

St Anthony's news



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26 June 2025

As the end of term draws near, it feels a little like a battle ground at the moment, as we find ourselves battling the cold, wet weather and the many viruses it has brought with it. Winter has hit quickly and hard! We appreciate those who keep their children at home when they are sick. We know it is best for their health and wellbeing and helps reduce the risk of spreading illness. Like all terms, this one has been full of wonderful learning and activities. A break to recharge will hopefully have us all returning healthy and fit.

I am not sure if I have mentioned to the whole community that behind the scenes the school has been working with Village Greening. Village Greening is an organization quite unlike any other. It is the mastermind of Rach and Amelia who are making it their mission to crown Fairfield as the greenest suburb. Follow them on insta @village_greening to find out about all their wonderful initiatives. Our work with them has only just begun but it is creating conversation around sustainability and our responsibilities. This is an area that young people today are keenly aware of and interested in. In the coming months we have a project to do (this will be undertaken during a lunchtime club) and it involves repurposing paper supermarket bags. If you have any at home that you no longer want please send them in. A basket for collection is available in the atrium.

Over the last two weeks, Rosanna Romeo and I have had the pleasure of meeting with our 2026 preps and their families. They and their families are proving to be a wonderful addition to our school community. We currently have 20 enrolled so if you know of anyone still deciding on Prep 2026 please pass on our website details.

One more week to go, let's dig in together and get there with smiles on our faces.

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2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 2		
Date	Time	Activity
Friday 27 June	9.15am	Feast of Sacred Heart whole school Mass—all welcome
Saturday 28 June	7pm	Parents & Friends 80's Trivia Night—MacKillop Room
Monday 30 June	9.30-10.30am	Kinder Interactive Session
Tuesday 1 July	3.45pm-7.15pm	Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations
Thursday 3 July	3.45pm-7.15pm	Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations
Friday 4 July	1.00pm	Term 2 ends
Term 3		
Monday 21 July	8.50am	Term 3 begins St Anthony's Feast Day celebration
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		
Date	Time	Activity
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
Monday 15 December		Step Up into 2026 session
Tuesday 16 December	1pm	Term 4 ends

2025 SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

A reminder to families that if you pay your school fees by instalments/terms or if you are yet to make a payment— **payment is now due by the end of this term.**

Please note payments can be paid via EFT, BPay or Credit Card.

Julia Everest - jeverest@saalphington.catholic.edu.au
(Working days Mon-Tues)
Bursar



Feast of the Sacred Heart Whole School Mass

Friday, 27 June 9.15am at St Anthony's Church

At this Mass it is tradition to donate a non-perishable item for those less fortunate.

This year we will be donating items to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP).

We are asking all families to make a donation of a non-perishable item which can be left in the atrium.

Items requested are:

cooking oil basmati rice
sweet biscuits washing detergent

Everyone is welcome to attend

St Anthony's
P&F

Saturday
28
June

80'S TRIVIA NIGHT

7PM



HOSTED BY OUR
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MR WALSH
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BOOK VIA QR

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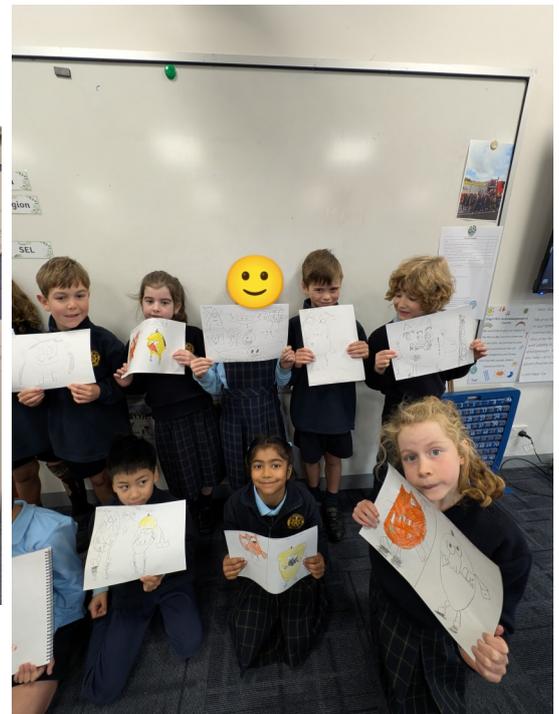
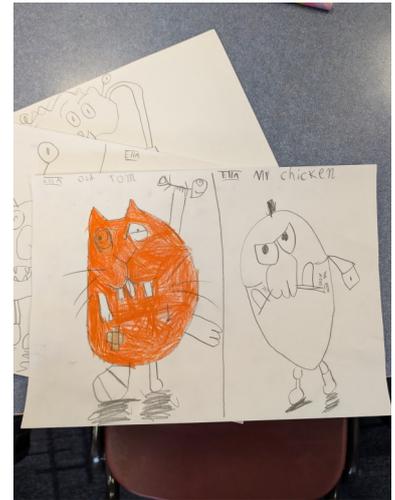
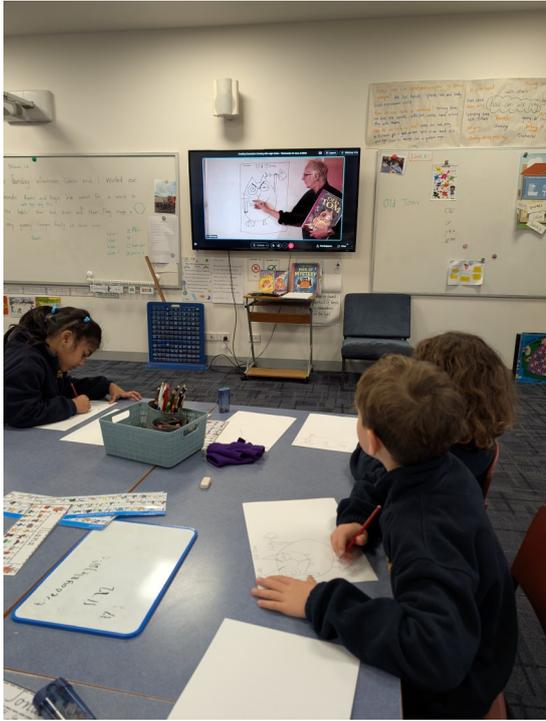
VISIT TO JOURNEY EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Last Tuesday, Ms Psaila, Mr D'Acri and a group of our students went to visit Journey Early Learning Centre. We played board games and then played a St Anthony's drama favourite, Tiger in the Jungle, together. A fun way to build community!



Leigh Hobbs Webinar

Leigh Hobbs is an author and illustrator of many well known books including *Old Tom* and *Mr Chicken*. Students across the whole school enjoyed his webinar. Here are some student interpretations of his work.



NAN'S GARDEN

DESPITE THE COLD, WINTER WEATHER, IT'S BEEN A VERY BUSY TIME IN NAN'S GARDEN.



OUR WINTER VEGGIES ARE COMING ALONG NICELY. WE'VE PLANTED PEAS, BROAD BEANS, SILVER BEET AND GARLIC.



MR. WALSH HAS PROMISED A ZOOPEER DOOPER TO THE HOUSE TEAM WHOSE SWEET PEA PLANTS FLOWER FIRST.

OUR TWO YEAR OLD APRICOT TREE IS GIGANTIC! HOPEFULLY THIS SUMMER WE'LL GET SOME FRUIT.



PREPARING THE GARDEN BEDS FOR PLANTING POTATOES NEXT WEEK.



PLANNING AHEAD! EACH YEAR WE (TRY) TO HAVE FRESH POPPIES FOR OUR REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY.



Join us for some fun!



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
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Ages 2 - 5 years



PREP/1 RG—FAIRY BREAD

Making fairy bread helps us with instructional writing



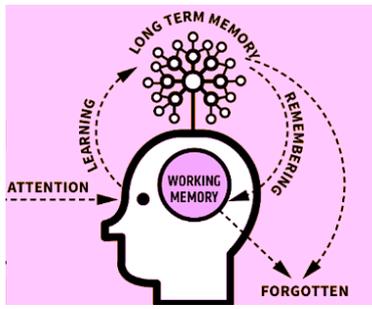
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Explicit Teaching at St Anthony's

At St Anthony's through our Explicit Teaching approach we are incorporating Daily Review at the beginning of our Literacy and Mathematics sessions. Daily Review is a high-impact teaching strategy that is based on evidence and practices derived from the Science of Learning.

Daily Review Principles

- **Start of every lesson:** takes place at the beginning of each lesson
- **Spaced & interleaved practice:** designed for the retrieval of previously taught content
- **Involves all students:** all students participate using consistent **full participation routines**
- **Teacher led:** time is used efficiently, and answers can be checked easily for feedback
- **Short duration:** approximately 10 – 15 min
- **Fast paced:** faster pace than the lesson, crucial for maintaining student engagement
- **Desirable difficulty:** balance the motivating effect of success with the need for challenging retrieval.

Why daily review?

- Daily review is all about **retrieval**.
- Consolidation of information **from short-term to long-term memory**, making it easier to recall later.
- Active recall during reviews forces learners to **retrieve information**, strengthening neural connections and **reinforcing memory**.
- Daily reviews lower the **cognitive load**, making it easier to process and retain information.

Operoo Reminder for parents

With so many students away at the moment, this is a reminder to please fill in the Student Absentee Form in Operoo before 9.00am. This makes marking the roll a much smoother process every day. Even appointments can be included using the comments section. Thank you!

Darebin Basketball Association
home of the Giants (domestic) & Phoenix (representative, Big V)

AFTER SCHOOL BEGINNER PROGRAMS



GIRLS-ONLY SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Our Beginner Programs are designed to develop love of the game. The **Aussie Hoops Program** is full of fun & games! developing skills & encouraging teamwork and connection. The **Future Phoenix Program** teaches transitional game-simulation & drills to prepare kids for organised basketball. Our coaches are experienced hoopers & teachers and provide a fun and inclusive environment for all athletes.
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AGES 5 - 10

Have a question? email **Luke** at: programs@darebinbasketball.com.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

WINTER HOLIDAYS

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PHOENIX CAMPS

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WEEK 2: THU 17 JULY + FRI 18 JULY

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WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS - HOSTED BY STRIKE SOCCER

WE HAVE TWO BIG LOCATIONS COMING UP - 9AM-1PM EACH DAY

ABBOTSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUND
14TH & 15TH OF JULY

DAREBIN INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPLEX
17TH & 18TH OF JULY



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



JULY PROGRAM DATES:
 WEEK 1: MON 7 - THU 10 JULY
 WEEK 2: MON 14 - THU 17 JULY

Alphington Grammar School

8:30am - 3:30pm



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Nerf War
- Pokémon Hunt
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Footy
- Dodgeball Battle
- Ninja Warrior Course
- Pickleball
- Mini Golf
- Capture the Flag
- Lego Masters
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FOOTBALL SCHOOL



Manchester City Football School Year 7 Information Evening

**Tuesday 22 July
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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.