



Newsletter 12th May, 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] are taking place this week. Our year 3 and 5 students will complete the 2021 NAPLAN tests on the 11th, 12th and 13th May.

2022 FOUNDATION [PREP] ENROLMENTS FOR EXISTING FAMILIES

Our school has received a large number of enrolment enquiries for 2022. To ensure that we can cater for the children of our existing families in 2022, we are bringing forward the enrolment process. Enrolment interviews for these families will commence this month. If you have already completed and submitted an enrolment form to the office you will be contacted to arrange an interview. If you have not yet submitted an enrolment form for your child please ensure that this is done by **today Wednesday 12th May 2021.**

SCHOOL FEES AND STATEMENTS

Fee statements have been sent home this week with the eldest student in each family. Please check school bags to ensure you don't miss these. All payments received up to and including Friday the 7th May have been recorded and will show on this statement. Annual payments and the second term payments were due in full by last Friday 7th May. Please check your statements to ensure that you are up to date with school fee payments as it is extremely important that all families honour their commitment to school fees.

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

Damien Schuster

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

PRINCIPAL

A graphic with a colorful background of overlapping triangles in shades of purple, pink, and green. On the left, the words 'Child Safety' are written in white. To the right, silhouettes of six children of various ages are shown holding hands in a line. <p>Child Safety</p>	<p><i>The St. Anthony's Primary School Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.</i></p>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Date	Event
Wednesday 12th May	NAPLAN Yr 3&5	Wednesday 19th May	
Thursday 13th May	NAPLAN Yr 3&5	Thursday 20th May	
Friday 14th May		Friday 21st May	
Saturday 15th May		Saturday 22nd May	
Sunday 16th May		Sunday 23rd May	
Monday 17th May		Monday 24th May	
Tuesday 18th May		Tuesday 25th May	

What happens Next?

“Time to go”. We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we’re now entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, we’re going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say the last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they’re gone. For a moment, there’s an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Ida and the kids. The same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he’d spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it. And yet the same must have been true for them as it is for us when we take leave of loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They’re not there but are hardly gone for good. You can’t kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

How do you keep Jesus close even when he may seem absent?

Consider the Jesus-shaped place in your life. Is it big enough, profound enough, life-changing enough? Reflect on ways to expand it.

The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church.

The Commissioning

As you go out, the Holy Spirit goes with you.

The Spirit of questioning **will lead us to fresh understanding.**

The Spirit of persistence **will save us from discouragement.**

The Spirit of compassion **will call us to caring.**

The Spirit of adventure **will have us leave routine in the dust.**

The Spirit of community **will give us joy as we work with others.**

We know the Holy Spirit goes with us. Rely on the Spirit. Amen.

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Learning and Teaching News

Last week three year levels took part in science incursions to learn more about their Inquiry topic of Chemical Science.

The Year Sixes big question this term is **“How do we evaluate change?”**. The students started to find out more with an incursion from Mad about Science called, “The Matter about Matter”. Students used dry ice to explore the states of matter - solids, liquids and gasses.



The Year Four’s big question is **“Why does change matter?”**. They started to find out why change matters with an incursion from Hands on Science called “Solids and Liquids”. Year 4 students collaborated safely on different experiments, including comparing evaporation of different liquids and testing the melting points of wax, chocolate, citric acid and sugar.



The Year Two’s big question is **“How can objects change?”**. The Year 2 students started to find out how objects change through an incursion from Mad About Science called “Kitchen Chemistry”. The students experiment with a variety of food-related chemicals, and they even got to take home a bag of sweet, tongue-tongling sherbet!



It was a great week of Inquiry learning across the school, with more incursions to come at St Anthony’s School!



Library News

Thank you Melton Library.

During Term One, the St Anthony's Primary School Library was lucky enough to receive a set of beautiful timber library shelves from the Melton City Council Library.

The Melton City Council Library upgraded their own shelves earlier this year and as a part of our school partnership we were able to secure these shelves for our own library. It has given our library a fresh new look, and created a beautiful space for our books and for our students to visit.

The partnership with Melton City Library has been a fruitful one for us over the last few years as we gratefully receive books for our children on a regular basis. We thank the Melton City Council Library for their support and encourage all of our families to visit them and utilise their programs and services.



Next week, Reconciliation week is celebrated between the 27th of May - 3rd of June. Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for us to celebrate the Traditional Custodians of our lands and work on the relationship between the First Peoples of this continent and those who now call Australia home.

The theme of this year's Reconciliation week is: **'More than a word, Reconciliation takes action'**

- This is the 20th year of Reconciliation week and the theme urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action by recognising and learning about Australia's past to help improve reconciliation.

Next week students will be participating in activities that promote recognition and understanding of Reconciliation Week. Some of these activities will be displayed around the school for our community to see.

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.

