



**Newsletter 26th May, 2021**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **TAKING LEAVE**

I will be on leave from Thursday 27th of May until the end of this term. Mrs Bernadette Cameron will be the Acting Principal. Mrs Caitlyn Lalor, Mrs Andrea Lalor and Mr Liam Wilson will be supporting Mrs Cameron during this time.

### **CHANGES TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE**

The Victorian Government has announced that additional COVIDSafe measures will be put in place across metropolitan Melbourne to help keep Victorians safe.

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, from 6.00pm on Tuesday 25 May, the following face mask requirements apply to schools.

- School staff must carry a face mask at all times and wear a face mask indoors when at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program.
- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.
- Visitors and parents must also observe face mask requirements.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Parents of the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be advised as to any changes to our current Mass times and the numbers permitted to attend the ceremony during this current COVID situation. Please remember the candidates, families and staff in your prayers.

### **SIBLING ENROLMENTS**

We are currently conducting enrolment interviews for Foundation students for 2022 from our existing families. If you have a child who will be commencing school in 2022 and have not yet submitted an enrolment form to the office please do so immediately. Enrolment demand for Foundation in 2022 is very high and we want to ensure that we have catered for our existing St Anthony's families.

### **WET WEATHER**

There will no change to the timetable to collect children on wet weather days. Children to be collected at 3.20pm as per normal arrangements.



**EARLY PICKUPS**

Please refer to the Operoo notice published last week in regards to collecting your child from school at an earlier time. We are still concerned as to the high number of children leaving school early.

**DOUBLE PARKING**

It is an offence to double park. Police and Council officers are monitoring the area and have issued fines and will continue to do so.

Damien Schuster

**PRINCIPAL**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Event	Date	Event
Wednesday 26th May	NATIONAL SORRY DAY MPSSA Division Cross Country Event Yr 5 - Confirmation Reflection Day	Wednesday 2nd June	Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 27th May	NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK BEGINS Yr 6 - Confirmation Reflection Day	Thursday 3rd June	Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday 28th May	Senior Winter Sports	Friday 4th June	Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday 29th May		Saturday 5th June	
Sunday 30th May		Sunday 6th June	
Monday 31st May		Monday 7th June	
Tuesday 1st June		Tuesday 8th June	

**Child Safety**

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



## Something So Great

What could be greater than being a disciple of Jesus as he toured around Galilee two thousand years ago, teaching and healing? Perhaps the answer is: being a disciple today, post-resurrection and ascension, with the gift of the Spirit dwelling in us. The Holy Spirit makes the difference between the uncomprehending band that followed Jesus from place to place, seeing but not believing, and the vital life of faith that bloomed in the early church directly after Pentecost. Happy are they who have not seen and have believed! Remember; that's us.

And we remember as well that Jesus isn't going anywhere. Until the end of time, the wisdom and power and true presence of Jesus is with us. Just as the magnificence of God is revealed in creation, the presence of Jesus remains in Word and sacrament. The indwelling Spirit puts that power to work in our lives, so that all this faith business doesn't remain spiritual mumbo-jumbo. Mother Teresa and two Popes can't possibly be the only saints of this generation. God, Jesus, and the Spirit invite us, today and every day, to a discipleship every bit as exciting as theirs.

*How do you experience Jesus as "with you always," as he promised?*

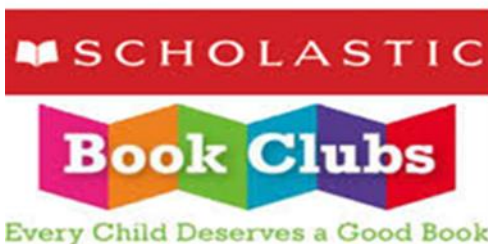
Encounter the Trinity in creation, salvation, and sanctification. Make time for the beauty of the natural world. Participate in the saving work of justice and love. Acknowledge the presence of the holy in every person. *God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!*



## The Commissioning

Go from here as God's well-loved people. **We go trusting God, our creator and eternal compassionate companion. We will welcome the stranger. We will stand beside the humiliated.** We go from here as God's well-loved people. **We go trusting God, whose anointed one, Jesus, brought hope where there was none. We will stand beside the fearful. We will bring comfort to the lonely.** We go from here as God's well-loved people. **We go trusting God, who works through the Holy Spirit joyfully and effectively. We will celebrate with the liberated. We will celebrate when the power brokers are brought low.** Go from here as God's well-loved people and rejoice! **Amen.**

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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 4 are to be made online by **Friday 11th June**



## Child Safety News

### Bullying No Way!

St Anthony's Primary School joins schools across Australia to say 'Bullying. No Way!' Everyone has a role to play in supporting young people in dealing with bullying and helping to energise positive discussions about the issue.

**National definition of bullying for schools, developed by educators Across Australia:** Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices, it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

## What we can do

### Student tips

#### If it happens in person, try these:

- **Ignore them.** Try not to show any reaction.
- **Tell them to stop** and walk away.
- **Pretend you don't care.**
- **Go somewhere safe.**
- **Get support** from your friends.

#### If it happens online, try these:

- **Avoid responding** to the bullying.
- **Report and block** anyone who is bullying online.
- **Protect yourself online** using privacy settings and keep records.

#### If you see someone being bullied:

- **Leave negative conversations.** Don't join in.
- **Support others** being bullied.

#### If it doesn't stop:

- **Talk to an adult** (parent/carer/teacher) who can help stop the bullying.
- **Keep asking** for support until the bullying stops.

### Parent tips

#### If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the whole story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want you to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find strategies.
5. **Check in** regularly with your child.

### Need help now?

Kids Helpline [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

**1800 551 800**

headspace [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

**1800 650 890**

Online bullying [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

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.

