



**Newsletter 24th February, 2021**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **CLASSROOM INFORMATION EVENINGS**

We are very much aware that COVID-19 restrictions have limited parent involvement in the life of our school. As a result, we would like to invite you to an information evening to meet your child's teacher/s and hear about your child's learning for the year.

There will be a short presentation from your child's teacher/s and then time to mingle and meet your child's teacher/s and fellow parents from your child's classroom. This will replace the parent teacher conversations that usually take place in Term 1. Please note that you are always welcome to contact your teacher to organise a 1:1 interview if you have a concern.

The nights are spread across a week to keep in line with Covid-19 measures. As a result of each classroom size, we can only invite one parent per family. This is a parent only event. Additionally, parents will be asked to sign in and wear masks while on the school grounds.

The dates are set out below. Please note the presentations will be sent home to parents who are not able to attend.

#### **Parent Information Nights: 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

<b>Foundation</b>	-	<b>Monday March 1st</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4</b>	-	<b>Tuesday March 2nd</b>
<b>Year 1 and 2</b>	-	<b>Wednesday March 3rd</b>
<b>Year 5 and 6</b>	-	<b>Thursday March 4th</b>

### **FOUNDATION [PREP] STUDENTS**

Our foundation [Prep] students return full time from next week.

### **EVACUATION DRILL**

Yesterday our school took part in an evacuation drill. This was run by a company that specialises in school evacuations. A report will be presented to the school. It is important that we run these drills on a regular basis to prepare our staff and students.

### **SWIMMING**

Our swimming program has returned and a large number of students have attended the swimming program. My thanks to the staff who have accompanied the students to the pool and Mr Peter Lafranchi for coordinating this important school activity.

### **COMMITMENT MASSES**

On Saturday and Sunday we welcomed our Year 3 and Year 4 children along with their families to their Commitment Masses. These children are preparing to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist later in the year.

### **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY**

**Monday 8th March is Labour Day and a public holiday.** Classes will resume on Tuesday 9th March.



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be held over two days this year to accommodate our large student population.

**Monday 22nd March - Foundation to Year 2 plus Family Photos**

**Monday 29th March - Year 3 to Year 6 plus Family Photos**

Please note: Families need to be prepared to have family photos on either day.

### SKOOLBAG

Please note that the school will cease using the Skoolbag app for all communication from Friday 26th February. From Monday 1st March all communication from the school will be via Operoo.

To report a student absence please use the Student Absentee Form on Operoo or call the Administration Office on 8099 7800 and select option 1 to report the absence.

### SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2022 ENROLMENTS

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School invites all prospective families to tour the school's facilities prior to submitting an enrolment form. These tours will be conducted at the school on the following dates;

**Thursday 25th February, Monday 1st March and Wednesday 3rd March 2021.** Times vary and tours are limited to 10 adults. Please limit the number of small children attending if possible.

Note that St Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic Primary School (31 Waterway Boulevard) will open in 2022. Zoning arrangements apply for St Lawrence and St Anthony's.

These tours are only for families residing/(or planning to reside) in the St Anthony's zone. If you are unsure of which zone applies to you please refer to the zoning map on our website or contact our school office to discuss.

For those families residing in the St Lawrence catchment area please contact our school office to discuss enrolment arrangements.

Should you wish to book an enrolment tour for St Anthony's, please head to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

You can now book in a suitable time using the code **hq3zq**

For more information, please speak to our friendly reception on 8099 7800.

### ENROLMENTS 2022 - ST ANTHONY'S / ST LAWRENCE

**OPEN - Tuesday 9th March 2021**

**CLOSE- Monday 16th August 2021**

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note there are two closure days in term one.

**Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April - staff conference.**

**The last day of term will be Tuesday 30th March at 3.20pm.**

**Friday 2nd April is Good Friday.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Schuster'.

Damien Schuster  
**PRINCIPAL**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Date	
Wednesday 24th February		Wednesday 3rd March	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 25th February	Reconciliation Lent	Thursday 4th March	
Friday 26th February	Stations of the Cross 9.45am Assembly Yr3 - Yr6	Friday 5th March	Stations of the Cross 9.45am Assembly Yr3 - Yr6
Saturday 27th February		Saturday 6th March	
Sunday 28th February		Sunday 7th March	
Monday 1st March	Assembly F - Yr2 Swimming Week commences for Yr 2 (Fahey & Szelest), Yr 3 (all), Yr 4 (Blasis & Lafranchi)	Monday 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday NO STUDENTS
Tuesday 2nd March		Tuesday 9th March	

## School Fees and Statements

Fee statements will be sent home with the eldest student in each family this week. Please check school bags to ensure you don't miss this. All payments received up to and including Friday the 19th February have been recorded and will show on this statement. Please note, students who attended in 2020, received a rebate for their excursion and swimming levies, and this is already included in your current statement balance.

If you have already nominated to set up a payment plan, these are now in place and may have been adjusted to reflect the credit from your 2020 account (if applicable). If you would like to establish a payment plan for the remainder of 2021, using a Credit Card, Bank Account or Centrepay, please request a fee payment option form.

If you have nominated to pay your account directly at the office or via direct deposit into the school account, please note that unless you intend to make a single annual payment (3rd week, term 2), weekly, fortnightly, monthly or termly options should now be initiated.

If you need any assistance with this or have questions about your account, please do not hesitate to contact us on [accounts@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au)

## *Hidden Glory*

“There lives the dearest freshness deep down things”. So Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins affirms in his poem, “God’s Grandeur”. No matter how battered and weary our world becomes, over centuries of travesties and unmet need, the vitality of hope waits under the surface, like crosses beneath the snow. Things aren’t as they appear. A hidden glory is always in the wings.

Abraham didn’t know this, on that sad day he trudged up the mountain with his son. We don’t sense this, on the endless, sleepless nights we grieve hopeless situations. The disciples didn’t imagine this on the day they followed Jesus up the mountain, expecting to see nothing more than the land. How could they know that all of heaven was about to break loose on top of that hill?

There’s a hidden glory deep in the heart of things. We glimpse it in flowers and in sunshine, but also in the shadowy places and ominous trails we fear to travel. Glory is concealed in our losses, glory awaits behind every cross. You can’t see Easter from Good Friday. But that doesn’t mean it’s not there.

### *When have you sensed the hidden glory at the heart of our world?*

In a world given over to cynicism, make hope a habit. Short-circuit doubt and negativity with prayer. Living hopefully is one way to put faith into practice.

2021 GPBS eNews,



St Anthony's school acknowledges the traditional custodians who have cared for the lands and waters for thousands of years. We pay our respects to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people, their Elders past and present, who maintain strong spiritual connections and traditions to this land. We commit ourselves to the on-going work of reconciliation and justice for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.







# WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!



## ST. ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NOW MOBILE READY!

St. Anthony's Primary School has been working hard in 2021 to provide our community with a new, vibrant website that celebrates our story.

Developed by keeping you in mind, St. Anthony's will ensure our website gives you current information about what is happening at our school and what your children are learning.

This includes information about Our School, our Faith & Mission as a school community, our Learning & Teaching practices, Student Wellbeing, Parent Information, about our School Community, Latest News and a Calendar.

The St. Anthony's Primary School website is responsive on any mobile device, you can find the information you need in the palm of your hand!

SCAN ME



SCAN THE QR CODE USING YOUR CAMERA APP ON  
YOUR PHONE TO GET ACCESS TO OUR NEW WEBSITE

# WWW.SAMELTONSTH.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU



## Year 2 Community Walk

In Inquiry, the Year 2's are seeking to answer the question 'Where is My Place?' As part of the tuning in process they went on a Community Walk around Melton South on Friday morning. During the walk students pointed out and discovered places they deemed special within their community. Some of the places students identified as being special were Melton Train Station, the skate park, Staughton College, Melton South Primary School and Melton CFA. Here is what some of the students had to say about the walk:

On the walk we saw a V/line Velocity – Ryan (2 Calleja)

While we were walking we saw Dominique's home – Eloise (2 Calleja)

I liked playing on the playground. We saw houses on the walk. - Abuic (2 Cefai/Butler)

We saw trees. I liked that we could see nature - Wesley (2 Cefai/Butler)

I really liked walking past the fish and chip shop on our community walk. I also liked seeing the train - Bethel (2 Szelest)

On the walk I liked seeing the helicopter in the sky and playing on the playground - Clovis (2 Szelest)

We saw a lot of places I've seen before. We saw George's house and the skate park. - Ciarrah (2 Fahey)

I was so excited for the walk. My favourite part was the playground. - Luca (2 Fahey)

I liked when we got to play on the playground with my friends- Zac (2 Hodge)

On our community walk we saw Coles, Tyron's mum's friend's house and the community centre- Gabriella (2 Hodge)







## Literacy News!

During this year the Literacy Team will be drawing your attention to online learning resources to help you support your child at home with their learning. School provides access to EPIC books and Reading Eggs (F-2), which allows your children to experience a range of reading activities.



Reading Rockets is another fabulous resource for parents to use, it is free and has lots of information about every aspect of Literacy. This week's issue has Reading Tips for Parents in multiple languages.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages#languages>

## Be Water Smart

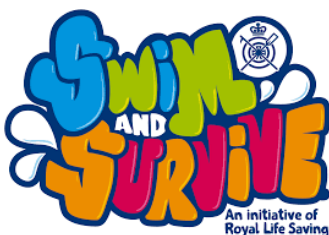
St Anthony's Primary School works in partnership with 'Royal Life Saving Australia' to deliver the importance of being Water Smart to our students. Royal Life Saving aims to teach 100,000 children each year across Australia to be Water Smart, in order to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activity.

### The Water Smart Award focuses on

- Water Safety knowledge
- Introduction to resuscitation principles
- Basic reach and throw rescue techniques

### Water Safety Tips

1. Never swim alone - always have a buddy
2. Always check how deep the water is - especially if you cannot see the bottom
3. Obey signs, warning flags and lifeguards
4. Always wear a life jacket while on a boat
5. No running around the pool edge - you could easily slip, fall and hurt yourself





## ***F-2 Student of the Week***

***Congratulations to all the award winners from February!***

### *Monday 8th February*

Luka Lamberti - Foundation Harris  
Connor Tomlinson - Foundation Harris  
Paige Eggins - Foundation Topcuoglu  
Flora Manirambona - Foundation Grosz  
Jenevy Van Tha lang Man Cing- Foundation Grosz  
Isabella Hindle - Foundation Corver  
Jierial Jieny - Foundation Porritt  
Jude Henderson- 1 Condon  
Kiera Taylor - 1 Bairstow  
Dianna Bandola- 1 Gray  
Lily Edwards - 1 Notaro  
Zac Holland- 2 Hodge  
Ella Painter - 2 Szelest  
Lino Magok- 2 Calleja  
Nikola Lamberti - 2 Cefai/Butler  
Kawik Majok - 2 Fahey  
Nicholas Liasic - 2 Dumont/Temby

### *Monday 22nd February*

David Bihong - Foundation Porritt  
Ivan Joby - Foundation Porritt  
Hazel Gogna - Foundation Harris  
Bawi Sie Vung - Foundation Harris  
Gavin Mason - Foundation Topcuoglu  
Aylah Bonett - Foundation Topcuoglu  
Noah Lemos- Foundation Grosz  
Levi Gonzales- Foundation Grosz  
Majok M - Foundation Corver  
Awan Maker- 1 Condon  
Charlotte Smith- 1 Condon  
Rydah Lepp- 1 Gray  
Charlot Kovacevic- 1 Gray  
Van Tlaling- 1 Bairstow  
Kou Kou- 1 Dumont/Temby  
Eden-Grace Mavaega - 1 Notaro  
Sunday Tut - 1 Notaro  
Patrick Bairstow- 2 Calleja  
Naomi Lekia - 2 Szelest  
Manaia Dornan- 2 Hodge  
Israel Nebo - 2 Cefai/Butler  
Athiel Kuany - 2 Fahey





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## ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PS PHOTO DAY IS COMING

The official School Photos will be taken by Elite School Photography on

Monday 22nd March & Monday 29th March 2021

All orders are to be completed online, via the Elite School Photography website, prior to the day.

You can order your Child's School Photos by using the login code ESP202515 and follow the easy to use steps to order. Please ensure all relevant details are filled out correctly.

**Family Discount** - If you have more than two children attending this School, please list all their First Names and all their Classes and select 2 as the quantity, for the Deluxe and Standard packs. Your third and subsequent Child will receive their packs free of charge, but you must list all your children's names though. This family discount will only apply to the Deluxe & Standard Packs.

If you have any queries regarding School Photos, please contact our friendly staff at ESP directly on (03) 9570 9311

*SIMPLE, SMART & SENSIBLY PRICED*

**Students are required to wear their FULL summer school uniform with black school shoes (no sports uniform)**

**Families must be prepared to have their family photos on either day.**

**All photo orders and payments are to be made online using the link below**

**<https://www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au/order/>**

**The Administration Office will NOT accept cash payments over the counter. If you require assistance please do not hesitate to call the Administration Office on 8099 7800.**



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### ST ANTHONY'S CSEF SCHOOL FEE DISCOUNT -

Please note that families who qualify for CSEF are also eligible for a discount on their School Fees.

**\$650 per family for a family with 1 child**

**\$700 per family for a family with 2 or more children**

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>





**f DREAM BIG FESTIVAL** **f LINKING MELTON SOUTH**

# DREAM BIG

# FESTIVAL

**3:00-8:30PM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28**

**FREE** entry, activities and performances for all ages. Registration required. BYO picnic blanket



**See it live or stream online**  
**Mt. Carberry Reserve &**  
**Melton South Community Centre**  
**Visit our Facebook page for details**

*The Dream Big Festival is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.  
This is an alcohol and drug free event*







**We are excited  
about coming back  
to your school!**

**Teeth On Wheels is returning to  
your school next term.**

If you completed a form this year, we will see your child. If you are unsure if you have handed a form in, please click on the link below and complete a new form!

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact our team 03 9338 1191

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