



Newsletter 23rd June, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank you for your support over these last few weeks. We trust the easing of the restrictions will enable us to enjoy the coming term break.

Remote learning was once again part of our landscape. We are continually exploring ways to deliver a learning program that is manageable, flexible, effective and engaging for our students during the challenging time of a lock down. Thank you to the teachers for their continued hard work in connecting, interacting and creating learning opportunities for all our students.

CONFIRMATION

A very special thank you to Father Fabian, Father Marcus and Bishop Tomlinson for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Mrs Kathryn Martin who worked tirelessly with the candidates during this time. Thank you to Mr Liam Wilson who worked with the parish community to enable the live streaming of the Masses.

Thank you to all the candidates and senior classroom teachers for their hard work in preparing for this sacrament.

My sincere thanks to the families for your prayers, patience, consideration and commitment to our Sacramental Program.

We look forward to the coming weekend where we will celebrate with our families and staff the final group of candidates from Year 5 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the families who have been able to log on or have a telephone conversation with the teachers today. It is so important that we continue to build on our partnerships to celebrate our student's progression of learning.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

Included with this newsletter is information regarding the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund. Eligibility for 2021 has now been extended. You may be eligible for this funding if you hold a mean-tested Government Concession Card that was active on or before the 12th of July this year. Please note that applications for this funding close on the 13th August 2021 and must be submitted via the school office. All previously successful recipients of the CSEF for 2021 need not apply.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be taking Long Service Leave next term. Mrs Caitlyn Lalor will be the Acting Principal until Mr Damien Schuster returns. Mrs Andrea Lalor and Mr Liam Wilson will Acting Deputy Principals.

May I thank you all for your kind words and assistance during my time as Acting Principal.



END OF TERM 2

25th June End of term 1.00pm finish.

TERM 3 CALENDAR DATES

JULY

Monday 12th - School Resumes

Monday 26th - Feast of Joachim and St Anne (Grandparents Day)

AUGUST

Monday 9th – Friday 13th – Italian Week

Saturday 21st – Friday 27th – Book Week (Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds)

Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th – Year 6 Camp

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th – National eSmart Week

Thursday 9th – R U OK Day

Friday 17th – Footy Colours Day

17th September - End of Term

Have a safe and happy holiday and remember each other in your prayers

May God Bless you all

Bernadette Cameron

ACTING PRINCIPAL



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



Gambling on Jesus

A man with a dying child; a woman desperately ill for a dozen years. Listening to these intertwined stories of miraculous healing, we know why the crowds were astounded. These two people found themselves in circumstances of great misery, and no one was able to help until Jesus arrived on the scene.

Jairus, an official of the local assembly, took a risk in presenting himself to Jesus, who'd already been labelled a subversive for breaking Sabbath rest. But when your little girl is dying, you take chances. Jairus gambled on Jesus.



The bleeding woman was, if anything, more desperate still. She'd lived more than a decade ritually unclean, unable to be touched by her family, unable to participate in the life of the community. Her energy was constantly draining away, and she lived like a ghost, pale and unseen. Like Jairus, she clutched at grace when it came her way in the person of Jesus. If she paid any price for taking the risk, it was worth the hope of healing.

People who dare to clutch at grace are not disappointed.

When have you seen grace save someone when everything else failed?

Consider an “*unredeemable*” aspect of your life: a broken relationship, an unhealed wound, an unshakable temptation. Imagine yourself as one who clutches at the clothes of Jesus asking to be saved. Make your request as the people in this week's gospel.

The Commissioning

Go forth as a blessed and forgiven people! We have been nourished through our worship and we are joyful! We have been challenged by God's word and we are hopeful! We have been gathered in faith community and we are strengthened! We are sent out into the world and we will be effective!

Go forth as a blessed and forgiven people! Amen.

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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.



Child Safety

How to choose good online content

Not all screen time is created equal. Some TV shows, games and apps are more appropriate for toddlers, preschoolers and kids than others.

While it is important that screen time does not replace time spent in face-to-face play and communication, quality screen content can benefit children. It can support their learning and behaviour.

There is evidence to show that quality screen content can enhance your child's learning, especially if it sparks their imagination and follows their interests. For example, a preschooler can get a lot out of playing with an app that lets them create a collage, design a character, paint or draw, as this prompts them to be creative and learn new skills.

[Check out the eSafety Commissioner's advice](#) on how you can support your child's online safety these holidays.

How to choose good online content - bit.ly/35xuNKt

How to choose
quality content



Reconciliation Week

This term at St. Anthony's we have been recognising Reconciliation Week. Students have participated in a range of activities that have allowed them to explore the theme **'More than a word, Reconciliation takes action'**. Reconciliation Week is a time 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.

Please see below a couple of the activities that some students have explored and created together as a class.



St Anthony's AFL Girls Football wins at Arnold's Creek!

More news about our fantastic footy team will appear on our website tomorrow. Meanwhile here is a photo of our champions.



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>





YEAR 7 2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2023 at our West Melton and Cobblebank campuses are due on Friday 20 August 2021.

Apply online now at www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/enrolment



We welcome you to join one of our College tours to see our West Melton campus first hand.

Reserve your place at www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tour



ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

SHORT *Story* COMPETITION

Entries can be submitted in any medium: text, illustration, video, verse, voice or combinations of any of the above. Entries should be no more than 3000 words for adults, 1500 words for junior and teen or, for other story formats, something that takes no more than 5 minutes to experience.

KEY DATES:

OPEN - MONDAY 21 JUNE 2021

CLOSE - MONDAY 16 AUGUST 2021

WINNERS NOTIFIED - MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2021



JUNIOR A SECTION (Prep - Year 3)*

1st Prize \$300

2nd Prize \$200

3rd prize \$100

TEENAGE SECTION (Year 7 - Year 12)*

1st Prize \$300

2nd Prize \$200

3rd prize \$100

JUNIOR B SECTION (Year 4 - Year 6)*

1st Prize \$300

2nd Prize \$200

3rd prize \$100

ADULT SECTION (18years+)*

1st Prize \$750

2nd Prize \$500

3rd prize \$250

School Prizes

Prizes will be given to schools in the municipality with the most entries in each category.

*Best first time entry and highly commended prizes will also be awarded in each category

In case of two winners in any category the first and second prize will be added together and divided equally between the two winners and there will be a third prize. Please read the Conditions of Entry before submitting your story.

If you have additional queries please call Melton Library or Caroline Springs Library on 9747 5300.



Submit your entry online - melton.vic.gov.au/shortstory

