



Newsletter 28th April, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID SAFETY - SICK STUDENTS TO STAY AT HOME

We ask that any students who show any signs of being unwell must remain at home. Parents please note that students will be isolated in the sick bay and we will call parents if we identify that your child is unwell.

This protocol is in place for the safety of all students and members of our community.

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 of 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.

NAPLAN - MY SCHOOL - ACARA

As we approach NAPLAN in May I remind parents they have access to the government 'My School' website www.acara.edu.au

This site supports national transparency and accountability of Australia's schools by publishing nationally consistent school-level data about every school in Australia.

The 'My School' site includes information about each school, including an indication of student's literacy and numeracy achievements as they progress through the school. It also presents NAPLAN performance over a number of years.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Date	Event
Wednesday 28th April		Wednesday 5th May	MPSSA Cross Country Event
Thursday 29th April		Thursday 6th May	
Friday 30th April	Senior Winter Sports	Friday 7th May	Senior Winter Sports
Saturday 1st May		Saturday 8th May	
Sunday 2nd May		Sunday 9th May	
Monday 3rd May	Mother's Day Stall (Please See Flyer)	Monday 10th May	
Tuesday 4th May		Tuesday 11th May	NAPLAN Yr 3&5

God is Greater Than Our Hearts

"He must increase; I must decrease". John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship to Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead, John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John's mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn't lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.



This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It's folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in service to the vine, it bears much fruit.

Define yourself as a branch attached to Jesus the vine. Name the fruit you bear in this relationship.

Consider your attachment to Jesus the vine: is it weak, strong, in need of support?
Resolve to strengthen the bond in prayer and imitation.

The Commissioning

Go from here as those who will make the love of God known through your words and deeds. **We will comfort the downhearted. We will welcome the newcomers. We will encourage the apathetic. We will accept those who are excluded. We will support those who are going through hard times. We will be available to the troubled.** God's love will embrace you. God's love will keep you strong. **Amen.**

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ANZAC Day at St Anthony's

In the week leading up to ANZAC Day, students and staff at St Anthony's participated in a range of activities to commemorate and remember those who fought for our country in the war. Grade 6 students recalled the history of the ANZAC at assembly and read the Ode. This was followed by the playing of the Last Post and a moments silence. **Lest We Forget.**

2 Hodge & Foundation Harris – Artworks Reflecting the Unknown Soldier



Grade 1 Notaro & 1 Dumont/Temby – Read the book 'ANZAC Ted' in class and created letters to a soldier and created descriptions.



Grade 5 Martin/Watson & Year 3 – Researched and recorded the origins of the poppy and their symbolism for ANZAC and Remembrance Day. Students discussed the hidden meanings and emotive language of the poem 'Flanders Field'.





Child Safety

As part of our commitment to online safety for our community, St Anthony's Primary School will be sharing many initiatives and resources from the eSafety Commissioner's website.

The demand for the eSafety Commissioner's parent and carers webinars prompted them to develop the 2021 series to support school communities. These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online.

This Term 2 webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 4-13.

Please check out our website for dates, registration and more information about the webinars.

A graphic for a free live webinar. It features a cartoon boy with glasses and a blue shirt holding a smartphone. Surrounding him are various icons representing digital safety and technology, such as a speech bubble, a location pin, a game controller, a lightbulb, a magnifying glass, a share icon, a heart, a bar chart, a percentage sign, and a document. The text reads: 'Free live webinar eSafety's guide to parental controls'.

 **Free live webinar**
eSafety's guide to parental controls

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

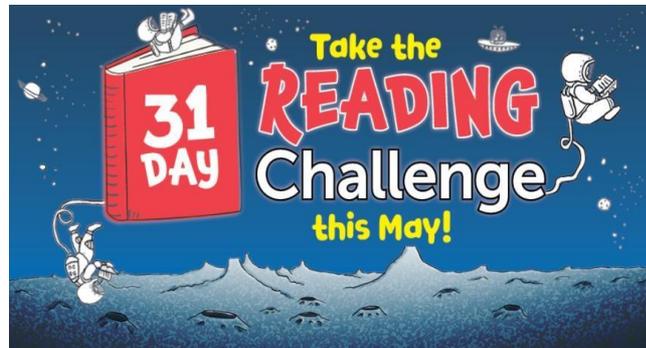




May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month!

2021 marks the 25th year of National Family Reading Month which celebrates and encourages families to read more together.

Most of us know how important reading together is and its long-term value to our children's success in school and in life. However, we also know it is not always that easy to put into practice with our busy schedules and increasing competition with screen time.



That is why we ask families to take the *31 Day Family Reading Challenge*– to inspire you to make reading together for at least 10 minutes every day a focus, to create positive, long lasting reading habits and lifelong readers!

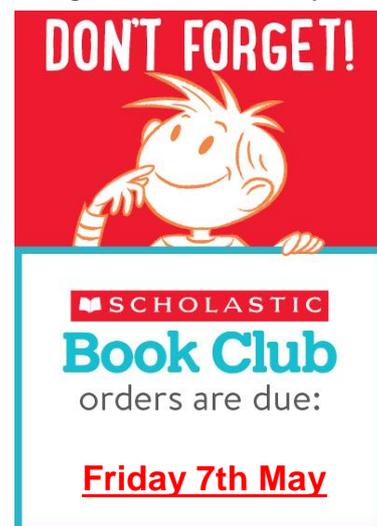
We hope you enjoy exploring the universe of wonderful stories together– from different types of books across many authors and genres, and have a great time taking this challenge!

How to take the 31 Day Family Reading Challenge:

1. [Sign up](#) to join the 31 Day Reading Challenge starting 1 May 2021.
2. Use the Reading Rocket Log as a fun way for your child to track their reading all month in May.
3. Follow along with Scholastic Australia on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for tips, inspiration, motivation and fun giveaways!

Tag us with **#NationalFamilyReadingMonth**

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/scholastic-in-the-community/national-family-reading-month-2021/>



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.

