

Newsletter



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Celebrating 125 Years

Can Charlie 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 2

Thursday, 1 August 2024

School Photos
St Anthony's Playgroup 8.45am-10am
St Alphonsus Feast Day

Friday, 2 August 2024

Occasional Care
Assembly - 5/6 RF & RBT 2:30pm

Sunday, 4 August 2024

Mass 9am at St Alphonsus

Week 3

Tuesday, 6 August 2024

2025 Year 7 Subject Info @ TWC 6pm

Wednesday, 7 August 2024

Andrew Chinn Performance

Thursday, 8 August 2024

St Anthony's Playgroup 8.45am-10am
Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Friday, 9 August 2024

Occasional Care

Saturday, 10 August 2024

Mass 4:30pm at St Alphonsus
Year 6 Quiz Night 6:30pm

Sunday, 11 August 2024

St Clare Feast Day

Week 4

Wednesday, 14 August 2024

Whole School Mass 9:15am
Assumption of Mary

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to Term 3. It was wonderful to see so many smiles at the start of the term.



CESA Living, Learning Leading Survey for Parents and Caregivers

This week we share with our families the opportunity to participate in the CESA Living Learning Leading Perception Survey for 2024. In collaboration with Curtin University, CESA has focused on the development of a survey, which seeks feedback from parents and caregivers on the extent St Anthony's is enacting the Catholic Education SA Living Learning Leading Framework in our context and also is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to provide feedback on how things are progressing for the children and families at this school.

During the first five weeks of Term 3, surveys will be conducted in all CESA schools for the following cohorts:

1. Middle Primary Years 2, 3 and 4
2. Upper Primary Years 5 and 6
3. Teacher survey
4. ESO staff
5. Parent survey

Parents and caregivers can access the survey at www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the access code: SACPSLLLIP .

We encourage all families to complete the survey. At St Anthony's, we highly value family feedback to support the school's continuous improvement in faith, learning, and well-being initiatives. The survey window will be open until 23 August.

Whole School Mass - The Assumption of Mary

St Anthony's Primary School students and staff will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary Wednesday 14 August during a Whole School Mass, to be held at St Alphonsus Church at 9.15 am. Each year the Assumption of Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation and in 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith:

"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

This Feast celebrates Mary's relationship of love and faith with God. On this day, Catholics give thanks for the blessed life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and how God honoured and welcomed her into heaven.

We have a special welcome to the following Reception students and their families who have commenced their learning journey with the St Anthony's school community this term;

**Ryker Brown, Leena Chilukuri, Jack Crimmins,
Albie Dodd, Forrest Letheby, Laura Liu,
Linh Nguyen and Oskar Shearer.**

We warmly welcome you all and hope you have a most rewarding and enjoyable learning journey at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School.

Upcoming Quiz Night

Mark your calendars for this exciting event! Our Year 6 students are raising funds for their upcoming camp, and we invite all community members to join us for the annual Quiz Night on 10 August at 6 pm in the St. Anthony's Gym. Hosted by the Year 6 students, this event will help support their camp expenses. Ticket information can be found on the flyer included at the end of this newsletter.

It promises to be a fun evening with an auction, prizes, and plenty of quiz questions. EFTPOS facilities will be available. Please bring your food and drinks. We would love to see as many friends as possible and families of our community support the Year 6 students. It promises to be a great night. For inquiries and bookings, please contact the office. All are welcome!



From the Principal cont...

Catholic Schools Open Week

Catholic Schools Open Week will be held during Week 5, August 19 - 23. Catholic Schools Open Week 2024. During the week we will celebrate how Catholic Schools are : Raising Hearts and Minds.

Catholic Schools Open Week. This year, St. Anthony's will celebrate the Catholic School's Open with a myriad of activities: Principal and School Captain tours, Open Classrooms Showcase, Little Book Afternoon, and a Come and Try Reception Session. These activities are designed to highlight the wonderful opportunities the school provides, where young people have the capacity to achieve their potential and thrive as capable and competent learners in a welcoming and caring community. This is also an excellent introduction for families to explore the benefits of a Catholic Education for their children, and to view educational programs in action.

If you would like further information regarding 'Catholic Schools Open Week' and how St Anthony's will celebrate this week, please visit our Facebook Page in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you all at St Anthony's during Catholic Schools Open Week.

2025 Enrolments

It is now time for 2025 enrolments to be submitted. If you or your family and friends 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. Alternatively, they can contact the school on 87 333479 at any time. We welcome all new families!



2025 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Visit our website at sta.catholic.edu.au or contact the front office on 8733 3479 for more information or to book a school tour



Safety is Number One

Please be mindful that the safety of your child/children is paramount to us all. If parents are picking up their children at the Emily Street gate at the end of the day, students are to wait for them at the Kiss and Drop until they arrive at the Emily Street Gate to be collected. Students may proceed to the gate once parents have arrived.

God Bless,

Liza Couzens
Principal



Class Masses & Liturgies for Term 3:

Week	Masses	Liturgies
1	-	
2	Room 8	
3	-	
4	Whole School	
5	Room 4	
6	Room 6	
7	Room 5	
8	Room 7	Tues - Room 10 Thurs - Room 1
9	Room 9	Tues - Room 3 Thurs - Room 2

Family Masses for Term Three:

Family Mass is this Sunday, August 4, at 9 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church. We are looking for volunteers to read, serve, and carry the gifts. Please contact Sharn or respond to the form on Schoolstream if your child would like to participate. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with us.

Also, please mark a special Family Mass on September 9 in your diaries. At this Family Mass, our children in the 2024 Sacramental Preparation Program will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our whole parish community at what is sure to be a wonderful Mass.

Andrew Chinn Concert

On Wednesday, August 7, Australian religious songwriter and singer Andrew Chinn will visit our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands," "Rainbow," "An African Blessing," and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the USA, and Canada. The concert will take place in the school gym at 2 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Mass

On Wednesday, August 14, at 9:15 a.m., the whole school will gather at St. Alphonsus Church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with a whole-school mass. Please come and join us for this special occasion.

The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary on August 15 is a unique Catholic event. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was chosen by God and loved Him deeply. When her life on Earth ended, God took her body and soul to Heaven. We call this miracle the Assumption. We celebrate this day to remember Mary's love for God and her role as our loving mother. Knowing she is close to Jesus in Heaven, we ask for her prayers and guidance. The Assumption of Mary reminds us of God's love for her and her motherly love for us. We can trust that God has a particular plan for us, too.

Catholic Saints

This August, we celebrate the Feast Day of three special saints who are connected to our school: St. Alphonsus, St. Mary MacKillop, and St. Clare.

In the Catholic tradition, saints lived exceptional lives, showing great love for God and others. They are now in Heaven and can intercede for us. Saints help us by being role models, inspiring us to live in a way that pleases God. By learning about their lives, we can follow their example. They also act as intercessors, praying for us just like friends would. Additionally, saints are our spiritual friends and companions, offering guidance and support. Saints are not worshipped like God; they are friends in faith who help us on our journey to God, reminding us that we are part of a big family of believers and never alone.

Feast of St Alphonsus

St. Alphonsus's Feast Day is August 1 every year. His story and legacy inspire aspects of St. Anthony's School, which our esteemed Red House team carries forward.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1797) was an Italian priest, bishop, and writer. Born near Naples, he started as a lawyer but decided to serve the Church. St. Alphonsus founded the Redemptorists, a group of priests who helped poor people in rural areas. Known for his practical advice on moral issues, he wrote many influential books that influenced Catholic teachings and practices. He was made a saint in 1839 and is the patron saint of those who hear confessions and teach about right and wrong.

Feast of St Mary MacKillop

St. Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is celebrated on August 8 every year. St. Mary MacKillop, born in 1842 in Melbourne, Australia, is renowned for her dedication to education and social justice. She co-founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Penola, in southeast Australia, establishing numerous schools to provide education for poor and rural children. Her unwavering commitment to helping the marginalized often brought her into conflict with church authorities, yet she remained steadfast in her mission. Canonized in 2010, St. Mary MacKillop is celebrated as Australia's first saint, remembered for her profound faith, resilience, and pioneering spirit in championing the rights of the less fortunate.

Feast of St Clare

St. Clare, our blue team's namesake, is celebrated with a Feast Day on August 12 every year. St. Clare of Assisi was born in 1194 in Assisi, Italy, and was an essential figure in the early 1200s. She was one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi and started a group of sisters called the Poor Clares. The Poor Clares lived very simple lives, owning very little and often not even wearing shoes. Clare devoted her life to living humbly and faithfully. She died in 1253 and was made a saint just two years later, in 1255, leaving behind a strong legacy of humility and devotion.

God Bless,



Sharn de Nys
APRIM

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



The Importance of Routine: How Structure Helps Us Feel Safe

Having a routine is very important because it makes our lives feel more predictable. Children in particular need these feelings so they can feel safe and sure about things.

Here's why routines help us and our children to strive:

1. Predictability and Security:

- Less Stress: Knowing what to expect each day helps us feel less worried.
- Control: Routines make us feel more in control of our time and actions.

2. Better Health:

- Healthy Habits: Regular routines can include exercise, healthy eating, and good sleep.
- Good Sleep: Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day helps us sleep better.

3. More Productivity:

- Time Management: Routines help us manage our time and get things done.
- Less Procrastination: When tasks become part of our routine, we're less likely to put them off.

Tips for Creating a Routine for yourself and your child:

- Start Small: Begin with simple routines like a regular wake-up time.
- Be Flexible: Adapt your routine when needed, preparing your child if possible.
- Use Tools: Use planners or reminders to keep track.

Creating a simple daily routine can help us all to feel more secure, healthy, and productive.

Bev Baker,

School Counsellor

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)

125 Year Celebrations

2024 School Photos

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 with local community events.

The weekend will kick off with the opening of the **Season of Creation Art Exhibition**, featuring the art pieces created by our students on **Thursday, 7 November**. The **Gala Dinner** will follow that evening at the Millicent Civic Centre, where the time capsules will be opened. **Friday, 8 November will be a student-free day** and the school will be open all day for a **school tour** which includes the new buildings and the Commemorative Walk (with personalised bricks designed by the students).

More information on the Gala Weekend 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!



SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE TOMORROW. THURSDAY AUGUST 1.

Please remember that all children are to wear full winter uniform with their jumper, shiny shoes and neatly brushed hair (tied up if longer than shoulder length). Replacement photo order forms and Family photo order forms can be collected from the front office.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 - 9:00	Family Photos
9:00 - 9:15	Rm 10
9:15 - 9:30	Rm 1
9:30 - 9:45	Rm 2
9:45 - 10:00	Rm 3
10:00 - 10:15	Rm 4
10:15 - 10:30	Rm 5
10:30 - 11:00	Catch up time
11:00 - 11:15	Rm 6
11:15 - 11:30	Rm 7
11:30 - 11:45	Rm 8
11:45 - 12:00	Rm 9
12:00 - 12:20	Yr 6s, School Captains



2024



Birthday Greetings!

Birthday greetings to the following people who celebrate a birthday between 3 July to July 31 2024.

Milla Deland
Lottie Matthews
Caleb Siedel
Aston Wright
Emma Hill
Lux Wiese
Hudson Peterson

Spencer Redman
Thomas Lowe
Harry Weir
Joey Weir
Nyree Baker
Ethan Barkle

Lara Dodd
Maci Faulkner
Indi Merrett
Parker Wells
Zephyr Wright
Leena Chilukuri
Hugo Ellis



Road Crossing Monitors

Week 3: Prudence & Raven Johnson

Week 4: Lottie Matthews & Mathilda Facey

Week 5: Max Wells & Paige Stewart

Book Week 2024

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
Catholic Education Open Week and Book Week
WEEK 5
19 - 23 AUGUST 2024

Monday	• Book Week Dress Up Day - Parade 9am
Tuesday	• Classroom Swaps
Wednesday	• Classroom Swaps • Open Classrooms & Big Book Afternoon 3:10 - 4:30pm
Thursday	• PJ Day and Buddy Reading
Friday	• Come & Try Reception Morning 8:50am-10:00am

We would love for you to join us in these events - further details will follow!
Please call 8733 3479 or email info@sta.catholic.edu.au to let us know you're coming!



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

Snapshots Around the School



100 Days of School



**YEAR 6 STUDENTS
OF ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PRESENT



**QUIZ
NIGHT**

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY?

**10 AUG 2024
6.30PM**

SCHOOL GYM

TEAM NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM FRONT OFFICE

\$15 per adult

\$10 HS students

\$5 PS students

BYO food & drinks

Payment can
be made
on the night



find out more



We are The Village

We are an Australia wide, grass roots charity born to support Mums and their mental health.

Every month our village comes together to gather donations for a local mum in need of support, while we continue to create social support for all Mums in our community

Our Impact




-  Social connection
-  Monthly care hampers
-  Urgent assistance
-  Mental health promotion



We rely on the generosity of our community and the support of our Charity Partners to give our Mums the help they deserve. The power of our work is fuelled by the passion and kindness of our volunteers.

It takes a village to raise a child - will you help us build that village?

JOIN THE VILLAGE

-  hello@thenurturedvillage.org
-  www.thenurturedvillage.org
-  [@thenurturedvillagehampers](https://www.instagram.com/thenurturedvillagehampers)



Who are we?

We are:
For Mums

The Nurtured Village Hampers is a grass roots charity built to support Mums and their mental health. Every month our communities across Australia come together as a Village to create hampers for Mums who could use a reminder that they are loved and not alone.



How can we help you?

If you are a Mum, or know of a Mum (aged 14-51yrs) who needs a helping hand - simply reach out to your school or contact us directly at

limestonecoast@thenurturedvillage.org

We have been able to help mums access clothing, food relief, items for their children and even help them as they find their feet after a change in their living circumstances. We deliver a monthly hamper each month drawn randomly from nominated Mums, and can also do our best to support requests for Urgent Assistance where we can.

www.thenurturedvillage.org

We are:
Community support