St Anthony's News



"Bringing Faith and Learning to Life"

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Wow! Wow! Wow!

Tuesday night was certainly a night to remember. The 'Toy Camp' buzz still continues. It's no secret that I love a musical and Toy Camp did not disappoint. From the opening song to the closing whole school number and everything in between, the performances were incredible. Song, dance, acting, high energy, gentler moments, a story with a moral, humour and a few tearsit had it all.

The leads practiced, practiced and then practiced. They should all be so proud of what they achieved. To stand up and not only remember lines, but sing and dance in front of an audience is not a feat for the meek. They were often called to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zones and they rose to the challenge. They developed a stage presence, they were bold. The natural talent was there at the beginning but it was developed and polished under the impressive skills, expertise and passion of Ashleigh Psaila, she believed in them, so they believed in themselves.

In the weeks leading up, I would often pop in and out of the MacKillop Room to watch the progress and, if I am honest, sing along, and I lost count of how often I was asked which was my favorite class performance. Like a good parent does, I would tell the questioner it was their classes but honestly there was no favorite. Each class held their own and each was unique to the particular group. And again, I observed students being gently pushed and supported to step out of their comfort zone, have a go and do their best and they did. The lure of performing with their classmates and knowing they would be disappointed afterwards if they didn't participate, allowed each to rise and shine in their own right.

Like any event, a concert doesn't simply happen. It takes months of planning and preparing, first by an individual but then supported by a team. The time, attention to detail and enthusiasm Ashleigh Psaila brought to Toy Camp was no doubt the foundation to its success. You couldn't help but jump onboard. This foundation was then supported by many. Heartfelt thanks goes to all who assisted in any way; organising costumes, adding to costumes, designing and building sets, transporting sets, offering clothes racks when the call went out, collecting leads later than usual as they rehearsed, supporting and encouraging your own child/children to participate, arriving early to apply makeup, doing whatever was needed prior, during and after the concert, buying tickets for family and friends. I am sure I have missed things but everything big and small matters, is needed and has an impact.

Ashleigh, I hope when you sit back and watch the concert it was brought to life the way you envisaged it would be. It truly was amazing and the memories from nights like this last forever. Students and families I hope when you receive the video you enjoy watching, rewatching and reliving the night for years to come. Our students did exactly what we aspire for them, seizing all opportunities and having a red hot go. I am so proud of St Anthony's! Bravo!!

Tania Bennett Acting Principal

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2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Terms 3 and 4

Term 3						
Date	Time	Activity				
Friday 30 August		Father's Day Breakfast				
Friday 30 August		Father's Day Stall				
Saturday 31 August	7pm	St Anthony's Trivia Night				
Wednesday 4 September		Indigenous Literacy Day Book Swap				
Friday 6 September	9.15am	Prep/1RG and 2MW Class Mass				
Wednesday 11 September	6.30pm- 7.30pm	Year 2MW Scripture Night				
Thursday 12 September	9.30am- 10.30am	Open Morning				
Friday 13 September	9.15am	5/6ZN Class Mass				
Friday 20 September	9.15am	5/6RL Class Mass				
Friday 20 September		Sports Colour Day				
Friday 20 September	1pm	End of Term 3				

Come and experience how St Anthony's Alphington stands out from the rest



Enrolments now open! Limited places available in Years 1 – 6





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Term 4						
Date	Time	Activity				
Monday 7 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins				
Tuesday 22 October		Year 5 Darebin Yarning Conference				
Wednesday 23 October		Maths Activity Day—details to come				
Friday 25 October	9.15am	3/4MG & 3/4JB Class Mass				
Saturday 26 October		St Anthony's Cocktail Night				
Friday 1 November	9.15am	5/6VM Class Mass				
Monday 4 November		School Closure Day— Assessment and reporting				
Tuesday 5 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday				
Wednesday 6 November		Italian Activity Day—details to come				
Friday 8 November		Prep Orientation Session 1				
Friday 15 November	9.15am	5/6RL Class Mass				
Friday 15 November		Prep Orientation Session 2				
Thursday 21 November		School Disco				
Friday 22 November	9.15am	5/6ZN Class Mass				
Friday 22 November		Prep Orientation Session 3				
Sunday 1 December	11am	Prep 2024 & Prep 2025 Mass & BBQ				
Thursday 5 December		Mission Stalls—details to come				
Friday 6 December	9.15am	Prep/1 RG & 2MW Class Mass				
Tuesday 17 December	1pm	Last day of school				

REMINDER

Fathers Day stall tomorrow.

Gifts priced at \$5 and \$10.

Don't forget to send a bag to hide the presents in.



AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST

Australian Maths Trust. CAT Competition

A very big congratulations to the children who participated in the CAT Maths Competition run by the Australian Maths Trust.

The Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition is designed to give students the opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills through algorithmic thinking. The competition incorporates unique 'three-stage tasks' that encourage students to develop informal algorithms and apply them to test data of increasing size or complexity. These skills can be used to develop students' interest and potential in computer programming. The focus topic this year was applying rules.

Well done to all the following senior students who participated: Oliver, Andrew, Lucy W, Archie, Jenson, Lucy G, Xavier, Ricky, Sapphire, Tom, Summer, Ned, Alexander Z, Hugo, Jake M, Leo B.

A special mention to the following students; Ned who received a Best in School Award and Distinction Award and Leo B, Lucy W and Sapphire who received Credit Awards.

Keep alive your love of mathematics.

District Athletics Day

Last Monday, 51 athletics kids headed to Meadowglen Athletics Track. As we arrived, the sun was shining down on the track. Everyone was a little nervous but ready to go. There was lots of fun, and our team showed great sportsmanship, winning ribbons in almost every event.

Many kids performed exceptionally well, and the overall vibe was fantastic. By the end of the day, most people had earned two ribbons, which was a great achievement for our school. It was amazing to see all the kids' hard work pay off. Everyone had lots of fun, and it was a fantastic day overall. The boys ended up coming fifth overall, and the girls came first for the seventh year in a row!

All of the kids from our school were amazing. Everyone was cheering each other on during the events. A huge thank you to Mr. Haddon for coaching everyone and all the teachers who helped on the day.

By your 2024 Athletics Captains Summer and Piper



ST ANTHONY'S P.S. TRIVIA BIGGHD

R NIGHT RT THE MOVIES SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST 7:00PM START TIME MACKILLOP ROOM

Tickets available via the link below https://www.trybooking.com/CUPED

LAST MINUTE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!

SEEKING TWO MORE MEMBERS...Is this something you would be interested in? Jourse call Matt or Tania to have a chat. St Anthony's Alphington

School Advisory Council

Expressions of Interest

St Anthony's is seeking members for our School Advisory Council to support the principal, parish priest and leadership team of the school.

While no particular expertise is required, we are looking for people who are enthusiastic, have a focus on the whole school and have an interest in making St Anthony's better. Parent voice is an integral part of creating a successful school community.

We are inviting you to express your interest in being part of the School Advisory Council. If you wish to be part of this important team, please get in contact with us.

Matt Zaba, School Advisory Council Chair -0411111518

Tania Bennett, Acting Principal-94897936



Congratulations to our Year 4's who received Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, 25 August. May you always feel welcomed and partake at the Table of the Lord.

FIREFIGHTERS VISIT P/1



n Tuesday morning the fireright came into the prepin duss room. Fift whe read a a book about all the helper we leard t about good and bad drives. Next we talked about smoke clarms. Afreez' that the firerighters asked do you have a meeting place. Finally we saw them put the suit of

on wednesday moring the firefighters came into the Rep Zone classif whom: to Spray the hose and we made it in the firetrined were also got to see them sprag whe big hose







TOY CAMP-BACK STAGE

















Regional Tee Ball

Two weeks ago, 11 of the Grade 5 / 6 girls competed in the Regional T-Ball Championships, which means we were in the top 220 schools in the whole North of Melbourne. There were four different schools that the girls had to beat to advance to the State Level. In the first game, we played Marymede Catholic College, which turned out to be the hardest game of the day. Beating that team gave all the girls a boost of confidence and good vibes, motivating them to win against the other three schools.

While the girls were playing, the parents were cheering enthusiastically in the sun. It was a fantastic day, with everyone's hard work paying off as we qualified for state! All the girls who participated were amazing, and everyone played great. A big thank you to Mr. Haddon for coaching us through interschool sports, which we won, and then guiding us through district, division, and regional competitions—now onto STATE!!!! Go St Anthony's.

Tee Ball Captain - Bonnie O





BOOK WEEK 2024

















PYJAMA DAY

What a fun day we had dressing in our pyjama's for the St Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Appeal.



Sport Colours Day

Friday 20th September-Last Day of Term

Come to school dressed in your team's colours, as your favourite sport or in the uniform of a team you play in... be ready to participate in fun activities!



St Anthony's Alphington

Come and see how we stand out from the rest



2024 Open Mornings 9.30-10.30am

TUE 28 MAY | MON 24 JUN | WED 24 JUL TUE 13 AUG | THU 12 SEP

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





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THANK YOU

The SRC would like to thank all families who have donated to the St Vincent De Paul Blanket Drive Appeal.

We hope all the people in need will stay warm and safe during the cold winter months. The SRC really appreciate all the donations.

We remind all families that you can still donate blankets until the end of Term 3.

From the St Anthony's SRC



DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW



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National Child Protection Week starts next week (2nd September)

National Child Protection Week starts next week. This year, we are *all called to start a new conversation*. Why? Because every conversation matters.

Listening and conversing are crucial parts of a child's development, they help them grow, and connect with people, their community and culture. They are pivotal in reducing child abuse.

Children may clam up...

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- when they are interrupted.
- when their adult listener is obviously bored or busy doing something else.
- when the adult takes over the discussion.
- when they have their pronunciation or grammar mistakes criticised.
- when they feel they are being questioned.
- when they feel disapproval.

Talking about worries

Sometimes children need to talk about worries, but don't know how to start. Recognise their feelings and gently prompt them. If you really don't have the time just then, make it clear that you will listen later on – and do! Find a quiet place where you can give your undivided attention. Help your child talk about their feelings. Find out what they would like to happen before taking over with adult solutions. It might be best to compromise. If the problem is serious and you need to act, try to stay calm. Strong adult emotions can scare children into silence.

Why listening to children is so important

Making a point of listening to every child you know is one of the most important things you can do. It shows children you really care and respect that they are worth listening to. This helps them feel they are special and respected. Being listened to also helps children to practice putting ideas into words, explore their feelings, and develop self-confidence. When you listen to your child, you benefit by learning more about how your child thinks and feels, and what they need.

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For more parenting information and support: Parentline ACT (02) 6287 3833 Parentline NSW 1300 1300 52 Parentline NT 1300 301 300 Parentline QLD 1300 30 1300 Parentline SA 1300 304 100 Parenting Line TAS 1300 808 179 Parentline VIC 13 22 89

Parenting Line VVA 08 9368 9368 (metro) 1800 111 546 (regional) Parenting lines provide a telephone service providing

information and good ideas about caring for babies and children.

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NAPCAN is an independent charity and the leading advocacy body for prevention of child abuse and neglect.



Finding a time and place for talk

Children will chat more freely when they are doing something with you. This could be:

- Going shopping together
- Walking the dog
- · Sitting at a table and sharing a meal
- Watching a TV program together

• Doing a puzzle or making something together Bedtime is a great time to talk. Then your child knows you are a captive audience!

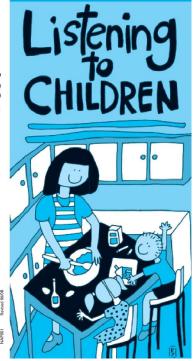
How to be a good audience

Really pay attention to what your child is saying, rather than doing or thinking about something else. Show you are listening by nodding, smiling or

mirroring the feelings in your child's story. Say things like, "Yes, I see" or "He didn't!"

Ask general questions like, "What happened then?" or "What did you think about that?" This helps children to develop their own ideas and shows that you are interested.

LISTENING TO CHILDREN



Encouraging children to talk

Ask about the best thing that happened in your child's day.

Remember what has been going on for your child so you can ask the best questions.

Ask about their friends. Ask their opinions about things. Ask how they

would solve problems. But respect their answers If you are reading a book with your children,

discuss it with them. Pause at the end of each page for them to comment. If your child doesn't respond to a question,

don't push. Change the topic.

Remember that children live much more in the minute than adults. If they don't want to talk about what happened at school, it's probably because it's not important anymore!





St Anthony's Parent & Friends invite you to join us for

Father's Day

Breakfast

Friday 30th August from 7.30am

The MacKillop Room

Light Breakfast will also be provided for the children





Dear All,

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS): Monday 2 September – Friday 20 September 2024

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through **MACSSIS**, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS, in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with principals in our schools.

In 2024, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data. Participating schools are in the process of updating their privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected.

Students at our school will be provided with supervised sessions, where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window via an emailed link and password. Feedback has indicated that previous surveys were completed across a range of mobile devices and different web browsers.

Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school.

All participation is invited, welcomed and 100 per cent voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child does not wish to participate.

Soon you will receive your unique log in details to complete the survey. I encourage every family to participate, the feedback is invaluable to our progress as an effective school community and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely, Tania Bennett

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2 COURSE LUNCH PACK from \$6.45

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Choose a Main Course Item, then select 1 or 2					/Drink Menu to make up a TWO or THREE Course Lu		
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MAIN COURSE MENU					SNACK / DRINK MENU		
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc)					FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES		
(GF Soy Sauce provided with Sushi)					Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Fresh Fruit Combo*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Std Inc.	
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF)	\$			13.75	Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes	Std Inc.	
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF)	\$		- T	13.75	Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Std Inc.	
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF)	\$	11.50			Whole Fruit - Apple	Std Inc.	
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF)	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Whole Fruit - Banana	Std Inc.	
					Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Std Inc.	
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc)					Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Std Inc.	
	•	10.15	•	45.45	Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Std Inc.	
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF)		13.45			Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Std Inc. Std Inc.	
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF)	Þ	13.45	Þ	15.45	Edamame (Lightly Salted)	+ \$1.00 eac	
BAKERY (All items freshly baked this morning!)					Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes*	+ \$1.00 eac	
BARERT (All terns resily baked this monning!)					BAKERY - SWEET		
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll	\$	6.45	S	8.95			
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	s	6.45		8.95	Choc Chip Cookie	Std Inc.	
Topped with Only Cheese Roll	ŝ	6.45		8.95	Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Std Inc.	
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$	7.45		9.95	Fruit Bun	Std Inc.	
Semi-dried Tomato, Olive & Cheese Roll	\$	8.95	\$	11.45	Cinnamon Doughnut	Std Inc.	
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$	9.95	\$	12.85	Cornflake Cookie	Std Inc.	
Spanakopita	\$	10.95	\$	13.65	Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF)*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$	10.95	\$	13.65	Blueberry Muffin*	+ \$1.00 eac	
					Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)*	+ \$1.00 eac	
PIZZA & GOZLEME					Banana Slice (GF)*	+ \$1.00 eac	
(Served at Room Temp)							
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Margherita Pizza Twist	\$			11.45	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$	10.95	100				
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme	\$	13.45			POPCORN		
Lamb and Beef Gozleme	\$			15.45		~	
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme	\$	13.45	\$	15.45	Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Std Inc.	
					Lightly Salted	Std Inc.	
SANDWICHES/ ROLLS/ WRAPS					DRIED FRUIT/ LEGUMES		
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5)	S	7.45	¢	9.95	DRIED FROIT/ LEGOMES		
Vegemite Sandwich (2)	s S			9.95	Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Std Inc.	
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)	ŝ		1000	12.85	Roasted Chickpeas	Std Inc.	
Simple Salad Roll	s			12.85	Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Std Inc.	
Cheese and Salad Roll	ŝ			13.65	Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	ŝ			13.65	bried Flat Medicy with Toghan outlands	+ \$1.00 Eac	
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll	S			13.75	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES		
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	s	11.50					
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)		11.50			Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	S	11.50			Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Wrap w/ Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber	1.5	12.75			Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes*	+ \$1.00 eac	
'Banh Mi' Style Roast Chicken Long Roll		12.75	1.25		Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes*	+ \$1.00 eac	
SALADS/ PICNIC BOXES/ FRUIT & VEG	Ť				YOGHURTS/ BOWLS		
Steamed Corn Wheels, Broccoli & Carrot (GF)	\$	9.95	\$	12.85	Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF)	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Vegetarian Picnic Box	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Ham Picnic Box	\$	11.50	\$	13.75	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard*	+ \$1.00 eac	
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF)	\$	12.75	\$	14.95			
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GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS					Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Std Inc.	
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	S	10.95	\$	13.65	Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Std Inc.	
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GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (15)	\$	10.95					
	\$	10.95					
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5) GF Wrap - Ham and Salad GF Wrap - Garden Salad	\$ \$ \$		\$	14.95	Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) So Good Soy Milk	Std Inc. Std Inc.	

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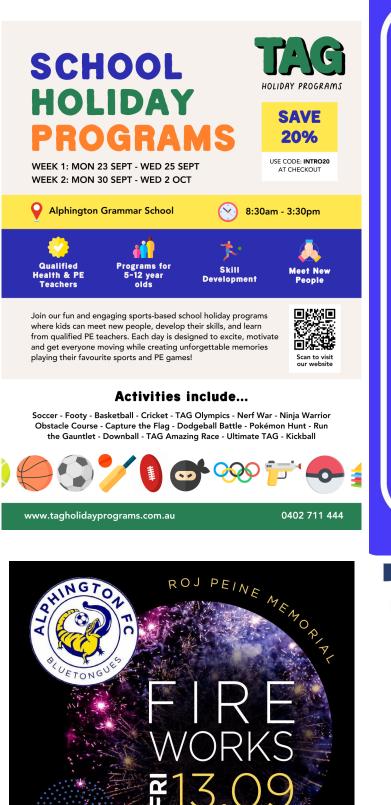
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Come and Try Joey Scouts!



Visit our Joey Unit at 10th Ivanhoe Scout Group in Term 3 We are looking for enthusiastic 5-8-year-olds ready for lots of fun! When: Thursday nights 6.00pm-7.15pm

Free 'Come and Try' nights

8A Wallace St IVANHOE Scan QR code to register your interest in 3 free visits.







5PM ALPHINGTON PARK OVAL

Family soccer movie 6pm Fireworks fired at 8pm sharp Extras include Paella / Bar / Crepes

TICKET INCLUDES



COMMUNITY

EVENT







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.