

St Anthony's news



Edition 3
5 March 2026

Take a Bow

St Anthony's you've done it again! What a night! Thank you to everyone who made our Twilight Fair a massive success, from the hardworking volunteers led by Catherine and Kate, to the generous sponsors and every family and community member who attended. Your support, enthusiasm, and energy created an unforgettable evening of fun, food, and community spirit. I spoke in my last newsletter about our village and it couldn't have been more evident than last Friday night. How privileged we are to be part of the fabric of our community, what we have is not found everywhere, we deserve to be proud.

Community News

Welcome to James (Prep) and Lily (Year 5) and their family who recently joined our community. We look forward to getting to know you during your time with us.

Enrolment Uplift

We have strong interest and enrolments for 2027 and 2028. Our senior students continue to shine during tours, with wonderful feedback on how well they represent our 'end product'. Prospective parents enjoy experiencing what their little person could be like in future years. If you have a sibling joining us in either of these years please head to our website and lodge your enrolment forms, it assists with our strategic planning. If you know people exploring their options for prep or other levels, suggest they attend an open morning or book a personal tour, again all done through our website.

<https://www.saalphington.catholic.edu.au>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This term we have students in Year 3 and 4 preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May we all keep them in our prayers as they take the next step in their faith journey.

Catholic Education Week

Congratulations to Cruz (Year 2), Edie (Year 4) and Xavier (2025 Year 6) who had art pieces selected for display out of hundreds of entries in the Catholic Education Week Art Exhibition.

Catholic Education Week 15-22 March is an opportunity for all Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their identity and the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. Representatives of our students will attend the Mass of St Patrick's for schools. We will also be taking classes to visit the art exhibition. An incredible experience last year, it really is worth a visit to experience the incredible range of what young people are capable of. For more information visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/catholic-education-week-creative-arts-exhibition>

Holiday Program

We are excited to (finally) be offering our own Holiday Program for the Term 2 commencing on Monday, 29 June school holidays onsite through our MACSEYE OSH Club.

The program will run both weeks Tuesday - Thursday. It will be open to other local Catholic Schools.

Everyone who uses our program knows what an incredible experience it is for our students, the care, range of activities and fun had is second to none. The future of our Holiday Program will be dependent on numbers so please look out for more information closer to the time if you will be seeking care options during this period.

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2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Term 1 and 2

Term 1		
Date	Time	Activity
Sunday 8 March	10.30am	Reconciliation Commitment Mass—Grade 3
Monday 9 March		Labour Day public holiday
Tuesday 10 March		School Photo Day
Tuesday 10 March	2.00pm- 8.00pm	Learning Conversations
Wednesday 11 March		Naplan commences
Monday 16 March	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Mon-Fri 16-20 March		Catholic Education Week
Friday 20 March		Ride To School Day—City of Darebin
Saturday 21 March		Parish Indian Dinner
Monday 23 March	9.30am	Open Morning
Tuesday 24 March	6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation—Grade 3
Friday 27 March	7.00pm	Prep Parents Welcome Dinner and Drinks—details to come
Sunday 29 March		Palm Sunday
Tuesday 31 March	3.00pm- 4.45pm	Learning Showcases
Thursday 2 April	1pm	Term 1 ends
Friday 3 April		Good Friday

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Monday 20 April		School Closure Day— School Review
Tuesday 21 April		Term 2 begins
Tuesday 21 April	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Monday 27 April	9.30am	Open Morning
Monday 27 April	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Friday 8 May		Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday 8 May		Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 12 May	9.30am	Open Morning
Tuesday 12 May	6.30pm	Eucharist Formation Evening -Grade 4
Friday 15 May	9.15am	Family Week Mass—All welcome
Sunday 17 May	10.30am	Eucharist Commitment Mass -Grade 4
Monday 18 May	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 19 May	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Monday 25 May		School Closure Day-report writing
Sunday 31 May	10.30am	Sacrament of Eucharist- Grade 4
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
Tuesday 16 June	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Monday 22 June	7.30pm	Parents & Friends meeting
Tuesday 23 June		Learning Conversations
Friday 26 June	1pm	Term 2 ends

IMPORTANT Nforma Medical details update

Please ensure that you update your child's medical details in the Nforma app. This is the source of information we refer to for up to date emergency contacts, phone numbers, addresses and medical details.

2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Term 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		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

St Anthony's Primary Alphington



2026 Open Mornings
9.30am - 10.30am

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

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH

School Photo Day will be held on Tuesday, 10 March (first day back next week).

All students are required to wear full school uniform (**no** sports uniform or Grade 6 tops). The uniform guidelines are listed below, including hair and jewellery.

If you would like to purchase photos please click the link below and order online. Sibling photos must be ordered before the day.

Please arrive at school promptly on this day.

Parents **do not** attend the photo shoots.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform: Summer dress or light blue polo and tailored navy shorts.

Navy blue (not white) socks.

Black **leather** shoes.

Hair: Longer than shoulder length is to be tied back with navy hair accessories.

Jewellery: The only jewellery permitted to be worn are studs/sleeper earrings, a necklace with a simple gold or silver cross and a watch (no smart watches). Any other items will need to be removed.

St Anthony's School Uniform Policy is available on the St Anthony's website.



GROWING GREAT KIDS!

Sleep is the foundation of good health. Raising Children Network recommends between 9 and 11 hours per night for children aged between 5-11. While the odd late night can be unavoidable (and sometimes lots of fun!), without consistent sleep, our children's ability to focus, learn and regulate their emotions in times of stress or excitement is diminished.

But did you know that good sleep habits begin in the morning? Unfiltered sunlight is an important part of linking our body's circadian rhythm to the right time of day for activity and sleep. Getting natural sunlight in your eyes within a few hours of waking up starts the internal rhythms that begin to prepare your body for sleep. Lots of exercise and physical activity during the day continues to get the body ready to rest, as does getting back outside in the late afternoon and evening to get sunlight in your eyes again. Top it off with a consistent bedtime routine that features -

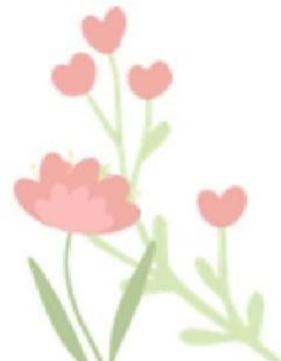
***low light in the evening**

***avoid screens**

- **include quiet, calm activities**
- **a warm bath to lower your core body temperature**
- **cuddles and safe connection with family.**

For more information on sleep, you can check out -

- **<https://raisingchildren.net.au> - lots of info for families!**
- **<https://www.hbermanlab.com/subtopics/the-science-of-sleep> - for those who wish to delve deep into the science and research of sleep.**



Compulsory Working with Children Check

The Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS) has mandated that **all adults coming onsite** at St Anthony's require a Working with Children Check. In addition all adults must sign in at reception.

If you have a current card and have not forwarded a copy to the office, please do so as soon as possible. If your card has expired, please click this link to renew.

[Renew Working with Children Check](#)

If you do not have a card, please click the link below to apply. It is free and lasts for 5 years. Once you have applied, please email through your confirmation to the office.

[Apply for Working With Children Check](#)

This is a compulsory requirement for all schools.

Any adult without a Working with Children Check will not be able to enter the school beyond reception.

Learning Conversations & Showcases

Next Tuesday teachers will be undertaking Learning Conversations with parents. Students from Years 3-6 will be required to attend the interviews with their parents to discuss goals that they have set regarding different aspects of their learning. Students from Prep-Year 2 are not required to attend the Learning Conversations, however they will also begin to set learning goals throughout the school year. Please book a time using the Nforma App for Parents and click the Nmeet tile.

At St Anthony's we promote Student Voice and Agency and believe that goal setting between students, teachers and parents is important. Through Personal Learning Goals, students take an active role in making consistent progress in various areas of the curriculum.

During the first half of this Term, teachers have collected pre assessment data and have worked together with students to pinpoint areas of improvement. Based on mutual agreement, the students have set a target for themselves and will work towards achieving the goal with direction and guidance of their teacher. This collaborative approach promotes student agency and ownership while ensuring they're always appropriately challenged and supported to successfully learn. In the classroom, the continuous cycle of setting and achieving goals and celebrating success helps students to build confidence, fosters a love for learning, and motivates them to keep improving.

At the end of each Term we also invite parents into the classrooms, so that students can showcase their learning. By sharing student learning goals and showcasing student work through open classroom sessions, sending work home and learning conversations, we hope to continue our culture of home school partnership. This term's **Learning Showcase** is on Tuesday, 31 March from 3.00pm - 4.45pm.

Rosanna Romeo

Pedagogy and Curriculum Leader

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PREP BG?





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*** 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.





Hip hop Dance at Saint Anthony's School

We are excited to be continuing our Hip hop dance group again at Saint Anthony's School. The classes are friendly, fun and focused.

McKillop Room Friday Lunchtimes starting this week!

You can book a free trial early in Term 1 (booking is a must) but your place is not confirmed until your fees are submitted. Places will go to whoever has completed term fee payment first.

The groups will perform at events such as the school Twilight Fair and are invited to participate in the Stageworks Academy Annual Staged Concert (2pm to 3:30pm Sunday November 29th). There will be a rehearsal at the theatre on the concert day morning and also 1 extra full dress rehearsal 2 weeks prior in Alphington on a Sunday afternoon 2pm to 5pm. Costumes are provided for hire. Parents will not need to sew. The concert is extremely child friendly and fun viewing for the whole family. Saint Anthony Students enjoyed performing in the role of werewolves in 2023.

How to Book the free trial class



There are **15** class places available per group. To book your free trial, please visit www.StageworksAcademy.au. On the landing page select **ENROL IN A FREE TRIAL**

or you can use this direct link
<https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/stageworksacademy>

You will be directed to create a **Dancestudio-pro account**. Read and sign the waivers, select **SAS Dance** and "**choose a drop in time**". This will be free. You must then scroll down and "Save". (This is easily missed if using a smartphone rather than a computer). Please add kat@stageworksacademy.au to your address book to ensure messages do not go to spam. You will need to

access your DSP account each term so please save the link and your password. Please add a different adult as the emergency contact so that we have 2 numbers.

Class Description

Stageworks Academy adheres to Child Safe, inclusive policy. Classes focus on enjoyment, nurturing confidence and developing performance skills in a positive, caring environment. Our vibrant, fun and productive classes are structured with a warm up, stretches, centre work, travelling steps, turning and elevation practice. Students will learn routines and polish them for performances. Creativity is nurtured through short, small group improvisation and choreographic activities. Children are encouraged to contribute ideas during reflections and creative processes. Most importantly, classes should feel fun, safe and rewarding.

Quotes from existing parents at our other school programs:

"I am amazed by how much my son's dancing has improved! He is really confident with performing now too. Loves it!"

"So convenient. No after school driving and they are with their friends learning great moves"



Introducing Katrina Post



Kat, owner and lead teacher of Stageworks Academy is a passionate choreographer, teacher, singer and violinist. She trained at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School where she received the Victorian Premier's award for VCE Dance and was Dux of the school. She completed her Bachelor of Dance Degree at the VCA and worked as a Contemporary and ballet dancer before completing a Teaching Degree. Kat has worked at many government and independent schools across Melbourne as a VCE Dance, Performing Arts teacher and guest choreographer for graduations, musicals, and concerts. Kat is also a passionate musician. She teaches choirs, preschool music programs and performs as a violinist and singer with Moonlight Touring. Her goal is to share her joy of the Performing Arts with the next generation, helping them to find confidence, creativity, and a strong sense of self.

Getting started:

Students eat lunch in their classroom and are then called via the loudspeaker to the McKillop room. They bring a bag with their shoes, t-shirt and bike-shorts and change ready for class. Missing students are collected by helpers. Students are given drink and bathroom breaks when needed during class.

What to wear

For the **trial lesson**, students are asked to wear clothing that is suitable for activity. Leggings or track pants and a t-shirt work well. **Once enrolled**, Students need to wear the following **uniform** during class: Purple Stageworks Academy T-Shirt (\$20) Black, slip on jazz shoes to protect feet (\$50). Please add black or navy leggings, bike shorts, shorts or track pants from home. Long hair should be styled off the face. Uniform shoes and shirts can be retained year to year.

Fees

To avoid disruptions, yearly enrolment is expected and the Enrolment and Tuition fees are **non-refundable**. Please choose carefully. If joining during a term, please ask for the pro-rata price.

Places are subject to availability. Your place is confirmed once fees are submitted and waivers are signed. ***GST is added to all costs**

1. **Tuition fee:** The Term fee is \$20 per lesson multiplied by the number of weeks in term. Term 1 will be 9 weeks = **\$180 plus GST**
2. **Enrolment Fee:** There is a yearly **\$70 plus GST** Enrolment fee which covers insurance, enrolment, prop and costume hire & design for the year. It is paid upon enrolment per group per year.
3. **Uniform fee:** Children require the uniform T-shirt **\$20** and **black slip on jazz shoes \$50** *please send in cash to the lesson and they will be fitted during eating time or you can buy shoes matching this type at a dance shop. Uniform and shoes can be retained from the prior year. No need to re-purchase if they still fit.
4. There are **discounts** for multiple family classes. 5% deduction from the 2nd class fee, 10% for the third etc. These apply to family members at school and any classes attended at our studio at 7 Adams St Alphington where we offer ballet, acro hip hop, jazz, contemporary, song&Dance for toddlers to late teens.

Administration and Contact

All payments, correspondence and documentation is **directly via Stageworks Academy** NOT Saint Anthony's School.

Katrina Post School of Performing Arts PostGrad BA Teaching Primary and Secondary, Performing Arts Specialist and Generalist Classroom Teacher, BA Dance (VCA), VIT registered, Associate Music Diploma (AMEB), Kodaly & Mini Maestros Teacher qualifications



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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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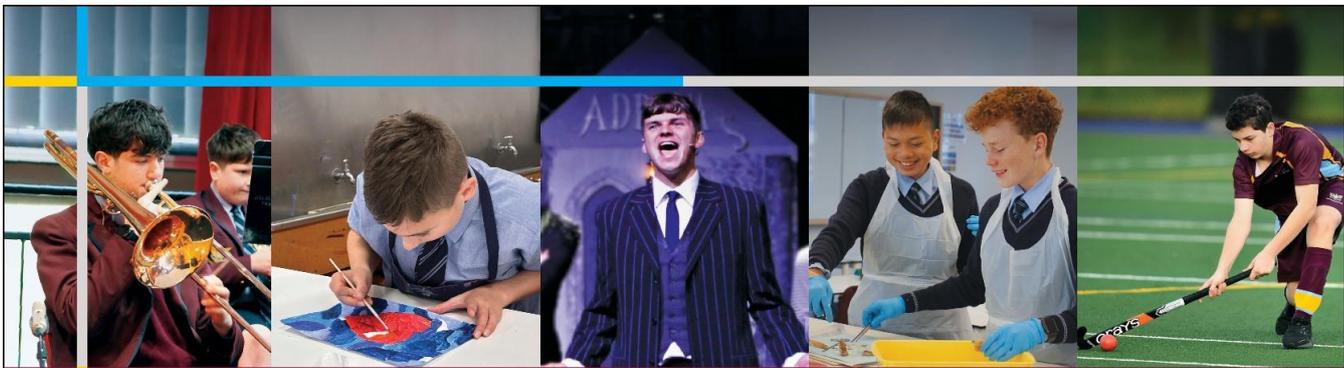


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