

I am currently completing the Annual Report to the School Community which, by default, creates enforced reflection time. All too often we move through life so focused on what's next that we neglect to stop and smell the roses, to spend time in the present and marvel at all that is going on around us. Last newsletter I shared our 2024 MACSSIS data, which was outstanding. The report is another way to recognise and acknowledge our achievements without losing sight of future direction.

Next week we celebrate Catholic Care Family Week. We have a long standing tradition of embracing Family Week. I was recently contacted by Catholic Care who wanted to acknowledge our contribution to the week, particularly our fundraising which assists them to provide the vital work that they do. At assembly on Monday a representative of Catholic Care will attend to not only show us their appreciation but to also strengthen our knowledge of their organisation. All are welcome. On Thursday we look forward to opening our doors to family members. Each family will be engaged in a fun activity together. Then on Friday we begin the day with a whole school mass, followed by a lap-a-thon, again we would love family members to join us.

Strategic planning does not always go to plan! I recently realised that the school closure day scheduled for Friday 5 September, clashed with Father's Day. Not sure how that went unnoticed for so long. Like Family Week our Father's Day and Mother's Day breakfasts are a tradition, a Friday tradition and we will not be changing that. The school closure day is being rescheduled, once the facilitator can confirm a new date I will let everyone know as soon as possible. Apologies for the error.

Thank you to those who have reached out expressing their interest in becoming a parent ambassador, there is still some availability for anyone wanting to join. Shoot me an email, catch me in person or make a call. Ambassadors will play a pivotal role in our enrolment uplift strategy.

A strength of our school is our community. The people who make up this community and the things we do to create community. Two new families have recently joined us. We warmly welcome Flynn (Christiane and Sandie) and Christopher and Angelina (Thomasina and Jamie). We look forward to getting to know each of them over their time with us. Both families commented on how lovely it was to be authentically greeted by students, staff and parents when arriving in the mornings or afternoon pickups. I take that as a given but it isn't the practice everywhere. It's an example of who we are, what we value, a small example perhaps, but definitely a credit to us.



Family Week Reflection

May we each consider the ways in which we welcome other people, and make them feel valued and worthy of contributing to our community with a sense of belonging.

May we each consider our unique gifts and consider how they can be used to enhance our communities and to appreciate that everyone, including strangers, have unique gifts to offer.

May we each understand that we are each a part of the greater puzzle, understanding that we all contribute to building thriving communities.

May we each feel a connection amongst all in our community, so that everyone knows that they are important, that they matter and that they belong.

May we work to overcome any real or perceived barriers so that all people can feel that they belong despite any differences.

May we each know that we are valued.

Tania Bennett



2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Friday 16 May		School Closure—Professional Learning Maths
Monday 19 May		Family Week begins
Tuesday 20 May	9.30-10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session
Thursday 22 May	2.30pm	Family Activity Afternoon—All welcome
Friday 23 May	9.15am	Family Week Mass and Catholic Lap-a-thon—All welcome
Sunday 1 June	11am	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Tuesday 3 June	7pm	Confirmation Formation Evening
Thursday 5 June	9.30-10.30am	Open Morning
Monday 9 June		King's Birthday public holiday
Tuesday 10 June		School Closure—Assessment and reporting
Wednesday 11 June	9.30-10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session
Friday 13 June	9.15am	St Anthony's Feast Day whole school Mass—all welcome
Saturday 14 June	3.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation—St Patricks Cathedral, East Melb
Tuesday 17 June		Classroom Showcase afternoon
Friday 27 June	9.15am	Feast of Sacred Heart whole school Mass—all welcome
Saturday 28 June		Trivia Night—SAVE THE DATE—details to come
Monday 30 June	9.30-10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session
Tuesday 1 July		Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations
Friday 4 July	1.00pm	Term 2 ends

Term 3		
Monday 21 July	8.50am	Term 3 begins
Wednesday 30 July	7pm	Eucharist Formation Evening
Sunday 3 August	11am	Eucharist Commitment Mass
Friday 8 August	9.15am	Feast of Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop) whole school Mass—all welcome
Tuesday 12 August	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
Friday 15 August	9.15am	Feast of the Assumption whole school Mass—all welcome
Monday 18 August		Book Week
Sunday 24 August	11am	Sacrament of First Eucharist
Friday 5 September	7.30am	Fathers Day Breakfast
Friday 19 September	1.00pm	Term 3 ends
Term 4		
Monday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 14 October	7.30pm	School Advisory Council
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		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	11am	Junior 2025 and 2026 Mass and BBQ
Tuesday 9 December		End of year Gratitude Mass—all welcome
Friday 19 December	1.00pm	Term 4 ends—date to be confirmed

2026 ENROLMENTS

CLOSING on Friday, 13 June

If you have a child or know a child who will start school next year please click on the link below to start the enrolment process.

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



FAMILY WEEK 2025



Family Activity afternoon

Thursday, 22 May at 2.30pm

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Family Mass and Lap-a-thon

Friday, 23 May at 9.15am



All are welcome

The Wedding Singer



By Will and Noah

On Wednesday the 14th of May, the Year 4/5 students went to see 'The Wedding Singer' performed by Parade and Santa Maria College. When we got there, we had 5 minutes to eat our food, then when we got into the theatre and they told us what play was on. Midway through the play, we had an interval where we could eat our lunch and run around a bit, then we watched the second part of the play. The 2nd bit had an ending that left us speechless because it had a lot of drama. In the end, the main characters got married. Afterwards, the cast came out to answer our questions. We got given show bags with some Parade and Santa Maria labelled highlighters and a notebook. The play was a magnificent comedy musical, and we rate it 8 and a half out of 10!

Nan's Garden

It's a very busy time in Nan's garden, and our Winter planting has begun!

The year 2/3 students planted broad bean, sweet pea and sugar snap pea seeds before the holidays, and they are almost ready for transplanting.

Over the next few weeks, other classes will help with the planting, weeding and further maintenance of our beautiful garden.

We Need Your Help!

One initiative we'd love to work on is to create a gumboot garden! Made up of pairs of (or odd!) gumboots, we plan to create a wall of gumboots filled with flowers and primarily strawberries.

Any Size, Any condition. If you have any old gumboots, please send them along to school with your child.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks again for all your support. Mark Walsh



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



St Anthony's Alphington

Term 2

A message from the team

Hi parents and guardians,

We are checking in to show you what we have been up to here at MACseye! Although you may not use OSH weekly it is a great idea to have your child enrolled with MACseye to ensure if you do need to use OSH, your account is ready, as it can take some time for enrolments to be processed and ready for bookings. The QR code to sign up is below.

Some simple reminders

- Please label all hats and clothing that enter OSH to help us return any misplaced hats or jumpers to the correct children
- Please remember to sign your children in and out of OSH using your Xplor app if you are struggling reach out and we can assist you

Thanks,
Gaetano and Claudia 😊

Check out the fun!



Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at St Anthony's Alphington today!

Call our friendly team: 0491 117 427 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: St Anthony's Alphington Primary 7 am – 9 am and 3 pm – 6 pm

Email: enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au | **Website:** www.macseye.vic.edu.au

Important Dates

- 16th of May Pupil Free Day
- 10th of June Pupil Free Day

Projects we are working on

- Running on Pupil Free Days
- Creating more child based fun programs

Term Dates

Monday 22 April –
Friday 4 July 2025

St Anthony's Alphington



2025 Open Mornings
9.30-10.30am

TUE 11 FEB | THUR 6 MAR | WED 26 MAR
MON 28 APR | TUE 13 MAY | THU 5 JUNE

Or alternatively please call to arrange a private tour with the Principal

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Thursday 24th April - Numeracy
Tuesday 20th May - The Arts
Wednesday 11th June - Literacy
Monday 30th June - Future Design & Physical Education

SESSIONS RUN FROM 9:30 - 10:30AM

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



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St Anthony's Primary School STORY TIME



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9.30am - 10.30am
52 Austin Street, Alphington



Ages 2 - 5 years



MUSIC LESSONS AT ST ANTHONYS PS

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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)

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.



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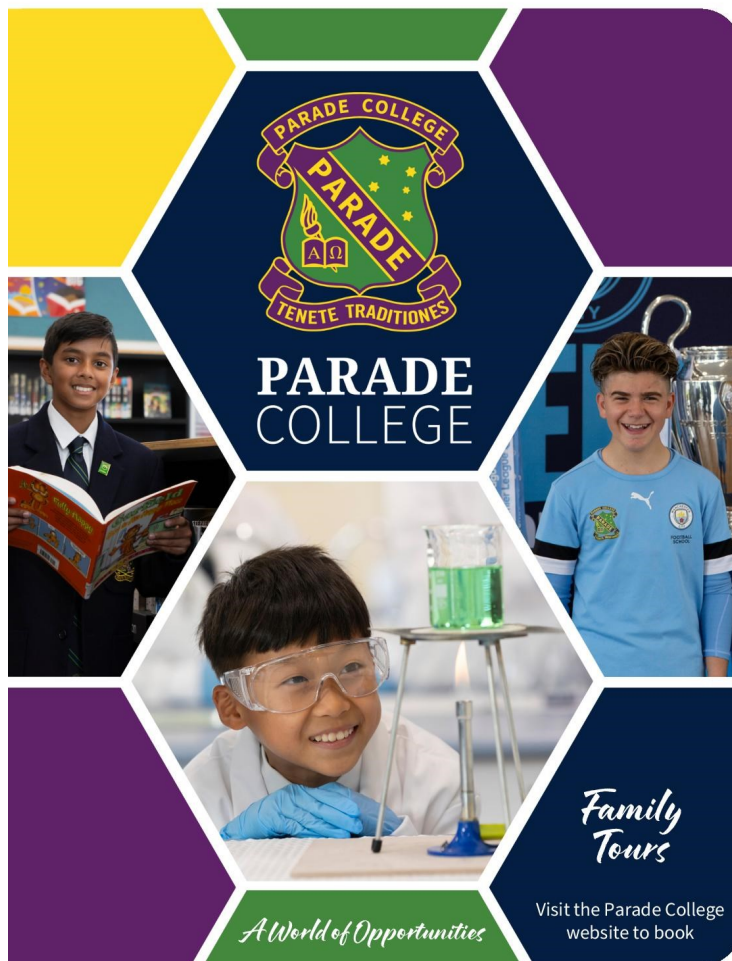
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ENROL NOW YEAR 7 2027

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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.