

# Newsletter



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*Celebrating 125 Years*

## St Anthony's Feast Day Celebrations 2024



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WEEK 8

**Wednesday, 19 June 2024**

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

**Thursday, 20 June 2024**

St Anthony's Playgroup 8:45am – 10am

**Friday, 21 June 2024**

Occasional Care 8:45am – 3pm

P&F Meeting 9am

Assembly Hosted by 2CF & 3/4KP

**Saturday, 22 June 2024**

Mass at St Alphonsus with relic of St Anthony 4:30pm

#### WEEK 9

**Monday, 24 June 2024**

SAPSASA NETBALL - ADELAIDE

**Tuesday, 25 June 2024**

SAPSASA NETBALL - ADELAIDE

R-6 Basketball Coaching Sessions

**Wednesday, 26 June 2024**

SAPSASA NETBALL - ADELAIDE

1KB Class Liturgy in Chapel

Mid-Year Reception transition visit 8:45am – 12pm

Combined Board Meeting at TWC

**Thursday, 27 June 2024**

St Anthony's Playgroup 8:45am – 10am

**Friday, 28 June 2024**

Occasional Care 8:45am – 3pm

RRW Class Liturgy in Chapel

**Sunday, 30 June 2024**

Mass at St Alphonsus with relic of St Anthony 9am

#### WEEK 10

**Monday, 1 July 2024**

St Vinnie's Winter Appeal finishes today

**Tuesday, 2 July 2024**

SACPSSA NETBALL CARNIVAL – ADELAIDE

2CF Class Liturgy in Chapel

**Wednesday, 3 July 2024**

SACPSSA NETBALL CARNIVAL – ADELAIDE

RBT Class Liturgy in Chapel

Year 3-4 Basketball Round Robin Day

Dear Parents and Friends,

## **Celebrating the Confirmation of Eight St Anthony's children**

On Tuesday, June 18, we celebrated the Confirmation of 8 St. Anthony's children at St Alphonsus Church. Father Peter Zwaans led the celebration of this the second of three sacraments of Christian initiation.

Confirmation completes Baptism, by which we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism.

We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely. We congratulate the following children from the St Anthony's community on their Confirmation:

Ziggy Galambos  
Lottie Matthews  
Caleb Seidel  
Zhe (Bluey) Yang  
Eddie Haggett  
Remi Hughes  
Cedar Ferguson  
Tully Robinson

Please keep the St Anthony's children in your prayers.

Spirit of God, grant them,  
The gift of wisdom  
To see the world through your eyes,  
The gift of right judgement  
To make difficult decisions,  
The gifts of knowledge and understanding  
To use their mind to know you to love you,  
The gift of courage  
To have the strength to live in the faith,  
The gift of reverence  
To be able to express my special love,  
And commitment to you,  
And the right kind of wonder  
That make me pause and revere your love.  
Amen

## **St Anthony's Feast Day Celebrations**

What a wonderful day of celebration! Beginning with a beautiful Mass, led by Fr Peter and prepared by Ms de Nys, we were reminded of who we are as a school community and the important role we play in following St Anthony's message.

We also welcomed 34 students and 5 staff from Mary MacKillop Memorial School and Tenison Woods College, who joined us for the Mass and celebrations following the Mass. It was wonderful hosting our guests, and many of the students were past scholars of St. Anthony's, making the day all the more special.

We were blessed and privileged to have the relic of St. Anthony with us at this significant Mass. In the Parish Weekly Bulletin, Fr Peter shared with the community that 'this custom of keeping and honouring relics of saints is a tangible link to an important memory – such as keeping a snip of hair from a baby's first haircut or the first tooth he or she lost. Somehow, it's not enough for us to store these memories in our minds. These treasures keep our memories real. It's in this vein that we keep relics of saints. They are part of the precious and lived memory of the Church; not just because we have written accounts of the lives of these saints in a book but also this tangible link to their lives.'

During the Mass Fr. Peter provided insights into the life of St. Anthony, how he 'allowed his heart to be filled with the Holy Spirit and his life to be guided by Jesus,' and the opportunity for the children to engage in how these apply to their lives.

Thank you, Father Peter, for celebrating such an eloquent and thoughtful Mass for the St Anthony's community. I also acknowledge and thank Ms. de Nys and Cisca Teodoro for their behind-the-scenes work in preparing and organising the Mass, the morning tea and the activities following the Mass. Thank you to our school community's parishioners, parents and friends for joining us.

During the afternoon, students participated in a variety of fun activities to celebrate the Feast Day of St Anthony. Such a day could not happen without the support of the St Anthony's staff and their hard work and commitment to developing such wonderful and varied activities. Their work is truly appreciated.

## **St Anthony's Building progress:**

It is with much pleasure and excitement that I update the St. Anthony's Community on the current progress of the Stage 1 Building Program, which comprises two general-purpose classrooms, an enclosed play space in the Junior School, and an enclosed front-of-school play area. We are currently finalising plans for occupancy and the hope is to occupy the new building during Weeks 1 or 2 of term 3. I look forward to providing further information as we progress through the building process.

# From the Principal cont...

## Celebrating Learning

Semester One Reports will be sent home during week 10. As last year, the report format will provide a grade for each subject, an assessment of each child's approach to learning in that subject, and a comment from the class teacher outlining student learning in English, Mathematics, and learning engagement. In addition, the reports will contain a section to record students' extracurricular school involvement.

A student self-assessment of engagement with the Mercy Keys will also be provided. Students, with the support of their teacher, will provide a self-rated indicator of their development and consistency in enacting the Mercy Keys. There is much to celebrate, with many students applying what they have learnt and achieving a standard of which they should be incredibly proud. Reports also provide the opportunity for students to reflect on areas that require a focused approach to learning during Semester Two.

The report informs families about their child/ren's learning throughout the Semester and provides a comprehensive overview of how your child has progressed this semester. This is a marvellous opportunity for families to discuss their child/rens' overall learning this semester and prospects for growth next semester. As you are all aware, our focus at St. Anthony's is to provide a range of learning opportunities for each student to experience success and reach their potential.

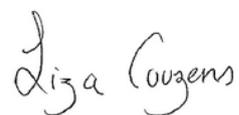
The staff have been committed to collecting evidence of your child's learning and analysing a range of data. I thank the staff for the many hours that have been put into the writing of these reports. They all certainly tell a story about your child's learning.

## 2025 Enrolments

It is now time for 2025 enrolments to be submitted. If you have a child who is to begin Reception in Term 1 2025, please complete an enrolment form and return it to Admin.

If you know of any families who are thinking about enrolling their child at St Anthony's Primary School for term 1 2025, please let them know about our 2025 enrolment intake or they can contact the school on 8733 3479 at any time. More information about the enrolment process is on our website. We welcome all new families!

God Bless,



**Liza Couzens**  
Principal

## 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.

# Celebrating Confirmation



## Can Charlie Continues

Please keep sending in non-perishable food items for Can Charlie. 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. Can Charlie will continue right up until the last day of Term 2. We are hoping to collect over 1000 items!



Our Receptions, Year ones and Year twos will celebrate their liturgies in week 9 and 10. We wish them all the best with their preparations and look forward to welcoming many families to these events.

### Class liturgies in Term Two:

**Week 9:** Fri, 28 June, 9:15am - Room 10 - RRW

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

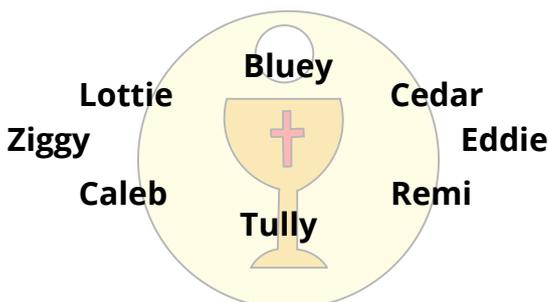
**Week 10:** Tue, 2 July, 9:15am - Room 3 - 2CF

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

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Our Sacramental program participants celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last night.

Congratulations to:



Confirmation marks the fulfilment of the Baptism Sacrament. During infancy, parents make vows to God on behalf of their child, but when the child grows older, they confirm these promises personally to love and follow God.

Fr. Peter often tells us Confirmation is like having a personal Pentecost, meaning that we receive the Holy Spirit as a gift and it provides us with everything we need to live the life God has called us to. The gifts of the holy spirit include:

**Wisdom:** This gift helps us see things from God's perspective. It's like having special glasses that help us understand what is really important.

**Understanding:** With this gift, we can better understand the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. It's like getting a superpower that helps us know what God is telling us.

**Counsel (Right Judgment):** This gift helps us make good choices. It's like having a smart friend who always gives the best advice.

**Fortitude (Courage):** This gift gives us the strength to stand up for what is right, even when it's hard. It's being brave even when we are scared.

**Knowledge:** With this gift, we learn more about God's world. It helps us see the wonders of God's creation and understand our faith better.

**Piety (Reverence):** This gift helps us love and respect God and others. It's like having a warm, loving feeling that makes us want to be kind and worship God.

**Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe):** This gift helps us see how great and powerful God is. It's not about being scared but being amazed by how awesome God is and wanting to please Him.

These gifts help us live like Jesus and become better friends with God.

God Bless,

Sharn de Nys  
APRIM



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:

- Friday 6 September (Term 3, Week 7)
- **Friday 8 November (Term 4, Week 4)**
- Friday 13 December (Term 4, Week 9)

Over the last few newsletters, we have talked about what bullying is, if you are being bullied what can you do about it, and learning to be an upstander instead of a bystander. This week we will look at some strategies for if you have discovered your child is bullying others. This can be distressing for families and their child, addressing it promptly is crucial to prevent harm and help your child develop empathy and positive social skills. Here are steps to take if you find out your child is bullying.

### Stay Calm and Gather Information

- **Stay Calm:** Avoid reacting with anger, as this can make your child defensive. Approach the situation calmly.
- **Gather Information:** Talk to your child, teachers, and involved parties to understand the context of the incidents.

### Talk to Your Child

- **Open Dialogue:** Have an honest conversation with your child about their behaviour. Ask questions to understand why they are bullying.
- **Express Concerns:** Explain why bullying is harmful and unacceptable using age-appropriate language.

### Set Clear Expectations and Consequences

- **Set Rules:** Establish clear rules about acceptable behaviour and respect.
- **Consequences:** Implement consistent and reasonable consequences for bullying, ensuring these are known in advance.

### Teach Empathy and Social Skills

- **Empathy Building:** Help your child develop empathy by discussing the impact of their actions on others.
- **Social Skills Training:** Encourage positive social interactions and conflict resolution skills. Praise good behaviour.

### Monitor Behaviour and Provide Support

- **Monitor:** Keep an eye on your child's interactions both in person and online.
- **Support:** Offer reassurance and help them address any underlying issues such as low self-esteem or family problems.

### Collaborate with the School

- **Work with Staff:** Partner with our school staff to address the bullying behaviour and monitor progress.

Addressing bullying requires patience, consistency, and a proactive approach to guide your child towards empathy and positive interactions. Early intervention can promote a more respectful and compassionate environment for everyone.

*Bev Baker,*

School Counsellor

## Birthday Greetings!

Birthday greetings to the following people who celebrate a birthday between 6 June to 19 June 2024.

Charlie Telfer	Ash Croser	Isabella Marson
Holly Peace	Oscar Dodd	Tyler-Alonso
Rafe Peace	Joseph Hill	Ferguson
Skylah Clark		Reah Fleming
		Kobe Skeer



### Road Crossing Monitors

**Week 8:** Raven & Prudence Johnson

**Week 9:** Frank Mules & Orlando Newton

**Week 10:** Dalila Scanlon & Millie Grant

### SAPSASA NETBALL IN WK 9

A huge congratulations to Raven Johnson, Prudence Johnson, Kaia Green, Nyree Baker, Lottie Matthews, Pippa Bromley & Violet Fitzgerald who have been selected to represent the Mid South East district in the SAPSASA State Netball carnival in Adelaide next week. Amazing representation from St Anthony's School. Good luck girls!

## 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!



**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](mailto: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](mailto:ecei.southaustralia@ndis.gov.au)

# Snapshots Around the School





# Jam Band Performance

