

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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Learning in perfect harmony

St Anthony's Parish and St Anthony's Primary School hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. St Anthony's is fully compliant with all policies in relation to Child Safety. These documents ensure compliance with the Victorian Government Child Safety Standards which took effect on 1 January 2017 and reflect our Parishes' ongoing commitment to ensuring that all children are safe, happy and empowered. For more information on the Child Safe Standards: <http://www.ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/>

Dear families and friends,

I am not sure where the time went but this is the last newsletter for 2018! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to contribute to our wonderful school and wider community. Without the support of families, many experiences that are planned for the children wouldn't be possible! Thank you.

To the amazing staff who go above and beyond, thank you! You are a credit to yourselves and the school.

To our students, for their tremendous growth in learning and life skills. We are so proud of you all.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Fr. Brian, Fr. Martin and Fr. Yon for their support of me, the staff and the school. Their faith and friendship is highly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to say well done, thank you and goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 students, the class of 2018. I wish you all every success as you begin the next exciting chapter in your education. I am always so proud of our Year 6's as they prepare to leave us because I can see their eagerness and readiness to grow beyond their little school – with confidence and happiness.

I would like to thank these young people for their commitment to their school in so many ways, for the great respect they have always shown to me and for their enthusiasm for learning. It has been very memorable spending the last year alongside them as they prepare for secondary school.

We warmly invite the community to celebrate with us next Thursday night at 6.00pm in the Church as our Year 6's graduate. We invite everyone to join us and celebrate with us and stay for a light supper afterwards.

To all our families whose association with St. Anthony's ends this year, and who are moving on to greener pastures and new suburbs, I wish you all the very best.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, holy and merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year and to thank you for your support of me in my role as principal of St Anthony's in my first year. I am very grateful for everything that I have learned and every new relationship and moment that has grounded me in this place.

God Bless,
Patrika Rowley



*Respectfully acknowledging the original custodians of this land in the
City of Greater Dandenong, The Wurundjeri people*

Diary Dates for last weeks of 2018 and beginning of Term 1 2019

Click on the link to find out...

[How many days until Christmas???](#)

TERM 4	What/Who	When	Where
Week 10			
Tuesday 11	CGD Book Club $\frac{3}{4}$ Specialist lessons finish this week Reports go home	2.20-3.00pm	Library
Wednesday 12	Whole School Mass - everyone welcome. Year 6 award presentations at Mass and 2019 school captains announced Book covering - all parents welcome	9.30am 9.00am-11.20am	Church Library
Thursday 13	Graduation Mass Graduation Supper Book covering - all parents welcome	6-7pm 7-7.30pm 9.00am-11.20am	Church Church foyer Library
Friday 14	YEAR 6 FINAL DAY BIG DAY OUT Celebration Day 3/4CH Celebration of learning English Class Celebration Final Day	All day 900-9.30am 9.15-1.15pm	Gumbuya Park Hall Adult Computer Space
Week 11			
Monday 17	Foundation-Year 5 Picnic and paraliturgy practise in the Church Prep -Year 5 Paraliturgy/Carols in the Church	12-2pm 6pm-7pm	In the school playground Church
Tuesday 18	Foundation-Year 6 2019 Transition FOUNDATION-YEAR 5 FINAL DAY School finishes at normal time 3.20	9.30-10.50am 3.20	All learning spaces new students welcomed Normal pick up
Wednesday 19	Staff Planning Day for 2019		
Thursday 20	Staff Planning Day tidy up Staff last day pack up finish at 11.00am	School closes for the holidays	
School closed from Thursday December 20 until Monday January 21			
2019			
TERM 1	What/Who	When	Where
January Monday 21 - Friday 25	St Anthony's School office will be open throughout this week Please phone the school if you need to speak to the administrative staff	All week	St Anthony's Administration building
Thursday 24	Pick up /try on Prep uniform orders	Between 10am and 1pm OR Between 5pm-7pm	St Anthony's Uniform shop /Parent room
Saturday 26	Australia Day 2019	All day	No school
Week 1			
Monday 28	Australia Day Public Holiday 2019	All day	No school
Tuesday 29	All staff return, meetings/planning Applications open for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2021 today	All day Applications open	No school for students Via secondary school website
Wednesday 30	Staff Professional Learning Day	All day	No school for students
Thursday 31	Year 1-6 students return to school	All day/full day	
February Friday 1	Preps start school today $\frac{1}{2}$ day	8.50am-12.30pm	Prep space

Please remember that attendance at school is a requirement. If your child is sick or unable to attend for any reason you need to call the school admin on 95460044, log the absence through the link on the website or email the school administration at:

office@sanoblepark.catholic.edu.au



Week 2

Monday 4	Prep first full day	8.50-3.20	Prep space
	Prep rest day	All day	No school
Wednesday 6	Class Mass Parish Pastoral Council	TBA 7pm-9pm	Church Parish house
Friday 8	Assembly	9.00am	School Hall
Sunday 10	Staff Commissioning Mass	11.00am	Church

Week 3 CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- GROWING YOUNG IN CHRIST

Tuesday 12	Adult English Class Adult Computer Class School ID photos taken for Preps and new students	9.30-12.30pm 9.30-11.30am 9.00am	Adult Learning Space Adult Computer Space Prep space
Wednesday 13	Prep rest day Class Mass Adult Computer Class Playgroup Information sharing sessions	All day TBA 1-3pm 9.30-11.30am TBA	No school Church Adult Computer Space Playgroup TBA
Thursday 14	Playgroup Interschool Sports Information sharing evening	9.30-11.30am 9.00-11.30am TBA	Playgroup TBA TBA
Friday 15	Assembly Adult English Language Class	9.00am 9.30-1.00pm	School Hall 9.30-1.00pm

Week 4

Monday 18			
Tuesday 19			
Wednesday 20	School Advisory Board meeting - welcome and new year directions	6.00pm	Conference room
Thursday 21			
Friday 22	Assembly	9.00am	School Hall

Week 5 Year 5 Canberra Camp all week

Monday 25	5/6 camp day 1	Travelling day	Capital country holiday park
Tuesday 26	5/6 camp day 2		
Wednesday 27	5/6 camp day 3		
Thursday 28	5/6 camp day 4		
Friday 29	5/6 camp day 5 Assembly	Travelling day and return home 9.00am	School Hall

Message from our Principal



We gather in the presence of God. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. 'The Word became flesh and lived amongst us.' (John 1:14)

Emmanuel! The God of Peace is with us!
A Blessing of Peace

Deep peace, pure gold of the sun to you.
Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you
Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you
Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you.
Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you.
Deep peace, pure light of the dew to you.
Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the whispering trees to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
(Adapted from an Irish prayer)

We praise and thank God in Jesus' name at Christmas, for all the blessings and gifts of this school year. Lord you are holy indeed. You are the Son of the Father, here amongst us. Guide us into the way of peace. Blessed be your name. Now and forever. Amen.

Bereavement

The community of St Anthony's extend their most heartfelt sympathy to the Sayamongsa family (Isabella of Prep GR) on the loss of their baby girl Ariane. At this time of great loss and sadness we wrap our arms around you all and continue to pray for you.



Last weeks of school arrangements

Mass of Thanks for the year will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Wednesday 12th December in St Anthony's Church. Year 6 awards presented and new 2019 captains and leaders announced.

Grade 6 children will celebrate their Graduation Mass on Thursday 13th December at 6pm and their last day of school will be on Friday, 14th of December with their Big Day Out at 'Gumbaya Park'. The Year 6 children will not be expected to return to school after this. Prep - 6 Orientation will begin at 9.30am on Tuesday 18th December where the students will meet their teachers for 2019 and new classmates. Prep-5 students will finish on Tuesday, 18th of December at 3.20pm.

Get excited for ! NEW CLASSES

Orientation for 2019

We look forward to orientation day when all students and teachers will have the opportunity to meet in their new areas with their new peer groups and teachers for 2018. We thank you in advance for supporting your child to transition positively into their new class group. Much time and consideration has been given to particular needs and suitability of individuals, peer groups and teachers in the process. Grouping students in different ways each year, in a small school, enables new relationships to form and opens up many more social opportunities.

The staff have worked hard on the class lists. Requests are not particularly relevant anymore and many requests are just not possible. I would like to remind you that when class lists are composed, there are many variables to consider. Our priority is to maximise each individual's learning opportunities. The children will move on very quickly from any 'disappointment' if the adults around them are resilient and positive!



School Advisory Board 2019

Would you like to become more involved with the life of the school or you would like to nominate someone who would be a great Parent voice for our school? The Advisory group is the ideal way to make this happen.



Friday November 23rd 2018

Dear Parents,

The St. Anthony's School Advisory Group has determined that new parent representatives are required to work in collaboration with the community. The Advisory group comprises the following representatives;

Parish Priest (Ex-Officio)
Principal – Executive Officer (Ex-Officio)
Deputy Principal/ Staff Rep (Ex-Officio)
Parent Rep (up to 5)
Chairperson of P&F (Ex-Officio)
Parish Rep

All positions, other than Ex-Officio, are for a two year tenure and will be limited to two consecutive tenures.

The Advisory Group has as its central purpose the realisation of the vision of the school. In realising this vision, the school board aims to:

- act as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education in the school
- support the provision of Catholic education in the parish by providing a link to the school community
- promote the role of community in the life of the school.

I would like to call for nominations to the group by the Friday, 30th November. Nominations will be accepted on the Nomination slip below and elections (if required) will be held at the first meeting for 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Patrika Rowley
Principal

I, _____ would like to nominate myself for one of the Parent Rep positions on the St. Anthony's Advisory Group. I am committed to the Group for the two year tenure and will regularly attend meetings.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Message from the Principal

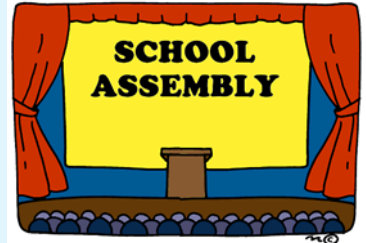


School Fees

Unless you have made alternative arrangements with me, please finalise outstanding fees as soon as possible. Any family experiencing financial difficulties or who have concerns around fees, please make a time to meet with me to discuss a fair and suitable payment plan.

Final Assembly and celebration of learning

The final assembly will be held next week on Friday 14th December at 9.30am in the Hall. Please come along to support 3/4CH



What's happening in the Parish

Expression of interest form for Altar Servers

St. Anthony's Parish and Resurrection

If your child is interested to join the altar serving please provide us with your details.

Full Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Dietary requirement: _____

*Nb: Your child should at least have received First Eucharist.
Please fill and return to the parish/School office or email us
parishsecretary@stanthonysparish.net*



Good Luck Class of 2018!



ST ANTHONY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

"All people shall see the salvation of God."



The people of Israel had turned away from God's love. He had promised to send them a saviour, but first he sent someone to prepare the people to welcome the Son of God. Our theme this week is "prepare the way". It is always important to prepare well for important events. Things may need to be tidied or repaired. We may have to buy something new or clean something that has been neglected. The more carefully we prepare the more successful the event is likely to be.

As Christmas approaches we also need to prepare ourselves by giving the family time to come together to talk about what Jesus' coming means to us and what we can do to prepare for Christ's coming and what we can do to prepare for it.



Advent is a time to see how ready we are to receive the Lord Jesus into our lives. Jesus' coming at Christmas is an invitation to accept his love, his peace, his joy. During these weeks we prepare ourselves to accept this invitation.

The challenge of this week's Gospel is to be the voice, like John the Baptist, proclaiming the Word of God in our world today bringing Jesus to birth in our lives and sharing his message of hope, love and peace with others. This week, let us pray that the words of John Baptist will encourage us to spread the true meaning of Christmas by our words and by our actions.

FAMILY PRAYER



Reader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Reader: Lord help us to remember those who need our care and support.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Reader: Lord may our home be a place of peace and joy.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord. Amen

All: Help us Lord to be like John the Baptist, filled with your Spirit and brave enough to say and do what is right. Give us the courage to choose the right way, despite what others may say or think, because we believe in you and love you with all our hearts.

END OF YEAR MASS

Wednesday 12th December 9:30am
(Whole school)

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PARALITURGY

Monday 17th December 6pm
(Foundation to Year 5)

St Anthony's Church

Students to be dropped off in the Padua Building by 5:45pm



Deputy Principals' News

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming in 2018 and here we are ready to say goodbye to it.

It has been wonderful greeting you out on the playground, at the back gate or when you pop in to the office.

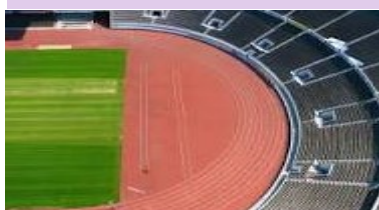
The year has provided us with many reasons to celebrate and it is an absolute honour to hold the role of Deputy Principal at St Anthony's.

In 2019 James will hold this position on his own as I begin to scale back my working hours to spend time with my family. I will continue on in the Learning Diversity role from Tuesday to Thursday and look forward to all this entails.

Both James and I would like to wish you many blessings during the festive season. Keep safe, enjoy your time with your family and may you all have a joyous Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

James Gow and Susan Kubiak

Sport News



Congratulations to Jennifer Audy who placed 3rd at the National Track and Field Championships earlier this month. She ran 800m in 2 mins 20.36 seconds Excellent work Jennifer!!

St. Joseph's Sorrento Robotics Team Visit St. Anthony's

Recently St. Joseph's robotics team visited St. Anthony's. Students from Enrichment Robotics at St. Anthony's demonstrated their peer mentoring skills by assisting the students to complete some challenges from the First Lego League space challenge board. The students from both schools work really well together and friendships were quickly forged. We look forward to continuing this partnership next year.



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Performing Arts News

The Preps showcased their confidence and talent this week in our annual tradition of performing "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" to parents, families and grade 5/6 students. The children have been working on developing their team work skills as well as their acting skills.

It was a lovely showcase and I'd like to thank all those families and staff and students who helped to make it a memorable experience!

Ms Victoria Gelberg
Performing Arts Teacher



playgroup

**Playgroup at St. Anthony's
will recommence
Wednesday 13th and
Thursday 14th February!
With
DEBBIE
9.30 – 11.30am**



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Our programme consists of weekly rehearsals in school term, workshops and 2 concerts a year.



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Or visit our website www.nivpaa.com.au
to talk about joining now

Road Safety/Licence Program

DO YOU NEED YOUR DRIVERS LICENCE?

The Road Safety Program assists women in the community to become safe and lawful road users.

The Program will commence on **Tuesday February 26** and finish on **Tuesday March 2 – 1pm-3pm**

Classes will be each Tuesday at St. Anthony's Primary School

Six free driving lessons will be provided at the end of the six week course. Places are limited.

Unfortunately child care is not available and children are not permitted in the classroom or driving lessons.

You need to :

- be over 21 years of age.
- have a current Victorian Learners Permit
- be able to attend all six sessions



Contact Lisa for more information – 9546 0044

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Are you leaving St Anthony's?

We are asking families of St Anthony's to advise us if you
WILL NOT be returning for **2019**

To assist with planning we are asking families from Prep to Year 5 who will **NOT** be returning to St Anthony's next year to complete this form and return it as soon as possible.

We would like to notify you that the _____ family will be leaving St Anthony's School during or at the end of the 2018 school year.

Child(ren)'s Names & Class: _____

Going to: _____ School (if known)

School address _____

Residential address _____

Learning & Teaching Message

Dear Families of St Anthony's Noble Park,

As we come to the end of another school year, I take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the privilege of being a part of your child's life and educational journey. We have shared many memorable experiences this year as a school, and I'm sure they will remain with your child for many years to come.

Our students are what makes our school special. Our students are excellent ambassadors in the community, whether in sport competitions, community events or learning excursions. You can all be relied upon to represent the school with pride and dignity and respect.

Each year I look back at what our students have achieved and how far they have all come. I want to congratulate all you wonderful young people in achieving a great milestone in your life. That of completing another year of primary school education!

So on that final note, I would like to wish all of you many joys and blessings this Christmas, have a lovely holiday and great family times.

"May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,

May the Christ Child light your way,

May God's holy angels guide you,

And keep you safe each day."

Kind regards
Glennis Kerr
Teaching and Learning Leader

Love

PEACE

JOY

The Christmas Paroliturgy
IS COMING

SEE YOUR CHILDREN SHINE
MONDAY DECEMBER 17TH

6PM-7PM in the Church