

The recent heavy rain and cold felt like a step back into winter, not a revisit I cared to make. Those teasing moments of glorious sunshine were soon forgotten as the grey and gloom seeped in and I lamented my Tuesday morning before school duty. Rugged up, umbrella in use, I was feeling quite sorry for myself until I heard joyous giggles. Turning, I encountered two students enjoying one of childhood's most simple yet universally practiced pleasures, jumping in puddles. May we all find moments of pure joy and spontaneity in the mundane of the everyday.

### **Faith in Action**

Every October we gather together to pray the Rosary. Each year we look at different ways to do this, always with our senior students leading and ensuring participation for all. This year we seized on the Jubilee Theme, *Pilgrims of Hope, and held our own Rosary Pilgrim inspired by Rome's Madonnelles. Madonnelle's are small, street-level shrines dedicated primarily to the Virgin Mary, found throughout Italy, especially in Rome. These shrines, which can be paintings, mosaics, or statues, often sit at street corners or on building walls and are a form of popular devotion. Our senior students created the most incredible pieces of artwork to represent the rosary mysteries. These were then strategically placed inside and outside the school. In small groups our students walked from Madonnelle to Madonnelle, stopping at each to observe, reflect and pray. The sun was shining, the only noise to be heard were the birds tweeting and the collective voices reciting the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be prayers. The experience was truly moving, the level of reverence displayed is hard to put into words. Well done to all our students for your engagement and connection. To our senior students and their teachers, Rosemary, Joe and Mark, you out-did yourselves; the art work is gallery worthy and your prayer leadership outstanding! Bravo!*

*The Madonnelles will be on display during our Specialist Evening for our wider community to enjoy.*

### **School Closure Day Update**

While the staff were busy inside building their knowledge and skills during their Team Teach professional learning, outside our external staircase refurbishment began. The replacement treads are complete, tiling will take place shortly and the painting of the handrails will take place next year. Many thanks to Andrew (Sonny and Oscar's dad) for his assistance in ensuring this important maintenance item is ticked off the list and meets all safety compliance.

Also on this day we had 19 students attend MACEYE for the day. Being able to offer care for students during school closure days has been some time in the making. I checked in with the students and all were having a fabulous day full of inside and outside organized activities led by our brilliant educators Claudia and Gaetano. Our next goal is to offer an onsite holiday program.

### **Colour Run**

One week to go till we unleash the fun that is Colour Run! Congratulations to our five Classroom Cuisine winners. We are looking forward to finding out who gets to slime the teachers and myself,

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which House wins the Movie Afternoon and hear all about the prizes collected. The event will begin at 2pm and involve sliming teachers, running, a sausage sizzle and zooper doopers. We guarantee the students will be heading home to you messy, we recommend a towel if they will be traveling by car. We hope to see as many of our community members helping out, joining in and releasing their inner child!

## **Connecting With Our Local Community**

Each Wednesday we are involved in a new initiative, a Kinder to School collaboration with Smart Start Childcare and Kindergarten. We alternate between us visiting them and them coming to us. The morning session involves our P/1 students mentoring the kinder children as part of their transition to their first year of formal education. Our students continually do us proud as they share their wisdom, experiences, knowledge and skills. Authentic opportunities to shine are so important. Kudos to all, especially Rebekah, Vince D and Mary P for embracing the concept.

## **Melbourne Cup Weekend**

We are almost half way through the term and already the hustle and bustle of the silly season seems to be creeping in. A reminder that we have a school closure day (Assessment and Reporting Day for staff) on Monday 3 November, providing a four day long weekend. Enjoy the chance to recharge before the festivities turn it up a notch.

*Tania Bennett*

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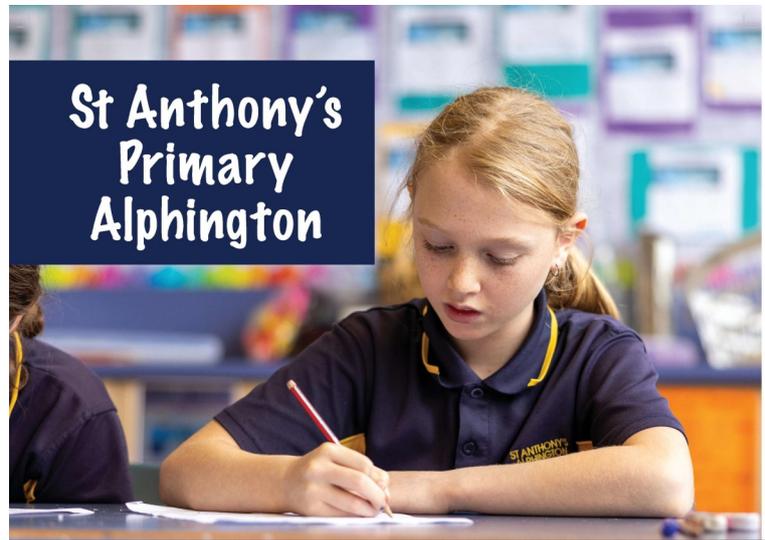
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# 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Friday 31 October	9.15am	5/6BW Class Mass
Monday 3 November		School Closure—Assessment and Reporting
Tuesday 4 November		Melbourne Cup public holiday
Friday 7 November	2pm	<b>COLOUR RUN</b> fundraiser
Tuesday 11 November	9.30-10.30am	Open Morning
Wednesday 12 November		Scholastic Book Fair begins
Thursday 13 November	9.30am	Step Into Prep 2026 - Session 1
Friday 14 November	9.15am	5/6RL Class Mass
Monday 17 November	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
Tuesday 18 November	7.00-8.00pm	Prep 2026 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 20 November	9.30am	Step Into Prep 2026 - Session 2
Friday 21 November	9.15am	Prep/1RG Mass
Tuesday 25 November	7.30pm	School Advisory Council—TBC
Thursday 27 November	6.30pm	Specialist Showcase Evening
Friday 28 November	9.15am	2/3MG & 4MH Class Mass
Friday 28 November	2.30pm	Step Into Prep 2026—Session 3
Sunday 30 November	10.30am	Juniors 2025 and Prep 2026 Welcome Mass and BBQ
Monday 1 December	9.30-10.30am	Open Morning
Monday 8 December		House Athletics Day
Tuesday 9 December		End of year Gratitude Mass incl Christmas play with carols
Friday 12 December		Mission Stall Day
Tuesday 16 December	12pm	Step Up into 2026 session Whole School Assembly & Guard of Honour for Year 6s
Tuesday 16 December	1pm	Term 4 ends



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### INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Thursday 23 October - Numeracy

Monday 10 November - Literacy

Thursday 4 December - Christmas Craft

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

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# SCHOOL FUN RUN

**School Colour Fun Run Day is almost here!!**

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

**TIME:** 2PM

**WHAT TO WEAR:** White t-shirt  
Old runners  
Shorts that can be coloured  
Towel

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE



## Yarning Conference at Bundoora Park



On Monday, 21st October, the Year 5 students and our FIRE Carriers attended the Yarning Conference at Bundoora Park. It was a great day where we learned more about Aboriginal culture and history.

We began the day by listening to Laila and Brad, who spoke to us about what we would be doing throughout the day. After that, Uncle Bill shared stories about his Country and his experiences growing up. He talked about the challenges he faced at school and helped us understand how unfair things were for many Aboriginal people in the past.

Later, we joined in a fun and energetic session with Shiralee Hood, who taught us the kangaroo dance. She also taught us the Aboriginal word **'Brrrrr'** which means "stop" in one of the Aboriginal languages.

We all had a fantastic time learning, dancing, and connecting with others. It was a great experience to celebrate culture and understand more about the importance of respect and inclusion.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from Aboriginal leaders and will take what we learned back to our school community, continuing to show respect and understanding for all cultures.



## RSL RED POPPY APPEAL

St Anthony's will again be supporting the RSL Red Poppy Appeal by selling badges, pens and wrist bands.

Items will range between \$2 and \$10. SRC reps will be selling badges at recess and 1st half of lunch starting tomorrow until Monday, 10 November. Please send the correct money.

# PUPIL FREE DAY

*newsletter*

## ST ANTHONY'S PUPIL FREE DAY ON TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER

The children rolled up their sleeves to make delicious homemade bacon and cheese rolls, got messy (in the best way) experimenting with colorful slime, and expressed their artistic flair through vibrant outdoor painting. Between rounds of board games and bursts of imaginative play, laughter filled the air. It was a wonderful day of learning, and teamwork! Check out some photos below!



# Positive Parenting Group

A **free** online five-session supported parenting group for parents of children aged 5-10 years.

Open to parents living in the Cities of Darebin, Yarra, Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea.

The positive parenting group supports parents to learn strategies they can put in place to support their child to:

- Manage their emotions,
- Build emotional resilience,
- Build self-esteem and independence,
- Develop problem solving skills,
- Develop life and communication skills, and
- Build healthy relationships.

The group will address common parenting challenges and provide strategies to put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. Each family attending will receive a free resources pack.

**Dates:** weekly for 5 weeks, commencing 10/11/25\*

**Time:** 10:00am - 11:00am

**Location:** Online via Zoom

\*Please note availability for all sessions is required

## How to make an enquiry:

Contact Georgia from the Triple P Team by emailing us at [triplep@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:triplep@berrystreet.org.au) with your *full name and contact number*. Enquiries must be made by 5pm on 27/10/25.

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# TERM 4 MENU—New items!!

We have added a Mexican Inspired Salad with Corn Chips and Tortellini Pasta Salad to our main course selection - perfect for the warmer months. Also, the Simple Salad Roll is back due to popular demand! The subsequent courses now include a Raspberry Jelly Cup and a Bag of Grapes, to take advantage of the seasonal produce.



**Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School**  
**ST ANTHONY'S ALPHINGTON - Term 4 - 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
<b>BAKERY</b> All items freshly baked this morning!		
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65
<b>PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PUFF PARCELS</b> Served at room temperature!		
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pizza TWIST (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45
Margherita PITA Pizza (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45
<b>SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc)</b> Soy Sauce (GF) Provided		
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
<b>RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc)</b> (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)		
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
<b>SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS</b>		
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap with Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95
<b>SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS</b>		
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Mexican Inspired Salad with Corn Chips (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V) (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
<b>GF SANDWICHES &amp; WRAPS</b>		
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu	
<b>FRESH FRUIT &amp; VEGETABLES</b>	
Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+ \$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+ \$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+ \$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Bag of Grapes	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+ \$1.00
<b>BAKERY - SWEET</b>	
Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Lamington	Included
"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+ \$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+ \$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+ \$1.00
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+ \$1.00
<b>SUSHI</b>	
1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+ \$1.00
<b>POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS</b>	
Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn - Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included
<b>DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES</b>	
Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+ \$1.00
<b>DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS</b>	
Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+ \$1.00
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+ \$1.00
<b>YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS</b>	
Raspberry Jelly Cup	Included
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+ \$1.00
Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+ \$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+ \$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+ \$1.00
<b>DRINKS</b>	
Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
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**Tuesday November 25**  
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