

Newsletter



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Celebrating 125 Years

Visit from Special Guests

School Captain Kaia & Deputy Captain Nyree were excited to welcome Ben Hood, Shadow Minister for Regional South Australia and John Gardner, Shadow Minister for Education Training and Skills, to our school last Wednesday morning. The Captains took the visitors on a special guided tour of our school and were thrilled to accept a book kindly donated by Ben Hood for our library.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 6 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday 26 August 2024

Book Fair 3:10 - 3:30pm

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Book Fair 3:10 - 3:30pm

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Book Fair 3:10 - 3:30pm

Thursday 29 August 2024

Playgroup 8:45 - 10am

SAPSASA Basketball Millicent

Book Fair 3:10 - 3:30pm

Friday 30 August 2024

Fathers Day Breakfast 8:15 - 9am

Occasional Care 8:45 - 3pm

Assembly hosted by 5/6BR & 1KB 2:30pm

Book Fair 3:10 - 3:30pm

Sunday 18 August 2024

Mass at St Alphonsus Parish 9am

Week 7

Thursday 5 September 2024

Playgroup 8:45 - 10am

Friday 6 September

Student Free Day

SAPSASA Basketball Mt Gambier

Saturday 7 September

Mass at St Alphonsus Parish 4:30pm

Week 8

Tuesday 10 September 2024

Holy Communion Sacrament Rehearsal at

St Alphonsus Parish 3:30 - 4:45pm

School Board Meeting 6pm

Dear Parents and Friends,

Care for Creation

In June 2015, Pope Francis wrote a letter, *Laudato Si*, to the world about caring for our common home: Earth, so that we, as Christians, contribute to resolving the ecological crisis humanity is experiencing. "The ecological crisis thus summons us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them, the environment and with each other. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue." (*Laudato Si*, 217).

Later that year, Pope Francis declared 1 September a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer to protect creation and promote sustainable lifestyles. It runs from 1 September to 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork that he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation."

Prayer for Care for Creation

God of All Creation, may your Spirit change our minds and hearts so that we learn how to care for the land, the seas that surround us, and the skies that overarch us, and how to wisely use their natural gifts.'

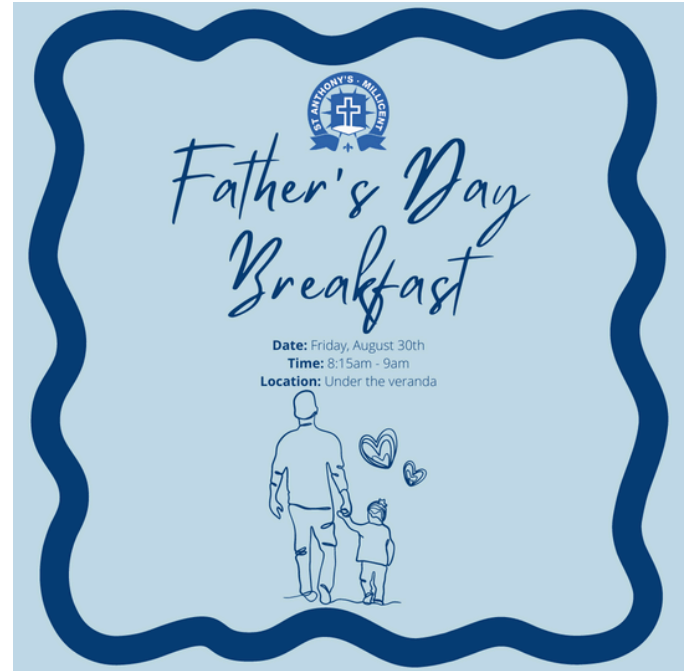
Sr Margie Abbott – Visiting St Anthony's

The St. Anthony's Catholic School community is committed to strategies for caring for creation and our Common Home and promoting a sustainable lifestyle. During the upcoming Staff Formation Day on Friday, September 6, 2024, Sr. Margie Abbott (past Principal at St. Anthony's) will lead staff in unpacking *Laudato Si* and engaging them in practices to support ecological conversion. As a whole staff, we look forward to connecting with Margie and having the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of integral ecology and theology.

Sr Margie Abbot will also be at the school on Thursday, 5 September, and we are keen to invite past scholars and parish and community members to an afternoon tea with Margie Abbot in the staffroom from 2 pm to 3 pm. All are welcome.

Father's Day Breakfast Friday, 1 September

I wish all our school community dads, grandpas, and uncles a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday, 1st September. This year, the St. Anthony's community will celebrate Father's Day with a Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, 30 August, from 8.15 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. in the Assembly Area – back of the school. We hope to see you all this Friday for breakfast and look forward to spending this special time with you all.



Sincere Thanks to our P & F Team & Year 6 Families

We celebrate and honour our P & F team and the Year 6 families this week. We thank them for their enthusiastic contributions to the community, willingly giving their time in ways that reflect their interests, skills, and experience.

The Year 6 families significantly contributed to the success of the Quiz Night, held on August 10th in the school gym. I have been thoroughly inspired by their organisation and facilitation of the Quiz Night; it was such a tremendous event. Their time, support, and donations assisted in raising \$7000.00 for the Year 6 Camp.

Thank you to the P & F Committee members for facilitating and organising the resources for the Father's Day gifts the children will produce with their teachers and for supporting the SRC initiative Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a Charity that partners with local churches in developing countries to provide gift-filled shoeboxes at Christmas. We encourage families in our community to support this cause by collecting a shoebox from the school office.

Communication Protocols

At St Anthony's, we understand that parent/caregiver engagement is essential for student well-being, and productive communication with parents/caregivers is an essential feature of a positive school culture.

Digital technologies have greatly assisted in this regard, and using parent/caregiver information apps, social media, the school website, Seesaw, and School Stream to communicate directly with staff is now routine.

We appreciate that parent/caregiver expectations regarding staff accessibility have evolved in the context of enhanced digital communication practices. While representing efficient modes of communication, the breadth of digital communication options can create 'availability creep', where school employees become more accessible in locations and at times of the day, weekends, and during periods of leave when they should be able to disconnect from work. Indeed, recent laws have taken effect that provide school employees with the right to disconnect.

In the interest of respecting the rights of our staff and recognising the importance of facilitating and promoting healthy communication, please note the following as standard protocol during term time:

- Noting that our staff spend a significant amount of their workday focusing on teaching or other activities applicable to their roles, staff will endeavour to respond to Parent/caregiver communications within 48 hours. Staff will discern whether an urgent matter requires a shorter response timeframe.
- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the school's office in the first instance for general information and enquiries.

We thank parents/caregivers for their support in this matter.

Student Free Day

As a reminder to families, Friday, September 6, 2024, is student-free.

All staff will participate in the Staff Professional Formation Day. We remind families that there will also be no Occasional Care, and the Out of School Hours Care Program will be available to assist and support families caring for their child/ren on this day if required.

Booking information is available on the school website or by following this link:

<https://www.sta.catholic.edu.au/community/out-of-school-hours-care>.

2025 Enrolments

It is now the time for the 2025 year 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 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 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



Student Exemption Forms

If your child will be absent from school for more than five days, we kindly remind families to contact the school to obtain a Student Exemption Form. The principal approves all absences over five days and enters them into our Attendance system to maintain accurate records.

God Bless,

Liza Couzens
Principal

Father's Day- A time to honour the father of the Holy Family, St. Joseph

St. Joseph is an important figure in the Bible and is known as the earthly father of Jesus. He was a kind and hardworking carpenter who took care of Mary and Jesus with great love. In the Bible, we learn that an angel visited Joseph in a dream to tell him about God's plan for Jesus. Joseph listened to the angel and protected Mary and Jesus from danger. He taught Jesus how to work with wood and showed him how to be a good person. St. Joseph teaches us about kindness, obedience to God, and taking care of our families. He is a role model for showing love and faith in God's plans.

This Father's Day as we celebrate our dads, grandpas, pops and those who are like father too us, you may like to consider St Joseph in your prayers. Interestingly, St Joseph doesn't speak even once in the Bible. That point provides much material for contemplation – especially for me!



St Joseph, Prayer for Fathers

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary,

You passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.

They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone.

Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Written by Pope St. John XXIII



Operation Christmas Child

This year, we are coming together as a school community to make Operation Christmas Child boxes for our school to donate to Samaritan's Purse. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to spread joy and love to children in need at Christmas time (Yes, Christmas is just around the corner!)

We are inviting each child to bring one item to school to contribute to the boxes. By contributing just one item, we hope that more families can be involved, as it is very expensive to create a whole box.

Once we have finished collecting items, the SRC students with support from our P&F will fill the boxes with the items brought by all the children. We would like to create at least ten boxes to donate from all of us at school. In addition, families are still most welcome to bring in entirely made boxes and donate them to the charity.

We ask for items to be donated between:

Monday Week 7 (Sept 2) – Friday of Week 9 (Sept 20).

Suggestions of what to bring include:

- Personal care items
- School supplies
- Clothing and accessories
- Games and activities
- Small toys
- Click [here](#) for an extensive list of gift suggestions

Remember everything has to be small enough to put in a shoebox!

We are unable to include food, lollies, gum, toothpaste, and any dangerous or war-related items.



Class Masses & Liturgies for Term 3:

7	Room 5	
8	Room 7	Tues - Room 10 Thurs - Room 1
9	Room 9	Tues- Room 3 Thurs - Room 2

God Bless,

Sharn de Nys

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APRIM

SRC in Action

Our newly appointed SRC Representatives met for their first meeting this week to discuss some "hot topics" for Term 3.



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



FRIENDSHIP FOCUS

This week we will look at providing some guidance on maintaining friendships. All friendships have their ups and downs, but it's how we focus on coming up from the downs that counts.

Here are some simple tips for students on how to make and keep friends:

1. Be Kind

- **Tip:** Say nice things to others and offer to help when someone is in need. Kindness makes people feel good and want to be around you.

2. Share and Take Turns

- **Tip:** Taking turns and sharing shows that you care about others and helps everyone have fun.

3. Listen to Others

- **Tip:** When your friends are talking, listen carefully and ask questions. This shows that you care about what they have to say.

4. Include Everyone

- **Tip:** When playing or working in groups, try to include everyone. It feels good to be included, and it helps build stronger friendships.

5. Apologise if You Make a Mistake

- **Tip:** If you hurt someone's feelings, say sorry. Apologising shows that you respect your friends and want to make things right.

6. Be Yourself

- **Tip:** Don't try to be someone you're not to make friends. True friends will like you just the way you are.

Primary school can help grow friendships that can last forever.

Bec Baker

School Counsellor

Sports News

SAPSASA SOCCER CARNIVAL



Congratulations to Dalila Scanlon, Shelbi Mason, Sam Lang, Kobe Skeer, Max Wells, Rhys Damhuis, Zephyr Wright and Luka Spinelli Jones who represented the Mid SE region at the SAPSASA Soccer carnival in Adelaide in Week 4. All students represented the school with pride and we are so proud of their efforts.



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)

Birthday Greetings!

Birthday greetings to the following people who celebrate a birthday between 14 August to 28 August 2024.

Alana Thompson Harriet Sapiatzer
 Bodhi Hoffmann Spencer Lewis
 Maggie Matthews Albie Dodd



Road Crossing Monitors

Week 7 Orlando Newton & Tahli Thomas

Week 8 Eloise Phillips & Harper Zalme

Week 9 Kaia Green & Aria Pitt

House Points

ST CLARE	ST ALPHONSUS	ST BRIGID
585	617	581

Operation Christmas Child



Children are invited to donate one item that can be used to fill a shoebox for a child in need.

Our SRC students with support from our P&F Committee will fill the boxes to be sent off to Samaritan's Purse who will distribute the boxes for Christmas.

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT IN TO SCHOOL FROM MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Suggestions of what to bring:

- Personal care items
- School supplies
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- Games and activities
- Small toys
- Click [here](#) for more ideas.



Mercy Key Awards



Responsibility

Jordy Wakelin
 Oscar Dodd
 Maeva Ellis
 Orlando Newton
 George Bowman
 Oscar Shearer

Hospitality

Lilli D'Aniello
 Kirra Madden

Mutual Respect

Milla Deland
 Indi Merrett
 Kaia Green
 Leena Chilukuri

Compassion

Milan Atandi
 Lidia Bromley
 Sophie Peters

Loyalty

Ayah Crawford
 Jackson Stewart
 Jack Crimmins

Integrity

Archie Westerman
 Olly Gibbs

Justice

Quinn Lowndes
 Edward Ellery

St Anthony's Awards

BRONZE AWARDS



SILVER AWARDS



Snapshots Around the School



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