

ST ANTHONY'S Newsletter



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Celebrating 125 Years

2024 SPORTS DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2024 Sports Day winners St Brigid led by Captains Lacey Randall & Thomas Lowe together with Deputy Captains Stella Peters & Zephyr Wright who were triumphant at our annual sports day which was held in week 6 at Newbery Park Primary School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 8

NAPLAN 13 – 25 March

Thursday 21 March

8:45am St Anthony's Playgroup
SAPSASA Athletics – Newbery Park
Harmony Day

Friday 22 March

8:45am Occasional Care
2:30pm Assembly Hosted by 5/6FD & RBT
An Evening on the Greens - Millicent Bowling Club

Saturday 23 March

4:30pm – Palm Sunday Mass

WEEK 9 - HOLY WEEK

NAPLAN 13 – 25 March

SAPSASA Softball State Carnival 25-27 March

Wednesday 27 March

Little Big Book Night

Thursday 28 March

8:45am St Anthony's Playgroup
1:30 pm Yr 6 Stations of the Cross
Early dismissal 2:10pm

Friday 29 March

GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Saturday 30 March

EASTER SATURDAY

Sunday 31 March

EASTER SUNDAY

WEEK 10 - JOY WEEK

Monday 1 April

EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 2 April

9:15am 2CF Liturgy - Chapel
SAPSASA Golf - Penola

Wednesday 3 April

9:15am Yr 5/6 Combined Mass @ St Alphonsus



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Holy Week: A time of deep reflection

This week is Holy Week, the most sacred and special time in our Church year, as we remember the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus and the events that led up to this. There is a lesson for each of us during Holy Week through the 'witnessing' of our Lord's love for us, is to open our hearts to one another, as he has opened his heart for us.

The three days of the Paschal Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—is one event and one of the most important celebrations during Holy Week and the liturgical year.

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, where we recall Jesus' actions with his Disciples at their Passover meal. Jesus teaches by example the new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Good Friday follows the Passion of the Lord. The events of Good Friday are commemorated in the Stations of the Cross. The Paschal Candle illuminates the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. We remember our baptismal promise and wait in anticipation of restored life.

Easter Sunday is a new day dawning. It is the Sunday of Jesus' Resurrection, reminding us that Jesus lives and welcoming us into a new life with him. Easter Sunday is the first day of 50 days of continuous celebration that Christ lives. He is risen. We have risen in Him.

Next week, our Year 6s will lead us in the Commemoration of The Passion. Classes will also reflect on the Stations of the Cross, the journey Jesus made for us as He carried the cross to His Crucifixion. As always, great reverence and respect is shown during this solemn and sacred time. Doing so leads us to a deeper understanding of Jesus' compassion and love for us all.

May Holy Week 2024 be a time of renewal and grace for each of us.

St Anthony's School Board AGM – Tuesday 19 March

Last night at the School Board AGM, the 2024 School Board Committee was elected. Congratulations and welcome to our highly trusted and committed team:

Chair: Adam Hamilton

Deputy Chair: Virginia de Donatis

Finance Chair: Malcolm Barkle

Members: Simon Lowe, Fernanda Ikeda, Nick Ellis and Kerri-Lee Wells.

Representatives: Staff - Elle Rayson, Parish - Kaylene Haslam, P & F - Lisy Stephan.

Ex-Officio Members: Parish Priest - Fr Peter Zwaans, Principal - Liza Couzens, Secretary - Anna Lonergan, Finance Officer - Lisa Freebairn are also members of the School Board.

Last night's AGM was well supported by our community and members of the School Board. The 2023 Chair, Finance and Principal's Reports were presented at the AGM, outlining a successful and productive year. It was also wonderful to see some other members of our parent community. I sincerely thank them and believe their attendance at such important school events demonstrates their incredible commitment and support of our school community.

I acknowledge, as I did Tuesday evening, our deep thankfulness and appreciation to our incredible School Board under the leadership of Adam Hamilton for their generosity of time, thoughtful discussions, wisdom and counsel concerning the St Anthony's Primary School community both now and in the future.

I also thank the retiring School Board members, Di Loveday, Sara Bennier and Julian Rebellato, who ended their terms on the Board.

125 Years Celebration: Barefoot Bowling

As a part of the 125-year celebrations, St Anthony's is hosting a fun-filled family event this Friday, 22nd March, from 4.30 pm at Millicent Bowls. All families are invited to join this marvellous event to celebrate our current and past community and the 125 years of St Anthony's with the staff and children. The evening will involve a BBQ dinner, bowling, and reminiscing about St Anthony's past.

Our very own Rob Francis will be the Master of Ceremonies and facilitate a panel of invited guests and past scholars, who will share their reflections and memories of St Anthony's.

Our Panel includes:

Patrick Noonan

Patrick completed his primary education at St. Anthony's before continuing at Tenison Woods College and later Sacred Heart College in Adelaide.

Patrick currently resides in Adelaide with his fiancée, Carmel. He works as a Project Manager at Catholic Education South Australia.

Jack Gregory

Jack graduated from St. Anthony's in 2006 with many wonderful memories and life-long friendships. He loved being part of the school football team and still plays. He lives with his wife and son in Millicent and works as a manager at O'Brien Electrical.

Rodney Damhuis

Rodney was a student at St. Anthony's from 1980 to 1986, when Irene Hann was the principal. He fondly remembers living in the Convent with his father and family. Rodney is married to Naomi, a teacher at St. Anthony's, and together, they have three beautiful children.

Rhys Damhuis

Rhys is a current Year 6 student at St Anthony's and one of the school captains. Rhys enjoys playing soccer, 3D designing, and Maths. He is very excited to be part of the 125-Year Celebration.

Fr Peter Zwaans

Fr Peter is the parish priest of Millicent Catholic Parish and is currently the president of St Anthony's School Board. Fr Peter arrived in the Southeast in January 2022 and has brought new energy and enthusiasm to the school and parish communities.

From the Principal continued...

Joe Rayson

Like many families at St Anthony's, Joe has a long history with the school. His mum was a teacher at St Anthony's, where he studied, and he is now married to Elle, a teacher at the school. He is a doting father to Bentley (3) and Rudy (1) and a hard-working farmer at Hatherleigh. Joe enjoys sports, particularly football, which he plays for and is the Vice-President of the Hatherleigh Football Club.

To book for this event, please go to our Facebook page to access the booking QR Code or grab a flyer from the school office. All profits from this event will be donated to the Men's Shed. We would love to see you all there.



Harmony Day 2024: Celebrating our Cultural Diversity

Live in harmony with one another... give thought to doing what is honourable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Romans 12:16-18

The theme for Harmony Day 2024 is 'Everybody Belongs'. Harmony Day was first celebrated in 1999 to celebrate Australia's diversity and promote acceptance and inclusivity.

The day provides space for us to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity. But what does Harmony Day mean? Simply put, it's a day for us to come together and celebrate all of our differences and diversity in Australia and across the world. Australia has a rich and varied culture, and in particular, the culture of the Australian Indigenous peoples is a focus point for discussions and celebrations.

Harmony Day is an excellent opportunity to educate others on the value and importance of other cultures. The event encourages us to continue building bridges between the many wonderful cultures and ethnicities that make Australia what it is today.

This year, during Harmony Day at St Anthony's, we celebrated and acknowledged our cultural diversity, understanding that everyone belongs in our school community and the wider community. Children and community members were invited to wear orange on the day. Harmony Day reminds us about the importance of being part of a community, respecting diversity in all that we do, and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our school is a safe place for all.

At St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that our school is a safe place for all.

- Our staff are committed and trained to protect the children and young people in our care.
- All staff and regular volunteers have current police checks.
- We teach children age-appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe through South Australia's Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum.
- Staff complete certification and undertake regular updated training in Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care Settings.
- We also promote strategies to minimise bullying and help students stay safe online.

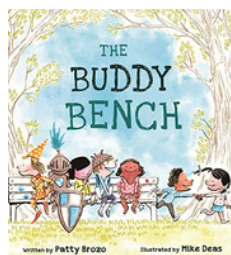
Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website: <https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>. The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on various topics. Please contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns about child safety.

God Bless,

Liza Couzens
Principal

P & F News

The Buddy Bench



This week our students have been lucky to listen to "The Buddy Bench" book read by the amazing members of our Parent's & Friends Committee

Mercy Key Awards

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Easter isn't far away!

As Easter approaches quickly here at St Anthony's, it's important to think about the importance of family. Easter is more than just chocolate eggs and bunnies—it's about cherishing family bonds.

Easter represents love, renewal, and being together as a family. Let's celebrate by showing kindness and forgiveness to strengthen relationships. Spend valued time together, following traditions, and doing good deeds to bond as a family, embrace those traditions that bring everyone closer, like egg hunts or baking together.

Communicate openly and listen carefully to make everyone feel important and supported. Easter reminds us of the blessings of family and helps us grow closer to each other and to God. This season is a chance to be grateful and celebrate the strong connection that family gives us.

Happy Easter to all our wonderful families, may it be filled with family, friends and love.

Bec Baker
School Counsellor



Integrity

Lacey Peters
Isla Ellis
Harrison Murchie
Sonny Wiese

Mutual Respect:

Sylvie Ellis
Sydney Mules
Luna Crawford

Responsibility

Georgina Sapiatzer
Lilli D'aniello
Skyla Ellis
Myla Bowman
Nyree Bowman

Loyalty

Maci Faulkner

Compassion

Harry Wight
Lux Wiese

Justice

Ilian Botha
Ziggy Galambos

Hospitality

Ariah Pitt
Mathilda Facey

MASS TIMES AT ST ALPHONSUS

SATURDAY 23 MARCH - Palm Sunday Mass 4:30PM

THURSDAY 28 MARCH - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Confessions 5:30-6:30pm

FRIDAY 29 MARCH - Stations of the Cross 11am
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Confessions 4-5pm

SATURDAY 30 MARCH - Easter Vigil Mass 7pm

Birthday Greetings!

Birthday greetings to the following people who celebrate a birthday between 7 March to 20 March.

Phu Si Nguyen	Leo Singh	Madison Walker
Ryder Tedham	Remi Hughes	Bella Reilly
Paige Bowman	Rosie Agnew	Lawson Baker
Hadley Peterson	Milan Atandi	

Road Crossing Monitors

Week 8: Matilda Stephan & Polly Sapiatzer

Week 9: Raff Lawlor & Rhys Damhuis

Week 10: Kirra Madden & Finn Peace

Important Reminders

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To assist families with planning for the year, please note the 2024 Staff Formation Days are as follows:

- Thursday 6 June (Term 2, Week 6)
- Friday 7 June (Term 2, Week 6)
- Friday 6 September (Term 3, Week 7) – Staff Reflection Day
- Friday 18 October (Term 4, Week 1)
- Friday 13 December (Term 4, Week 9)

Safety Around the School

At the beginning of a new school year, we must remind ourselves about being safe as we drive around the school.

Please drive safely, and we ask families to observe the following requirements and requests:

Drop Zone: Entry to the school drop zone is via a left-hand turn from Salts Street or Emily Street only. To prevent traffic congestion and to ensure traffic flows smoothly, no right-hand turn to enter the Drop Zone from Salts Street is permitted.

School Crossing: A reminder that when the school lights are flashing, all cars should travel at 25km. At all other times, the speed in front of the school is 50km. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Barefoot Bowling



AN EVENING ON THE GREENS

MILLICENT BOWLING CLUB NORTH TERRACE

MARCH

FRIDAY

22

4:30-7:30PM

\$15 per ticket

includes a meal & a game of barefoot bowling

PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS
NOW!



All profits go to support the Millicent Men's Shed
Drinks available at bar prices from the venue.

NO BYO