

Newsletter



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Celebrating 125 Years

Starstruck Shuffle Disco



UPCOMING EVENTS WEEK 6

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
5/6BR Parish Mass
Millicent North Kindy visit
STARSTRUCK SHUFFLE DISCO

Thursday, 6 June 2024

STUDENT FREE DAY
SAPSASA Cross Country State Championships

Friday, 7 June 2024

STUDENT FREE DAY

Saturday, 8 June 2024

Family Mass 4:30pm

WEEK 7

Monday, 10 June 2024

KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Basketball Coaching Sessions
Rehearsal for Confirmation 3:45pm
School Board Meeting 6pm

Wednesday, 12 June 2024

2025 Year 7 TWC Interviews at St Anthony's
2024 Mid-Year Reception Transition visit 8:45am - 12pm

Thursday, 13 June 2024

St Anthony's Playgroup 8:45-10am

Friday, 14 June 2024

Occasional Care 8:45am-3pm
JAM Band Performance 1:30-2:45

Sunday, 16 June 2024

Mass with LOWC 9am

WEEK 8

Tuesday, 18 June 2024

Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm

Wednesday, 19 June 2024

St Anthony's Feast Day Celebrations
Whole School Mass with relic of St Anthony 10am

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

St Anthony's Feast Day Whole School Mass

We eagerly anticipate the Whole-School Mass led by Fr. Peter Zwaans on Wednesday, June 19, at 10 am at St. Alphonsus, celebrating the Feast Day of St. Anthony and the 125th anniversary of St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School. This promises to be an exceptional day for our entire community. A special highlight of the Mass will be the relic of St. Anthony, kindly loaned to us by Fr. Michael Romeo from Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. We are grateful to Fr. Michael and the Parish for this generous gesture.

Our celebration begins with a Whole-School Mass, honouring St. Anthony's legacy and the contemporary relevance of his teachings and marking the 125th anniversary of St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School. St. Anthony is renowned for his compassion towards the poor and marginalised and for his remarkable oratory skills. Many stories highlight his efforts to feed the needy and live among them, earning him a reputation as a staunch defender of human rights and a champion of human dignity.



The example of St. Anthony, alongside the Mercy Keys of integrity, loyalty, hospitality, compassion, justice, mutual respect and responsibility, are core to all we do here at St. Anthony's. This term, our "Can Charlie" Social Justice initiative has exemplified these principles, reflecting the spirit of St. Anthony and the Mercy Keys. The generosity of our school community will significantly benefit the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, demonstrating a practical and compassionate response to our call to mercy.

Following Mass, students will participate in various fun buddy activities to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Anthony and guests, including students and staff from Tenison Woods College and Mary MacKillop Memorial School. All guests and families are invited for morning tea and will be entertained by the Senior School Choir with a recital. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire staff of St. Anthony's for their dedication and hard work in organizing these wonderful and engaging activities. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

We warmly invite all members of our school community to attend our Feast Day Mass.

Combined School Board Meeting - Celebrating Catholic Education in the Limestone Coast

On Wednesday, June 26, the School Boards of St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Mary MacKillop Memorial School, and Tenison Woods College will gather at Tenison Woods College for the annual Combined School Board dinner and meeting. This is another evening when Catholic Education in the Limestone Coast will be celebrated. We were fortunate to have Fr Peter Zwaans and Uby Faddoul, Manager Strategy and Growth, Catholic Education as our guest speakers.

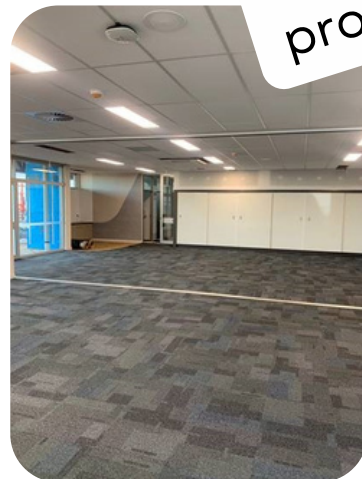
A great community effort

Congratulations to our GALA Day participants who represented our school with exceptional respect, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm at the recent sporting events. Additionally, a huge congratulations to all our students for winning the Grand Final in Netball. These victories are a tremendous achievement for our children, and it was heartening to see so many students eager to participate.

Events like these require immense organisation, and we rely heavily on our teachers and parent volunteers. A special thank you goes to Rob Francis and Kate Bromley for their dedication in organising, coaching, and umpiring the event. We also extend our gratitude to the team of parents who coached, umpired, scored, and supported the teams. Your willingness to volunteer ensures that St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School students have these wonderful opportunities. Thank you.



New Build progress



From the Principal cont...

Staff Professional Development Days – 6 and 7 June

Staff eagerly anticipate the Professional Development days on Thursday, June 6, and Friday, June 7, which will be pupil-free days. These two days will focus on Catholic Schools Regional initiatives, and we will join the Mary MacKillop Primary School staff for this event.

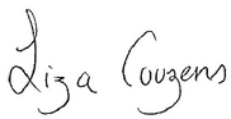
On Thursday, June 6, all staff members will be dedicated to enhancing the teaching and learning of Mathematics within our school. The goals for the day include developing students' mathematical capabilities, helping them become numerate citizens prepared for the future, establishing a shared understanding of mathematics teaching and learning that aligns with our numeracy agreement, and mapping the Australian Curriculum for each year level. This will ensure that all students have comprehensive access to the curriculum and that we understand their starting points and learning trajectories throughout their primary education.

On Friday, June 7, teachers will participate in the Resilient IMPACT program. This program aims to empower and build the capacity of staff and the school community to enhance students' well-being, learning, and life potential. It will support students in navigating everyday challenges, achieving their educational and life goals, and forming healthy relationships with their peers, family, and community.

Over the two days, the Education Support Officers will also engage in professional learning focused on Dyslexia and supporting neurodivergent children. This training will enhance their ability to provide targeted support and create an inclusive learning environment for all students.

I am greatly looking forward to the insights and collaborative spirit that will emerge from these two days and to the opportunity to work closely with all the staff.

God Bless,



Liza Couzens
Principal



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.

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.

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)

*Please note change of date for this Student Free Day. See 125 Year Celebrations article for more information.

Can Charlie started this week

For our new families, you may not be familiar with our school's Can Charlie tradition. Every year, the school hosts a can drive called Can Charlie. Children bring non-perishable food items that are donated to St. Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. These items are then given to the most vulnerable in our community. The purpose of Can Charlie is to help our students understand that when we have plenty, we share with others, just as Jesus demonstrated in the Bible. We also take care of those who are most vulnerable in our community because our faith calls us to love our neighbours. When you talk to your child about Can Charlie, please emphasise the wonderful job that our teachers do in encouraging our children to give with generous hearts.

The fabulous poster you might see around school was designed by Lacey Randall from Mrs Rayson's and Mrs Bromley's year 5 and 6 class. The poster presents the main idea of Can Charlie in a very clear and eye-catching manner.


Well done, Lacey!



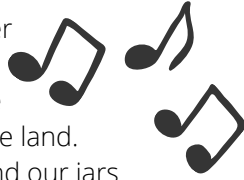
Our fabulous SRC has come up with a terrific plan to add a special twist to 'Can Charlie' for our 125th-year celebration:

- **Classroom Can Collection Competition:** Each classroom will collect cans, competing to see which class can bring the most to school.
- **Can Charlie Trucks:** SRC is creating a Can Charlie Truck out of boxes for each classroom to use as a Can Depot.
- **Hot Chocolate Reward:** The class that collects the most cans/items will be treated to Hot Chocolates in their classroom as a huge thank you!
- **Can Charlie Finale:** On the final day (time to be confirmed), we'll head out to the Basketball Court to arrange all our collected cans into a Charlie shape, just like in the olden days when our lovely Anna from the office was a St Anthony's girl. During this event, we'll announce the class that brought the most cans, and who will become the recipients of the hot chocolate party. If we collect enough cereal boxes, we'll also create a cereal box domino chain!
- **New Can Charlie Song:** This year, we have a new Can Charlie song to the tune of "Clap Clap" (otherwise known as 369 The Goose Drank the Wine from the skipping chant you may be familiar with). Over the coming days, our Year 6 leaders will teach each class, and we'll all sing together at the Can Charlie Finale.

Here are the words for families at home to learn, too:



My mama told me,
be kind and giving,
in helping others,
life is worth living.



She said, Can Charlie,
makes futures brighter,
It shows respect and
Makes our hearts lighter

125 St Anthony's pride
Of collecting cans for all in the land.
Showing respect with our tins and our jars
Building brighter futures and aiming for the stars.

Let's all join in the fun and make this year's Can Charlie the best one yet!

Family Mass This Saturday

We are hosting Family Mass at St Alphonsus this Saturday, June 8th, 4.30 pm. If your child would like to do a reading, carry the offertory or serve at mass please respond to the School Stream post sent on Monday.

Sacramental Preparation Program 2024

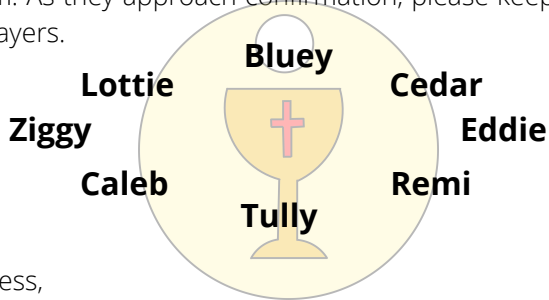
We are approaching a significant milestone in the Sacramental Preparation Program 2024. Our participants undertake the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, Jun 18, at 7 pm at St Alphonsus Church. This celebration will be a lovely evening, and we invite our whole community to come along.

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.



God Bless,

Sharn de Nys

Sharn de Nys
APRIM

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.

Class hosted Parish Masses in Term Two:

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.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



Bystander or Upstander?

A bystander is someone who sees bullying happening to someone else, how do we become an upstander instead?

You can help stop bullying from happening by:

- Showing you disapprove, frown at their mean joke, shake your head to show you think it's not ok.
- Interrupt the bully by talking to the person being bullied, providing a distraction.
- Give the person being bullied an excuse to leave the situation, such as "The teacher is looking for you".
- Support the person being bullied by telling them that you saw them being bullied and you didn't like it, do this in a safe place away from the situation. Ask them how you can help.
- Report it to trusted adults, bullies rely on people not standing up for their victim. You could even report it together.
- Being a friend to the bullying victim is a tremendous support, and can help them not feel alone.

Stand up to bullying. A great way to challenge bullying is to say, "We don't do that at our school".

By making it clear that the behaviours happening are not ok, it can be a powerful statement. Leading by example, and supporting each other is how change can happen.

Please reach out to our wonderful supportive staff at school if you have any concerns.

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 (free call)

Bev Baker,

School Counsellor

Mercy Key Awards



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

Mutual Respect

Leo Singh

Justice

Isabelle Ellery

Isabella Marson

Loyalty

Tahli Thomas

Caleb Hoffmann

Compassion

Ava Peters

Johnny Hamilton

Integrity

Willow Combarngo

Harriet Sapiatzer

Lukas Shearer

Scarlett Pinnington

Oscar Dodd

Ruby Loveday

Kylan Robbins

Emily Freebairn

Eloise Phillips

Hospitality

Emily Johnson

Edith Stephan

Rosie Agnew

Saige Bellin

Millie Grant

Responsibility

Fraser Fleming

Stella Peters

St Anthony's Awards



Birthday Greetings!

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

Lachie Bromley

Mazi Hales

Ava Peters

Quinn Lowndes

Jordy Wakelin

Sophie Peters



Road Crossing Monitors

Week 6: Tahli Thomas & Maggie Buhlmann

Week 7: Harper Zalme & Ella Loveday

Week 8: Raven & Prudence Johnson



SAPSASA FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

In Week 5 six St Anthony's students represented the Mid South East district in the SAPSASA State Football carnival in Adelaide. We were fortunate enough to go as a team to the Crows game on the Sunday night, before playing 9 games of football over the next three days. Despite only winning 2 of our matches, the team improved a great deal and really enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations to Max Wells, Sonny Wiese, Frank Mules, Mazi Hales, Thomas Lowe and Raff Lawlor for being chosen to represent not only our school but also our region.

Great effort boys!



125 Year Celebrations

Earlier this year, we released the event timeline for the 125th anniversary of St Anthony's. After much consideration, the Gala Weekend dates have been moved to November in order to align a student-free day with the Millicent Show weekend.

The weekend will begin with a **Gala Dinner at the Millicent Civic Centre on Thursday, 7 November**, where the content of the time capsules will be displayed. **Friday, 8 November will be a student-free day** and the school will be open for school tours.

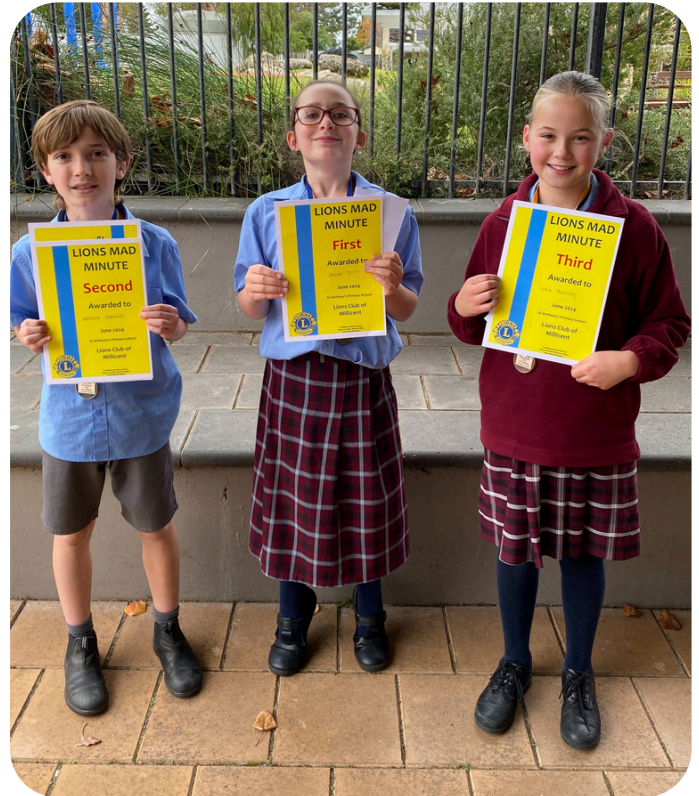
The long-year celebration will be officially closed at the **Vigil Mass on Saturday, 9 November at St Alphonsus' Church**.

More information on each of these events will be released as soon as they become available. For now, please pencil in these dates on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

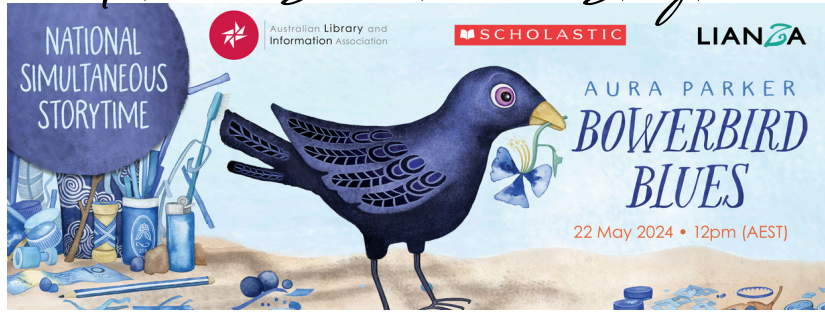
Lion's Mad Minute

On Tuesday 4 June, our Year 5 Students participated in the Lion's Mad Minute. Each of the students were given the opportunity to showcase their public speaking skills with impromptu questions. All of the students did an amazing job in speaking about their topic for their allocated minute. This experience allows students to strengthen their confidence to become strong, creative and independent speakers.

Congratulations to our Year 5 Lion's Mad Minute winners:
 1st - Ariah Pitt
 2nd - Hamish Damhuis
 3rd Lidia Bromley

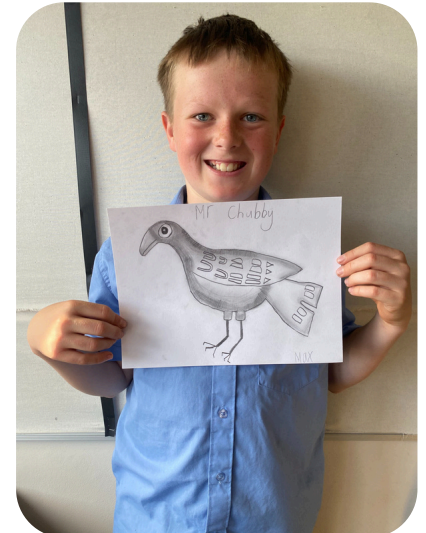
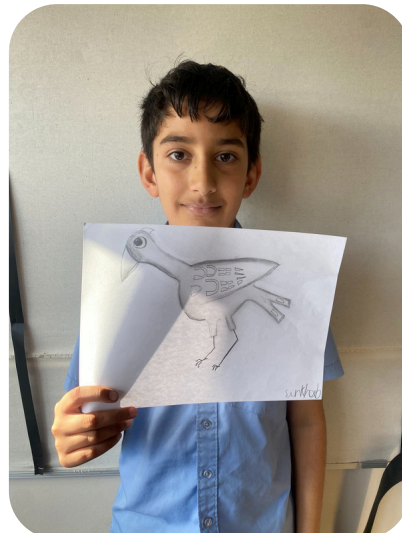
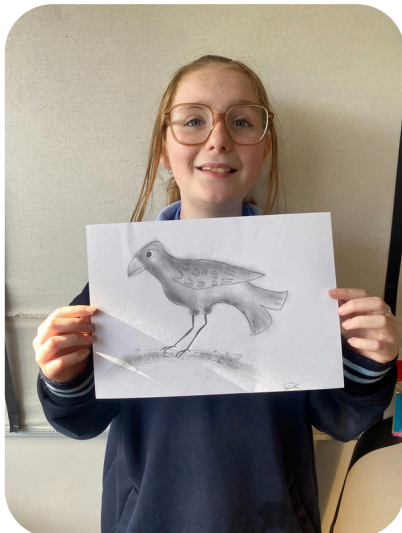
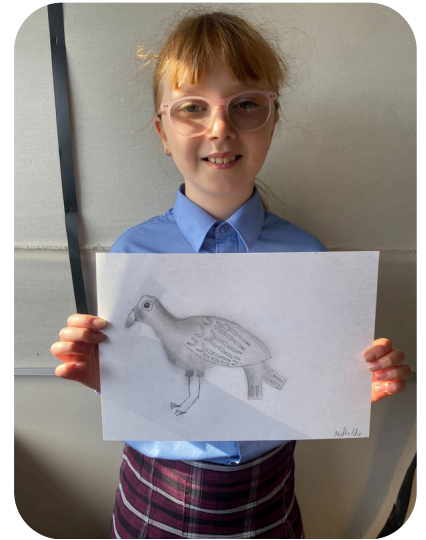
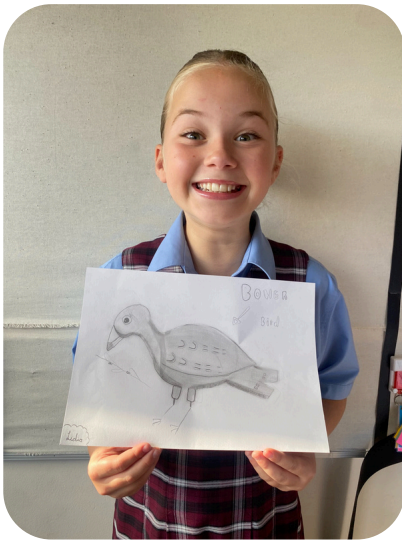


National Simultaneous Storytime



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

In 2024 the selected book was Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker. St Anthony's students enjoyed listening to the story and then participating in craft activities.



Snapshots Around the School





RECEPTION YARD CLEAN UP ROOM 10 - HASS

This term, in room 10, we have been diving deep into the Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum, with a focus on understanding and appreciating special places. One significant aspect of this journey has been learning about the importance of caring for these places, and how our actions can impact the environment around us.

Room 10 identified that our school is important, and that St. Anthony's is a special place. Our school is a place where we learn, grow and play, therefore, it is essential that we take good care of it.

As a class, we set out across the school and collected any rubbish we could find and filled up a whole bag! We were disappointed at the amount we collected that was scattered over our school. We learnt first-hand how the rubbish not only makes our school look untidy but can also harm the environment.

As a class, we would like to remind the students and visitors of St. Anthony's to please use the bins provided, and if a bin is not available, hold onto your rubbish until you can access one! Encourage your friends to take care of our school, be a role model and lead by example! Let's all work together to keep our school beautiful!

