



**Newsletter 21st April, 2021**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I welcome you back to term two. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break.

### **MRS CAITLYN LALOR**

As announced in Term One, Mrs Caitlyn Lalor begins her appointment as Acting Deputy Principal [Foundation to Year Two] this week. I congratulate Mrs Lalor on her position and wish her every success and happiness as she begins her new role at the school.

### **EUCHARIST MASSES**

Please keep our Year Four and Year Three students in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time this Saturday 24th April. Our students will be involved in a Eucharist Retreat Day and a Eucharist Workshop tomorrow [Thursday 22nd April].

I would like to thank the Year 3 teachers, the Year 4 teachers, Mrs Bernadette Cameron, Mrs Kathryn Martin and all our staff who have supported our students. I thank them for their hard work preparing the students for their special day on Saturday.

### **ANZAC DAY**

Sunday 25th April is ANZAC day. I am sure all our families will take the opportunity to remember those who have served [and continue to serve] our country. On the anniversary of Gallipoli, we remember with great sadness and pride, those who have given so much for their country.

### **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy [NAPLAN] is an annual assessment for students in Years 3 and 5.

It has been an annual event for schools since 2008, with the exception of last year. Our students will complete the 2021 NAPLAN tests on the 11th, 12th and 13th May.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian students.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such, is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later in the year.



**TERM TWO CALENDAR DATES**

Weekly calendar dates will be published in the newsletter.

**Please note there is one closure day this term - which is Wednesday 23rd June for Parent/Teacher Interviews [9.00am to 8.00pm].**

A number of important dates are set out below for your information.

**APRIL**

Thursday 22nd - Year3/Year4 Eucharist Workshop/Retreat Day.

Saturday 24th - Eucharist Masses - 9.30am/11.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm.

**MAY**

Sunday 9th - Mother's Day.

Tuesday 11th - NAPLAN.

Wednesday 12th - NAPLAN.

Thursday 13th - NAPLAN.

**JUNE**

Tuesday 1st - Confirmation Workshop.

Wednesday 2nd - Confirmation.

Thursday 3rd - Confirmation.

Friday 4th - Confirmation.

Sunday 13th - St Anthony's Feast Day.

Friday 18th - Mid Year School Reports distributed.

Wednesday 23th - Closure Day-Parent /Teacher Interviews [9.00am-8.00pm].

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term. School closes at 1.00pm.

Damien Schuster

**PRINCIPAL**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Event	Date	Event
Wednesday 21st April		Wednesday 28th April	
Thursday 22nd April	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 RETREAT DAY	Thursday 29th April	
Friday 23rd April		Friday 30th April	
Saturday 24th April	EUCCHARIST MASSES	Saturday 1st May	
Sunday 25th April		Sunday 2nd May	
Monday 26th April		Monday 3rd May	
Tuesday 27th April		Tuesday 4th May	



## Peace Begins with Me

Although ANZAC Day (annually held on 25 April) initially commemorated a particular event in Australian history - the landing of Australian troops at Gallipoli in Turkey on that day in 1915, it has become a solemn tribute to the enduring impact that war has had on the Australian people. The human sacrifice experienced during World War I (1914-1918) was on such an immense scale that it was widely believed that this conflict had to be “the war to end all wars!” But unfortunately, international conflict has continued unabated since ANZAC.

This day calls us to pray for those who have suffered death, injury and disturbed lives through the experience of war and to offer gratitude for such sacrifice given to maintain the peace we enjoy. We pray that God will bring comfort and healing to those who suffer daily from continuing trauma inflicted by conflict, and that Jesus will continue to lead each of us in the ways of peace.

We will gather on Sunday to celebrate Anzac Day. We pray for all those who gave their lives so that we can enjoy peace and freedom. Let us remember that peace in the world begins with each one of us building strong and trusting relationships based on Jesus’ message of love.

Loving God, you sent us your Son, Jesus, to show us how to live in peace and love. We pray that we listen to Jesus’ words and seek out the peace that only he can bring. Help us to find peaceful solutions to our problems with each other so that we can live in harmony together. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Loving God, you call us to be people of peace. Our hearts are full of gratitude to those who have given their lives in times of war and conflict. Through the example of Jesus may we learn to live in harmony, peace and unity. We make our prayer in Jesus’ name.

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**Child  
Safety**



*The St. Anthony’s Primary School  
Community promotes the safety,  
wellbeing and inclusion of all  
children.*

## The Stone Rejected

The portrait of Jesus in John's gospel is unique for many reasons. Ninety percent of the stories in John don't appear in the other three gospels. And the stories that do appear always lean in the direction of glory. Jesus walks taller in John's version of things. Jesus never wears swaddling clothes as a helpless baby in a manger. He's always in control, from the dawn of creation as the Divine Word became flesh for our sake, to the Lordly way he debates the nature of authority with Pontius Pilate. In the garden of Gethsemane, John's Jesus shows no agony, does not weep or sweat blood. From the cross he doesn't cry out about abandonment, nor surrender his spirit. Instead, he offers the regal declaration, "It is finished," as he retires his mission.

It's not surprising that Jesus doesn't assume the role of sacrificial victim in the describing of his relationship to the cross, which he foresees and predicts. John's Jesus is never seized in the garden; when the mob tries to lay hands on him, they fall to the ground. Jesus dares not kiss his way into betrayal. Rather, Jesus agrees to enter into custody and marches to the cross as Lord of history. This stone, rejected by human arrogance, is the undisguised Rock of Ages. Lord have mercy on those who had eyes and didn't see!

***Why does the church retain both the image of a suffering Lord and a triumphant Saviour in its tradition?***

Find images of Jesus in your church or in art that reveal him as the stone rejected by humanity and as the Son of God who lays his life down freely. Contemplate each image in prayer. Consider how your prayer is shaped by each portrayal

***"The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary".***

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## Connect Webinar Series 2021

*proudly presents this free **online** webinar*

### Supporting parents of children with anxiety



***Are you struggling to support your young child or teenager with anxiety?***

CSPV provides this opportunity for you to learn from leading anxiety speaker and educator **Dr Jodi Richardson**. Jodi is the best-selling co-author of *Anxious Kids* and a regular media commentator on issues related to anxiety, wellbeing and parenting.

This free 90 minute Webinar will provide you with strategies to know how to respond, how you can help, when to seek professional help and much more.

**Saturday 24th April, 10:30am-12pm**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

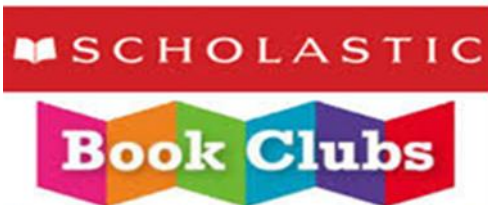


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Mindful Parenting

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You can place your child's order at <http://scholastic.com.au/loop> or by using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the APP Store or Google Play.

**THERE WILL BE NO CASH PAYMENTS.**

Orders for Issue 3 are to be made online by **Friday 8th May**



## Student Congratulations - Halaena

During term 1 Halaena from Year 5 performed some amazing winning swims in 50 metres Freestyle and Breaststroke at the St Anthony's Trials, then the Melton Primary Schools Carnival and the Divisional Carnival at Melton Waves which qualified her to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Geelong. This event was held on the last day of Term 1. Halaena came 2nd in her 50 metres Freestyle and came 1st in her 50 metres Breaststroke. Both fantastic achievements. This means that Halaena has now qualified to compete at the Victorian Championship Carnival to be held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) in Melbourne next Monday. This is an amazing achievement! We at St Anthony's congratulate Halaena on her performances and wish her all the best for her swim next week.

**Good luck Halaena!**

# Mother's Day Stall

During Library time, come and buy Mum or a special female role model in your life a gift to celebrate Mother's Day.

Gold Coin donation.

Limit one gift per child.

DATE: 3rd May - 7th May Week 3



*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.*

