



Newsletter 16th June, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say thank you for your consideration and patience during these last few weeks.

Acting Premier James Merlino has announced a further reduction in coronavirus restrictions that will apply from 11.59 pm on Thursday 17th June. The changes will include:

- The 25km travel limit will be removed
- Travel between metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria will be permitted
- Masks are not required outdoors except where unable to socially distance, masks are still required indoors.

We are awaiting an updated School Operations Guide from MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools), once this is received we will advise updated restrictions in place at the school via Operoo – However, at this stage we do not see that many changes will be made to the current level of restrictions that we have in force at the school. Please keep an eye out for Operoo notices.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Good news. Our prayers have been answered! Following the announcement from the Deputy Premier James Merlino the Sacrament of Confirmation can go ahead with up to 75 people in the Church. This means we are now able to accommodate the candidate (child), the sponsor and two family members in the Church. An Operoo notice will go out to the families of those children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation confirming arrangements.

REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 23rd June from 9.00am – 8.00 pm. These interviews will be held online only. A video link will be emailed to you. Should you wish to catch up in person with your child/(rens) teacher in person there will be the opportunity to do so in Term 3.

Reports will be received online via the nForma Parent Portal and will be sent overnight on Monday 21st June. An automated email with instructions and login details will come from no-reply@nforma.com.au not the school and not from Operoo. It will be titled **Parent Portal Instructions**. Please ensure that you check your junk/spam folder for an email from that address on that date. Once you have followed the instructions, you will be able to view your child's report online. It is highly recommended that you use a computer to access your child's reports for the first time. Subsequent logins can be made on a mobile device if preferred. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the school office.

ON LEAVE

Leanne Stafford from Year 6 will be on leave from Monday 21st June and returning on Monday 2nd August. Miss Angela Kyriakakis will be working in Leanne's classroom during this time. Miss Kyriakakis has been working across many levels of our school this term and is a very welcome addition to the staff at St Anthony's.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

Included with this newsletter is information regarding the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund. You may be eligible for this funding if you hold a mean-tested Government Concession Card that was active on or before the 19th of April this year. Please note that applications for this funding close on the 22nd June 2021 and must be submitted via the school office. All previously successful recipients of the CSEF for 2021 need not apply.

CONCRETE WORKS ON FOOTPATH

Please be aware that Pattern Pavement Services, at the direction of Melton City Council, will be carrying out works on the footpath on Wilson Rd on the opposite side to our school from 14th June 2021 until the end of August 2021. Parking Restrictions will be in place. We understand that these works will cause further congestion and inconvenience at drop off and pick up times, however, these works are completely out of our control.

KEY DATES FOR JUNE

Wednesday 23rd June School Closure Day - Parent Teacher Interviews (Online)

Friday 25th June End of term 1.00pm finish

KEY DATES FOR JULY

Monday 12th July School Resumes

Thank you so much for your understanding during these difficult times

God Bless you

Bernadette Cameron
ACTING PRINCIPAL



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



With Love and Commitment

On Sunday the 13th of June we celebrated the feast of St. Anthony of Padua who was born in Portugal in 1195. Although St Anthony was born into a wealthy family, he decided to serve God by becoming a monk. He became an Augustinian monk and later, a Franciscan monk, perhaps because of his great friendship with St. Francis of Assisi. St. Anthony had a great love for the poor and he was willing to serve them and see to their needs both physically and spiritually. We can be inspired by St. Anthony's life and learn to look after and serve those who need our help and support.



Our Prayer:

God of love, you call us to serve one another with willingness and commitment. May we be inspired by the life of St Anthony who preached Jesus' message with energy and enthusiasm. Help us to be kind and compassionate people who are ready to reach out to others in need just like St. Anthony did.

God of peace and love, you sent us your Son Jesus, to show us how to care for each other. May we be inspired by the life of St. Anthony who brought the Word of God to many people and lived God's Word through his love of the poor and his willingness to serve others. Teach us how to grow in faith and love as we engage in doing good works that help and support others. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name Amen

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God Unlimited

Some scholars are fishermen, but it doesn't follow that all fishermen are scholars. Certainly, the guys who followed Jesus since Galilee didn't betray hours of brilliant learning. If they'd studied scripture much, they might have recognised in Jesus' absolute control of the waters the divine authority displayed in the Old Testament. God sets limits on the waters in Genesis, and ever after the waters are under heavenly control. Think Noah and the ark, Moses and the Red Sea, Elijah and the long famine without rain, Job and the Voice from the Whirlwind, Jonah and the great fish, to name a few. Only God can wield power over the forces of chaos represented by water. If Jesus could do it too, then logic would suggest that Jesus had a special relationship with God.

But we can't really blame the first disciples for not recognising the power of God when they were up to their necks in it. How often do astonishing events come into our lives, and we just say, "What luck!" or "How talented I am!" never acknowledging the true source of grace.

What events in your lifetime can only be attributed to the grace of God?

God makes all things possible: life, love, beauty, hope. Resolve to live more gratefully, giving praise and thanks to God for every good thing that comes your way.

He included everyone in his death so that everyone could be included in his life, a resurrection life.



The Commissioning

May the peace of God be your peace as you leave this place:
peace in the midst of struggle, peace in the midst of despair, peace when the hard times hit home, peace when there is conflict in family, peace when there is ill will between friends, peace when the church is a quarrel zone, peace when world events bring terror; the peace of God, which calls for insight, hard work, and endurance; the peace of God, which at the end of the day passes all understanding.

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.





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>



RESIDENT NOTICE - ROADWORKS



On behalf of the Melton City Council, Patten Pavement Services will be carrying out roadworks at the below site:

LOCATION: WILSON RD MELTON SOUTH
DATES BETWEEN: 14th JUNE 2021 - AUGUST 2021

FROM: 7AM – 5PM (MONDAY-FRIDAY)
FROM: 7AM – 1PM (SATURDAY)

CONCRETE WORKS ON FOOTPATH (NORTHERN SIDE)

All works are subject to weather conditions, unfavourable conditions may require additional day/s.

In order to carry out the works safely we appreciate that traffic signs, as well as Traffic Controllers are adhered to during the above times.

To minimise disruptions and allow for the successful and timely completion of the works, please ensure that the street and work area are free from all **Parked Vehicles**, during the time periods stated above.

We will liaise with you when working near your driveway, for access in and out of your property.

Also please observe and obey any **Traffic signs** during these times.

Patten Pavement Services & Melton City Council apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your co-operation and understanding throughout this period.

If you have any concerns regarding the above please contact Peter Mavrogenis from Patten Pavement Services on 8375-3500. 0408 542 789

Yours Sincerely

Peter Mavrogenis
Patten Pavement Services



We are excited about coming back to your school!

Teeth On Wheels is returning to your school next term.

If you completed a form this year, we will see your child. If you are unsure if you have handed a form in, please click on the link below and complete a new form!

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact our team 03 9338 1191

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