

TERM 3

Welcome to a brand-new term! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting weeks ahead.

This term will be filled with new learning opportunities, challenges, and achievements. Together, we'll explore new ideas, build on what we've already learned, and support one another as we grow.

Up and coming events and activities include: Review, 100 Days of Prep, Confirmation, Science Week, Book Week, Mini Vinnies Fundraiser, FIRECARRIERS Fundraiser, MACSSIS (Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys), End of Term Sports Day...just to name a few!

Coming back to school can feel exciting, a little bit strange, or even a little bit tricky—and that's perfectly okay! Everyone settles back at their own pace.

Conscious of this we made the decision last year to always have a gentle entry on day one of the new term. Our Feast Day Fun Day was all about having fun, trying new activities, working together, and making happy memories. It involved playing games, creating something special, cheering on classmates, sharing a smile and making every moment a chance to show kindness and enjoy being part of our wonderful school community.

SPECIAL thanks to our P & F who funded PROACTIVITY Sports and the delicious pie lunch.

The rest of this week, we've taken things one step at a time, reconnected with our friends and got back into our routines.

Our school and classrooms are a place where everyone belongs. Where we will be kind to each other, help one another, celebrate our successes, and remember that making mistakes is part of learning something new.

Looking forward to a term filled with smiling faces, curious minds, helping hands, and brave hearts (students and adults!)

Tania Bennett

St Anthony's news



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Welcome

Over the next three weeks we welcome eleven Short Stay International Students and their families. On Monday the first six joined us. At recess and lunch from the very first day I was reminded that play is a universal language that brings people together. It crosses cultures, builds friendships, and needs no words to create joy, connection, and belonging. What an incredible opportunity we all have through this initiative.

Success

Our first ever holiday program was a resounding success, no doubt largely due to our incredible educators, Claudia and Gaetano. It was extremely well attended by our own students and those from other schools. The smiles, laughter and engagement was a delight to witness. The varied activities will be hard to beat!

We plan to run this again next school holidays and are seeking feedback regarding the program just completed and suggestions for the next. Send an email, make a call or pop in to catch me to share your thoughts.

REMINDER New Attendance Regulations

MACS have recently launched new requirements as part of our Attendance Policy. There are many new practices which will be gradually rolled out.

Two effectively immediately are:

Students arriving after 9.00am (roll is taken at 9.00am, so even 9.05am) must be signed in at the office by an adult. While this may seem over the top and inconvenient, it is best practice and ensures all students are correctly accounted for.

Any adult entering the school 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.

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

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2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3		
Date	Time	Activity
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— staff PD focus on RE
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

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

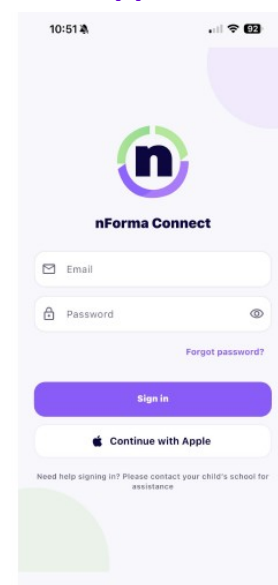
New nForma Connect App

At the end of Term 2, nForma released a new app. It is called nForma Connect.

Please download the new nForma Connect app from the app store. Logging in should remain the same as per your previous nForma for parents app.

Please take the time to have a look through to familiarise yourself with the different tiles. In particular the absent and form tiles.

The notification tile is also important to check as to ensure the settings are set to your personal preferences.



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 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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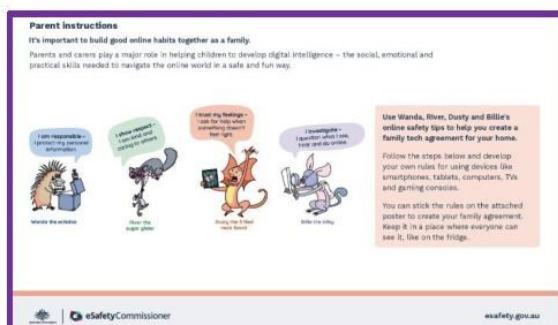
Just before the holidays, we shared some information from the eSafety Commissioner website, aimed at helping parents to navigate the ever-changing online world that our kids are now a part of. Rather than looking at this as scary or challenging (though it can be!), we can approach the online space with an open, honest and excited mindset. Tech can provide our kids with some amazing skills, opportunities and different ways to express themselves.

One way to reduce confrontation around technology is to have clear boundaries that are put in place with a view to keep our children safe, and create responsible online citizens. Clear, firm boundaries can help parents navigate this.

The eSafety commissioner provides a template for families to create [Family Tech Agreements](#). With talking points, relevant resources and guidance around what you should be considering in a tech agreement, including online behaviour and time boundaries, these templates are a wonderful resource to guide you in how to talk to your children about tech.

Creating an agreement with your child, rather than making rules on behalf of your child helps them to take ownership and build critical thinking skills around the online space. It sets the scene for open conversations, so that if they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable, they can come straight to you or another trusted adult and let them know.

Head on over and see which template suits your family best, or even use it as inspiration to get creative and make your own tech agreement!





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SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026

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Heidelberg Symphony's ever popular Children's Concerts are back in 2026 to tell the classic story of *Peter & the Wolf*. Famously narrated by the likes of Dame Edna Everage, David Bowie and Sir David Attenborough, *Peter & the Wolf* has won the hearts of children and adults all over the world.

A fantastic opportunity to introduce children (and adults alike) to a live symphony orchestra and all the colourful instruments that paint Sergei Prokofiev's wonderful tale.

Fun for the whole family and suitable for children of all ages, join HSO for a joyous afternoon of music and storytelling!

Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment, both sessions will sell fast!

Sunday 26 July 2026 1:30pm & 3:30pm

Each concert runs for approximately 50 minutes

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All tickets: \$16 each

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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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DRAMA CLASSES

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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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.

SNAPSHOT PROGRAM

Come & Try



WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST
4:00PM - 5:00PM

- Sport
- English



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