session— Literacy
Tuesday 28 July	6.30pm	Confirmation Formation Evening-Grade 6
Sunday 2 August	10.30am	Confirmation Commitment Mass-Grade 6
Tuesday 4 August	9.30am- 10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session— Numeracy
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 at St Anthony's -Grade 6
Tuesday 18 August	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Thursday 20 August	9.30am- 10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session— Science
Monday 24 August	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Mon-Fri 24-28 August		Book Week
Tuesday 1 September	9.30am- 10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session— Arts
Friday 4 September		Father's Day Breakfast & Classroom visit
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

NEW DATES

St Anthony's
Primary
Alphington

**TERM 3 KINDER
INTERACTIVE
SESSIONS**

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY
Literacy

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST
Numeracy

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST
Science

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
Arts

9:30AM - 10:30AM

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



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2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Term 4

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 5 October		School Closure Day—Staff Wellbeing PL with Head Space
Tuesday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins for students
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

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**TERM 2
INTERACTIVE
SESSIONS**

THURSDAY 21 MAY
PE/Future Design

TUESDAY 2 JUNE
Art

TUESDAY 9 JUNE
Literacy/Numeracy

9:30AM - 10:30AM

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EVERYONE WELCOME




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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

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2026 Open Mornings 9.30am - 10.30am

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

Or book a personal tour with the Principal via our website

ALL WELCOME





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GROWING GREAT KIDS!

At St Anthony's, the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) curriculum is the basis for our Social and Emotional Learning. We know that for students to learn best, they need to feel safe, connected and valued, at home and at school. Our sense of Wellbeing is the foundation for academic learning, and RRRR ensures that our school and our community is inclusive and safe for everyone, celebrating both our similarities and differences. This term, all our teachers and support staff have been putting extra focus on making sure that the understandings within RRR&R are embedded across all our interactions throughout the day.

This term, classes from Prep to Year 6 started with the topic Personal and Cultural Strengths. Personal strengths research has shown that people who know their strengths are 9 times more likely to flourish, and have an elevated sense of subjective wellbeing, and people who put those personal strengths into action are 18 times more likely to flourish (Hone et. al. in Neimiec, 2015). During our Pop Up Play sessions, we have seen our junior students use their personal strengths to create, negotiate and problem solve. When young people feel capable and empowered, they can do great things!

At St Anthony's, we want to develop flourishing learners, but we also want to shape flourishing adults who experience life with a sense of joy and accomplishment, contributing their individual strengths to our beautiful world. One way to support this is by modelling the way we appreciate and use our own strengths as adults. Using the list of strengths below, chat to your family – what do you see in each other? Where do you use your strengths in your work, at home, or to make friends? Which strengths does your family value?

		Loyalty Stays true through difficult times	Inclusiveness Treats other people with respect and inclusion, regardless of differences
Hope and optimism Always looks on the bright side of things	Humour Sees the light side, helps people to laugh	Trustworthiness Does what they say they'll do	Compassion Thinks of how others are feeling
Fairness Treats people fairly	Determination Works hard to achieve goals	Generosity Gives their time and possessions freely	Enthusiasm Has lots of energy and excitement for life
Honesty Speaks truthfully	Courage Does not hide from challenging situations	Self-control Controls desires and sticks to decisions	Creativity Thinks of many ways to solve challenge

'CHARACTER STRENGTHS'*

Reference - 3 ways to flourish - new must-see research (2015) *Psychology Today*. Available at: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/what-matters-most/201511/3-ways-to-flourish-new-must-see-research> (Accessed: 12 February 2026).

DID YOU KNOW?



Winter Holiday Program is rapidly approaching!



Here is what you need to know;

- **Enrolments close on 19 June.** This is a strict cut-off date, as spaces are limited and we are unable to accept last-minute bookings.
- **To enrol your child at St Anthony's Alphington,** please scan the QR code or visit the website using the URL at the bottom of the page.
- **If your child is already enrolled and attending,** you can start making holiday program bookings now through the Xplor App.



We look forward to a fun-filled Holiday Program



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Congratulations to our Year 4s who recently received the Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sebastien Jeanette

Ailani Edie

Jacques Kara

Jude Amelia

Dominique Audrey

Isabella

Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

**Donations of toiletries and household cleaning
products are desperately needed**

Please place any donations in the basket in the atrium

**These donations will be offered up at our
Feast of the Sacred Heart whole school mass**

12 June 2026 9.15am

All welcome!

1/2JB Pop Up Play



Winnie: My favourite part was getting to know the Smart Start kids.

Veronica: I liked making a house with Iliana and Pippa.

Harper: Next time I will make a pegasus and I hope they have a yellow noodle for the horn.

Charles: I enjoyed playing with James



and Zara. It was so good!

Flynn: My favourite part was when James and I were rolling each other around in the big blue tube.

Ella: I want to build a shop next time.

Elahi: Next time I want to play tug of war.

Jonas: My favourite part was rolling around with Akshay.

Birfateh: My favourite part was building a shop.

Leo: My favourite part was getting pulled around when I was in a long tube.

Iliana: I loved making a zip line with Anouk, Leo, Pippa and Winnie but when we tried it, we were too heavy and it fell down.

Anouk: I liked it when Leo and I were filling a tube with balls. It was so fun!

Cruz: Harry, Flynn and I made dinner for King Charles.

Eddie: Cruz and I used the pool noodles to have an imaginary fight. I won!

Harry: We made a delicious dinner for King Charles- it was dirt soup.

Henry: My favourite part was building a shop with my friends. We sold plants.

Akshay: I liked rolling around with Jonas.

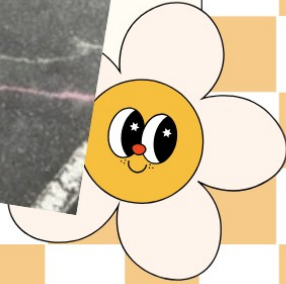
Pippa: I loved it all- I played tug of war, made a zip line, decorated a house and made a ball pit place.

Charlie: I loved playing with the aluminium ducting. It was very fun.





PUPIL FREE DAY
25TH OF MAY



St Francis' Wisdom: an 800-Year-Old Message Echoed in Laudato Si'

*A Parish Pastoral Leadership Team Special Event
Organized for Our Mission Parishes Community*

Join Us — and Bring a Friend — for a Joyful, Informative Evening

Year of Faith **Reflection Night**

Our session will look at the meaning and the responsibility of living in a world that is interconnected. St Francis had a unique appreciation of the beauty of the natural world. ... our spirituality needs now to rise to a new understanding and a new commitment of living, with the awe and reverence for life that St Francis had and that Pope Francis promoted through his 2016 encyclical 'Laudato Si'.
(Fr Brian Traynor CP)

Presenter: Fr Brian Traynor CP

**Venue: MacKillop room at
St Anthony's Alphington.**

supper will be provided



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Fr Brian Traynor CP—is a Passionist Priest, currently leader of the Holy Cross Community, in Templestowe Victoria.

**11
June
7 PM – 9 PM**



Please Register via the TryBooking Link or QR Code
Register <https://www.trybooking.com/DMPPZ>





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Twilight Discovery Tour

Thursday July 16
5:00–7:30pm

SECURE
YOUR PLACE
TODAY



SCAN OR CLICK CODE

Accepting Enrolments for 2028. Applications Close 14 August.

**** LIMITED NUMBER OF 2027 ENROLMENT SPACES REMAIN! ****

MUSIC LESSONS AT ST ANTHONYS PS

**** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC ****

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.



Year 7 Entry Information Evening

Learn why girls thrive at Genazzano, and how we can help support your daughter through her educational journey.

7:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 10 June
Genazzano FCJ College



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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.