

Newsletter



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Celebrating 125 Years

MILLICENT MEN'S SHED MEMBERS ACCEPT DONATION

Last Friday members of the Millicent Men's Shed attended our Friday afternoon assembly to accept a donation, from money raised at our Barefoot Bowling Event held earlier in the year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 4

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

Parish/Class Mass 3/4KP
National Simultaneous Story Time
MHS Info/Open night

Thursday, 23 May 2024

St Anthony's Playgroup 8:45-10am

Friday, 24 May 2024

Occasional Care 8:45-3:00
Thank you Morning Tea for Volunteers 9am
Assembly Hosted by 3/4LB & 3/4SB

Saturday, 25 May 2024

Mass with LOWC 4:30pm

WEEK 5

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Monday, 27 May 2024

SAPSASA FOOTBALL STATE CARNIVAL
YELP CAMP

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

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YELP CAMP

McArthur Park Kindy Visit to STA 1:30-3:10pm

Confirmation Preparation Session 1 3:30pm

Wednesday, 29 May 2024

SAPSASA FOOTBALL STATE CARNIVAL
Receptions Students Visit to Millicent North
Kindy 1:30 – 2:45

Thursday, 30 May 2024

St Anthony's Playgroup 8:45-10am

Friday, 31 May 2024

Occasional Care 8:45-3:00
P & F Meeting

Sunday, 2 June 2024

Mass 9am

WEEK 6

Monday, 3 June 2024

St Vinnie's Winter Appeal Begins

Tuesday, 4 June 2024

Reception classes excursion to Lake McIntyre
10:40am – 1:30pm

Lion's Mad Minute 1:45-3pm

Confirmation Prep Session #2

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

North Kindy Visit to STA

Casual Day

School Disco 3:15-5pm

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Progress Report on the New School Building

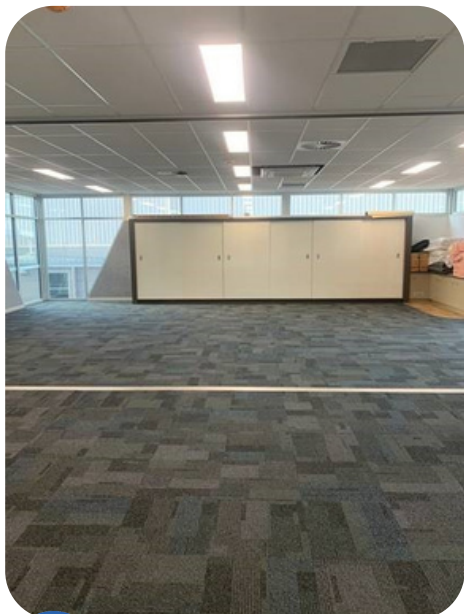
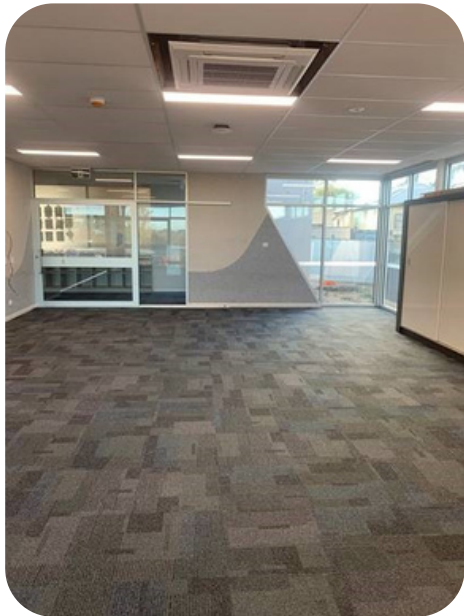
The construction of the new building, which includes two state-of-the-art classrooms and a secure, enclosed playground, is progressing smoothly. As we approach the final stages of the project, it's exciting to see the vision coming to life and to share an update with the school community.

Significant strides have been made in installing internal fittings. The carpets have been laid in both classrooms, providing a comfortable, sound-absorbing surface ideal for learning environments. The choice of colours and materials complements the overall design and meets the requirements for durability and easy maintenance. Custom carpentry work and bathroom tiling have been completed, creating an appealing aesthetic. Light fixtures, plumbing fixtures, and other essential hardware are being installed. Painting of the internal building will begin soon as well. This will provide the classrooms and common areas with a polished, finished look.

With the internal fittings nearing completion, the focus will soon shift to completing the external building and setting up the enclosed playground. This includes the final touches to the building exterior and playground installation. The addition of these new classrooms and the enclosed playground represents a significant enhancement to our school's facilities. The new build will not only provide enhanced Learning Environments but also an enjoyable area for children to play and socialise, fostering their overall development and well-being.

The construction of the new building is well on track, and as we move towards the final stages, the excitement is building within our school community. We look forward to welcoming students and staff into these new spaces and providing them with an enriched educational experience.

As we approach the completion of this fantastic new facility, we are filled with anticipation and excitement. Stay tuned for further updates as we prepare to unveil this transformative addition to our school community.



Sincere thanks to all our volunteers

This week is National Volunteer Week, and we celebrate and honour our volunteers at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School. This Friday, 24 May, at 9 am, we invite all our volunteers to a morning tea in the staffroom to express our deep gratitude for all they do. We want to take this opportunity to recognize the significant contributions that each volunteer provides, willingly giving their time in different ways that reflect their interests, skills, and experience, and how these contributions positively impact our school community.



Included in this thank you message is our wonderful staff, who willingly volunteer in many different areas of school life. Our teachers, in particular, put in countless hours of extracurricular activities, showing their dedication and commitment to our students. All this reminds our students that they matter—their learning and well-being matters, and we are truly grateful for that.

At St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, we value the partnership between parents and the school community. We offer numerous opportunities for parents and friends to get involved, whether it's through the Parents & Friends committee, the School Board, or various school activities, committees, and events. We welcome all parents and friends to participate in the St Anthony's community, and we are excited to have you join us on this journey.

As a reminder, to become a volunteer, the following steps are to be completed:

- Obtain a Working with Children Check. If you do not have a Catholic Police Check, please see Anna at the front office.
- Complete the personal information form, available from the school office.
- Complete the Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RRHAN-EC). Training for Volunteers online at <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>. Once you have completed the training, please print the certificate and provide a copy to the school.
- Further information is available on the school website.

Our school is a safe place for all.

At St. Anthony's, we believe that every child has the right to be safe, and we are committed to ensuring that St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School is a safe place for all.

- Our staff are committed and trained to protect the children and young people under 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 regularly 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 Catholic Education SA's broader protection policies can be found on its website: <http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>. The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics, including anxiety, depression, and how to support your child. If you have any questions or concerns about child safety, please contact me anytime.



National Reconciliation Week

Next National Reconciliation Week begins on 27th May and will proceed to 3rd June. National Reconciliation Week is not just a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements but also a time for us to actively engage in the process of reconciliation in Australia. This year's National Reconciliation Week theme was "Now More than Ever." Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organizations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we encourage everyone to be a part of this journey.

During the week, classes will discover more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and shared history by exploring the Indigenous heritage. Children's learning will focus on the understanding that as people of faith, reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

From the Principal cont...

Staff Formation Days

We have two Staff Formation Days on Thursday, 6, and Friday, 7 June. These days provide valuable professional learning opportunities for our staff in:

- Resilient IMPACT training for staff, facilitated by psychologist and teacher Mr David Kelly from LBI Foundation. This engaging workshop will provide staff with a deeper knowledge and skills to grow students' internal resources for well-being, resilience, and optimal day-to-day decision-making.
- Numeracy Workshops, supporting diverse student learning needs.

As a reminder, these days are Student-Free Days. To support families, the YMCA OSHC program will be open from 6.30 am to 6.00 pm on Thursday, June 6, and Friday, June 7.

God Bless,

Liza Couzens

Liza Couzens
Principal



Important Reminders:

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)
- Friday 8 November (Term 4, Week 4)
- Friday 13 December (Term 4, Week 9)



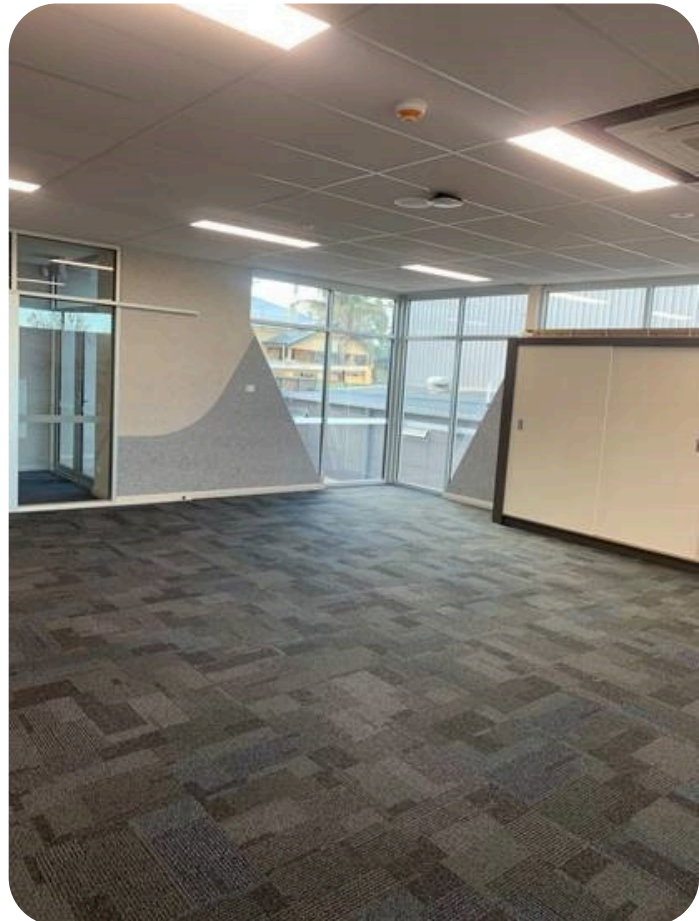
New School Build progress photos.

The **digital version of The Southern Cross** is available via the following link. <http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au/>. The Southern Cross, South Australia's Catholic newspaper, contains stories and features on local, national and international issues, with a strong emphasis on Social Justice and Christian values. Schools play a vibrant and important role in the life of a community and the Southern Cross covers Catholic school news and special events of interest to students and their families.

Safety is Number One

Please be mindful that safety for your child/children is paramount, and you must be patient and careful when using the Drop Zone. It is important, for the safety of the entire school community, that when dropping off and picking up students from the Kiss and Drop area you remember:

- To enter the Kiss and Drop via a left-hand turn from Salts Street ONLY.
- That no right-hand turn into the school from Salts Street is permitted.
- To leave the drop zone via a left-hand turn into Salts Street ONLY.
- To leave the neighbour's driveways free and not park on the paths.
- If in the queue, you keep traffic moving.



Pentecost

Last Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost. Pentecost is often referred to as the "Birthday of the Church" because it marks the beginning of the Christian community and the empowerment of the early disciples to spread the teachings of Jesus.

According to the Bible, Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter. The event is described in the New Testament book of Acts, where it is said that the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem when suddenly, there came a sound like a rushing wind and tongues of fire appeared above their heads. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in different languages, enabling them to communicate with people from various regions and share their love of Jesus with others; hence, the Christian community was born!

Pentecost is important for Catholics and Christians because it signifies that the Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding, empowering, and helping us. When you find yourself in a quiet moment or a situation where you need wisdom, good judgement, understanding or fortitude, try a straightforward but beautiful prayer, **"Come Holy Spirit."** You may be surprised by what happens!



Sacramental Preparation Program 2024

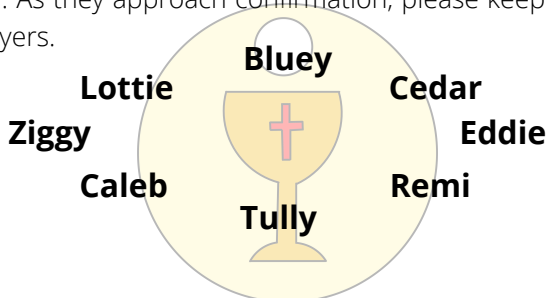
We are approaching a significant milestone in the Sacramental Preparation Program 2024. Our participants undertake the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, Jun 18, at 7 pm at St Alphonsus Church. This celebration will be a lovely evening, and we invite our whole community to come along.

The children will celebrate First Holy Community at Sunday Mass at **9am on September 15.**

If you are interested in chatting about the Sacramental Program or Baptism, please feel free to pop into the office, or if it is more convenient, give us a buzz.

Our Sacramental program participants for 2024:

We are very proud of the following students for their commitment to their faith and participation in the Sacramental Program. As they approach confirmation, please keep them in your prayers.



Whole School Mass and St Anthony's Feast Day celebration:

Week 8 Wednesday, May 19. Mass at 10 am, followed by St Anthony's Feast Day activities on return to school.

At the St. Anthony's Feast Day Mass, we have the honour of hosting a relic of St Anthony. The relic will be on loan from Fr Michael Romeo's Parish in Adelaide. We look forward to discussing the significance of relics with our children!

Next Family Mass:
Saturday June 8, at 4:30 pm.

Liturgy of the Word for Children:

Liturgy of the Word for Children will occur at Mass this Saturday afternoon, May 25, at 4.30 pm. All children are welcome, and we extend a very special welcome to our children participating in the 2024 Sacramental Preparation program.

Class hosted Parish Masses in Term Two:

Week 5: Wednesday, 29 May, 9:15am - Room 7 - 5/6SP

Week 6: Wednesday, 5 June, 9:15am - Room 8 - 5/6BR

Week 7: Wednesday, 12 June, 9:15am - Room9 - 5/6RF

Class liturgies in Term Two:

Week 9: Tue, 25 June, 9:15am - Room 10 - RRW

Week 9: Wed, 26 June, 9:15am - Room 2 - 1KB

Week 10: Tue, 2 July, 9:15am - Room 3 - 2CF

Week 10: Wed, 3 July, 9:15am - Room 1 - RBT



Can Charlie & St Vinnie's Winter Appeal

Our annual can drive, Can Charlie, will start on June 3 and continue until July 1. Please bear this in mind as you do your groceries over the next few weeks. We know that St Vinnie's appreciates and relies on the contributions of our generous community.

God Bless,

Sharn de Nys
APRIM



In our last newsletter we discussed what bullying is, compared to other behaviours such as conflict with another person. Today we will look at different types of bullying, and what to do if you're being bullied.

Bullying can be direct (happening to your face) or indirect (happening 'behind your back'), and overt (very obvious and observable) or covert (subtle and hard to prove). There are a few different types of bullying, including:

Cyberbullying - stuff like mean texts, emails, posts, images or videos.

Verbal bullying - using words to make you feel upset, angry, embarrassed, etc. E.g. teasing, name calling, yelling, etc.

Physical bullying - stuff that hurts or harms your body, e.g. kicking, tripping, hitting. Physical bullying can also include things like damaging your possessions.

Social bullying - stuff done to hurt your reputation. It can be verbal, like spreading rumours or playing mean jokes, or non-verbal like pretending not to hear a person when they speak or leaving them out.

I'm being bullied - what should I do?

Stay calm - don't react emotionally (people who bully usually want you to get angry or upset)

Report it - tell trustworthy adults and keep talking to them until the bullying stops; reporting it helps keep people safe (and isn't the same as 'dobbing' which is about getting someone in trouble over nothing)

Get support - bullying can affect your mental health and self-worth - having the support of family, friends, teachers and/or professionals can make a big difference.

Over the next few weeks we will look at some coping mechanisms, and what to do if you are a bystander to someone being bullied.

Remember to approach your child's teacher or staff at our school if you have any concerns for your child's wellbeing.

Bec Baker,
School Counsellor



Catherine McAuley Award

The Catherine McAuley Award is awarded to a student when they exceed all expectations in their treatment of others. In using all of their Mercy Keys in a single act. In **"doing something ordinary, extraordinarily well"**.



Lacey Randall was awarded the Catherine McAuley Award last Friday at assembly after she went out of her way to assist a community member who was in need. We are so proud of Lacey and the way that she represents our School.

Congratulations Lacey keep up the amazing work!

St Anthony's Awards



Congratulations to our St Anthony's Award Recipients.

Mercy Key Awards in Week 3



Responsibility

Hudson Peterson
Ivy Bowering
Alana Thompson
Isla Varcoe
Georgina Hassell
Violet Fitzgerald
Luka Spinelli-Jones

Integrity

Layla Reilly
Ash Croser
Hannah Mules
Aston Wright

Compassion

Shanaya Thapa

Hospitality

Olive Merrett
Joel Skeer

Loyalty

Mehtab Dhaliwal
Ella Loveday

Justice

Freddie Strother

Birthday Greetings!

Birthday greetings to the following people who celebrate a birthday between 9 May to 22 May 2024.

Diyanshi Thapa

Fraser Fleming

Jimmy Hughes

Harrison Murchie

Remi Robinson

Sonny Coghlan

Millie Grant



Road Crossing Monitors

Week 4: Emily Freebairn & Eloise Phillips

Week 5: Lawson Baker & Nyree Baker

Week 6: Tahli Thomas & Maggie Buhlmann

SAPSASA SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to St Anthony's Students who have been selected to represent the Mid South East Zone at the upcoming SAPSASA Football State Carnival in Adelaide.

We wish Mazi Hales, Thomas Lowe, Raff Lawlor, Sonny Wiese, Frank Mules and super coach Rob Francis all the best in Adelaide next week.



Are you living with a disability or are you the parent/carer of a child with additional needs? – Then the following information may assist you.

Mission Australia's Mt Gambier office is the local NDIS Partner if the Community – delivering local area coordination (LAC) services to the Limestone Coast region.

We are the face of the NDIS in the community and can assist people aged between 9 and 65 years of age, who are seeking information or access to the NDIS. (for younger children – please see contact information further into the document).

We are here to help you navigate the NDIS pathway and to identify locally based community supports - this includes connections to community groups, sporting clubs, support groups, libraries and schools, as well as providing information about what support is provided by each state and territory government.

We can help you to understand the NDIS, apply and connect with other government and community-based supports.

We will arrange a confidential meeting local to your area, identify community connections which may support you, explore your eligibility and assist you to apply for the NDIS (either for yourself or the child).

If you or the child's NDIS application is rejected, we can also assist you to appeal the decision – if it is your intention to do so.

If you believe we can assist, please contact us on the telephone number listed below.

(08) 8714 7900

laclimestonecoast@ndis.gov.au

If you have a child younger than 6 with developmental delay or younger than 9 with disability, you will need to contact Kudos Services, who are the NDIS Early Childhood Partner, covering the Limestone Coast. An early childhood partner can provide supports to children before they apply for the NDIS, and let families know if the NDIS is right for their child.

Kudos Services contact details are below:

1800 931 190

ecei.southaustralia@ndis.gov.au

MILLICENT GALA DAY 2024

Over 50 St Anthony's Students participated in the 2024 Millicent Gala Day last Sunday 19 May at McLaughlin Park, Millicent. We had two junior netball teams, two senior netball teams and one football team competing on the day, against schools from around our region. Our junior and senior blue netball teams were competitive all day with both teams making it through to play in finals. Our junior and senior white netball teams were triumphant on the day bringing home the Championship shields while our Football team were runners up in the final match of the day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Bromley and Rob Francis for their support and organisation of this huge event. We would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who gave up their time to ensure this fun day ran smoothly for all of our students, Chris Robinson, Maddie Redman, Jacqui Matthews, Jess Fitzgerald, Kylie Peace, Kath Reilly, Emily Hassell, Amy Mason, Krystal Madden, Lilly Hateley, Alirah Bowman, Kristy Bromley, Margo Phillips, Bonnie Ferguson & Di Loveday.



MILLCENT GALA DAY 2024

