

Welcome back to Term 4, it is off to a fabulous start! This term promises to be a busy and exciting one (aren't they all?) as we head towards the end of the school year. Students and staff have settled smoothly back into our learning routines, with plenty to look forward to — including our Colour Run, Specialist Showcase Evening, Graduation, Gratitude Mass and Carols. With a Christmas play As always, we thank our families for their continued support and partnership in ensuring every student finishes the year on a positive note. Let's make Term 4 a wonderful conclusion to a fantastic year of growth and learning. I have said it before and I will say it again, we have so much to celebrate!

Community News

Congratulations to Ashleigh Psaila and her family who welcomed Sage Elizabeth into their lives. What a blessing!

We welcome Henry (Year 1) and Harry (Year 4) and their families into our community. We look forward to working with them all in the coming years.

Colour Run

I am assuming that you've heard about the exciting up and coming Colour Run. This is the first time we have held one and from all I've heard about them they are incredibly FUN. We hope that this event will be embraced by everyone. We would love to have as many of our community members attend and participate. More details will follow closer to the date (7 November) but a BBQ lunch is on the cards. Each week students will receive updates at assembly and parents via Operoo. We are fundraising for a portable gaga ball game. This game is lots of fun (our seniors experienced it on camp), accessible to all ages and will be a terrific addition to our outside play space.

School Closure Day

As you are aware we have a school closure day, Tuesday 28 October, I want to acknowledge that a school closure on a Tuesday is not particularly convenient for families, in addition to that it's the week before the Melbourne Cup long weekend. The date was selected due to facilitator and staff availability. All staff will be undertaking the Team Teach training. I thank you for making it work. We are in the process of working with MACSEYE to establish whether we are able to offer OSH for this day.

Photo Shoot

On November 18, we will have a photographer in our school for a photo shoot. This will create a bank of current photos we can use internally and externally in the community. Only students who we have permission to use their photos for the purpose of website, social media and wider community will be potentially included. We will also only be using students who are wearing the correct full uniform on that day, be that sport or school uniform.



2026 Staffing and Class Structure

Term 4 is always interesting, as we finish the year with one foot in the current and the other in the coming year, planning wise.

In 2026 we will have some staffing changes. Rebekah Grenfell will be leaving us next year to head overseas to work. Rebekah will be greatly missed as a staff member and teacher. She is a truly dedicated teacher who is able to successfully balance the wellbeing and the learning needs of every student. We wish her and her husband all the best and look forward to hearing about their adventures.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a fulltime teacher, a part-time education support staff, a part time mental health wellbeing leader and another part time staff member.

Our class structure discussions and planning is also under way with staff and our School Advisory Council involvement. The decision on our structure will be underpinned by the principles of equity, common good and growth. We want our classrooms kept to an optimal level for social, emotional and academic growth. We want each classroom to be of similar size and we want to be able to accept new enrolments. Over this year we have loved welcoming 10 new students, across different year levels, plus one short term international student. If you know of anyone considering a change, please suggest they book a tour sooner rather than later.

While we cannot accommodate every request or suggestion we value feedback during this discernment. If you would like to discuss, make a comment or share a suggestion, please reach out to myself or the School Advisory Council members.

2026 Student Leadership

We value and promote student voice and agency by providing a range of formal and informal opportunities for students across all year levels. Part of our social emotional learning programs involves building our student's capacity to lead through their knowledge and skill development.

Our formal student leadership structures for next year are:

- House captains—2 x Year 6 students
- Social Justice captains—2 x Year 6 students
- House captains—all Year 6 students
- Fire Carriers—students from Years 4-6
- Mini Vinnies—students from Years 4-6
- Library Monitors—students from Years 2-3
- SRC—students from Prep—6.

Selection for these formal opportunities involve a range of processes from writing a letter of nomination to delivering a speech or being elected by peers or staff. In due time we will acknowledge our exiting leaders as they handover to the incoming leaders.

Tania Bennett

2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Friday 17 October	9.15am	Prep/1 and 2/3MG Class Mass
Monday 20 October	7.30pm	2026 Twilight Fair Kick Off Meeting—online
Friday 24 October	9.15am	4MH Class Mass
Tuesday 28 October		School Closure—PD on student engagement and wellbeing
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		COLOUR RUN 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
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
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



**St Anthony's
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INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Thursday 23 October - Numeracy

Monday 10 November - Literacy

Thursday 4 December - Christmas Craft

9:30AM - 10:30AM

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



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ST ANTHONY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS TWILIGHT FAIR KICK-OFF MEETING

**7.30PM MONDAY
OCTOBER 20**

Join St Anthony's Parents & Friends
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planning for the 2026 school fair.

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We want to hear it!**

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FAIRFIELD VILLAGE
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**HALLOWEEN
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**10 AM | SUNDAY 26TH
3 PM | OCTOBER 2025**

**GILLIES STREET CARPARK
(BACK OF STATION ST)**

**INCLUDES
FREE
HALLOWEEN
PUMPKIN
HUNT**

**FAIRFIELD**
VILLAGE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

St Anthony's Parents & Friends will be supporting the school with a stall at the Fairfield Halloween Fun Day, Sunday, 26 October between 10am-3pm.

Could you spare one hour to do a shift on the stall? Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/KA8CL>

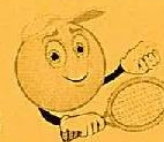


St Anthony's Primary School

Term 4 commences Tuesday 14th October 2025

Program Overview:

Lessons are held in the school grounds. Each lesson consists of different themes with loads of fun games. Coaches work on footwork, balance skills, decision making and the fundamentals of each stroke. All Tennis in Stages coaches are passionate and have played at a high level of competition. Group and private coaching available after school and weekend tennis coaching at Bulleen Tennis Club.



Cost of Program: \$120 - seven(7) weeks

Payment via bank transfer to Tennis in Stages

Commonwealth Bank, BSB: 063236, Account Number: 10173271

Please reference student name and school

Cash: Please contact Russell Cornehl.

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Tennis in Stages School Tennis Program 56 Aylmer Street, North Balwyn Vic 3104
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ENROLMENT FORM

St Anthony's Primary School Term 4 2025

Name	Grade
Add	
Suburb	Postcode
Parent's First Names	
Telephone (Home)	(Business)

Please enrol me in:

Tuesday ☐ 8.15am – 8.45am

Tennis in Stages School Tennis Program
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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 with your *full name* and *contact number*. Enquiries must be made by 5pm on 27/10/25.

Please note that enquiries do not guarantee an enrolment in the group and that capacity for the group may be reached prior to this date. As such, we encourage you to reach out ASAP to avoid disappointment.



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35 MINUTE CLASSES
\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS



PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

50 MINUTE CLASSES
\$185 FOR 8 WEEKS



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

INTRO - 60 MINS \$195 FOR 8 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$195 FOR 8 WEEKS



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

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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.