



**Newsletter Week 2 Term 4
Friday 17th October 2025**

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Mon – Fri 8.30am – 3.40pm

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Tues – Thurs 8.30am – 5.00pm

Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm

Parish Priest:

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School Principal:

Michael Edmonds:

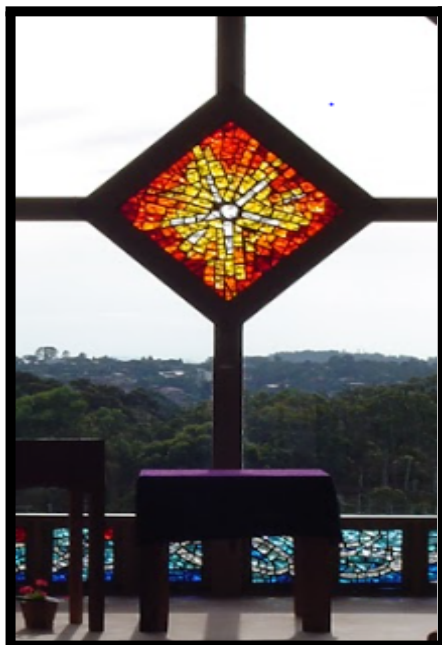
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St. Anne & St Gerard Parish:

Secretary:

Michelle

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Community Calendar

[Click here to view the
St Anne's Community Calendar](#)

DIARY DATES - 2025

Friday 24th October - Week 3

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer 3/4P - Show & Tell 3/4D)

Friday 31st October - Week 4

All Saints' Day Mass - 9.10am

No Assembly

Monday 3rd November - Week 5

School Closure Day - Staff Time in Lieu

Tuesday 4th November

Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 5th November

Prep 2026 Parent Information Night

Friday 7th November

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer 1/2M - Show & Tell 1/2P)

Tuesday 11th November - Week 6

Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th November

Water Safety Foundation Students

Friday 14th November

Prep Orientation Session 1

Water Safety Year 1/2

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer 5/6T - Show & Tell Prep D)

Thursday 20th November - Week 7

Prep Orientation Session 2

Friday 21st November

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer 5/6A - Show & Tell 1/2D)

Wednesday 26th November - Week 8

Prep Science Works excursion

Thursday 27th November

Prep Orientation Session 3

Friday 28th November

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer 1/2P - Show & Tell Prep H)

From Principal

ITALIAN DAY

Today we celebrated our Language Pathways program with Italian Day.

The day commenced with the annual parade where the children had the opportunity to show off their costumes with some select students from each Year level telling the rest of the school about their costume.

The children also enjoyed a performance called 'L'ingrediente Segreto'.

This was accompanied by some activities in the classroom and in their multi-aged groups.

It wouldn't be Italian Day without Pizza and Gelati for lunch. Sarah Skillern once again took on the role of coordinating this for the families. We really appreciate the work that Sarah and her team of parent helpers did to provide this lunch for the children.

Once again I want to express my deep gratitude to the parents who were willing and able to provide some time to support the day and acknowledge all our volunteers who help out in various ways across the year.

Finally, I extend my gratitude to Maria Cannarozzo who again organised and coordinated the day. It is a credit to the Language Pathways program that Maria leads, that the children come with so much enthusiasm towards this day.





EXCITING NEWS

We are very excited to share the news that Hannah Dalrymple and her husband Daniel are expecting their first child in March. It has been a long journey for them and we pray that Hannah's pregnancy continues to be healthy and we have a beautiful baby Dalrymple join our world in March. Hannah will work for the first month in 2026 before commencing parental leave. This is a special time for Hannah and Daniel.

WALK TO SCHOOL MORNING

On Friday 31 October we will have a walk to school morning. This is an initiative that we used to do annually and is back at the request of our Year 6 school leaders.

What Happens?

Children are invited to meet outside the milk bar at the Park Orchards shops from 8.20am for a strict departure at 8.30am.

Mr Edmonds will be there to meet the children.

Parent Help

I will need a few parents to come along for the walk. One to walk at the back and one in the middle of the group to help supervise when we cross Arundel Road on Knees Road and also when we cross the entrance to Domemey reserve.

If you are able to come along for the walk and help please send me an email at the below address.

principal@saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to a fun morning and healthy start to the day.

PREP ORIENTATION

It is exciting that we will be welcoming our 2026 Preps to St Anne's next month. For our current families with children starting school at St Anne's below is an outline of the orientation dates and times.

Information Evening:

Wednesday 5th November in the school hall from 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm.

6.30 pm gather and nibbles / 7.00 - 7.45 pm, Information Session

Orientation Mornings

Session #1 Friday 14th November - Orientation #1 9.15am - 10.00am

Session #2 Thursday 20th November - Orientation #2 9.15am - 10.00am

Session #3 Thursday 27th November - Meet Classroom Teacher and Buddies - 9.15am - 10.30am

The Prep teachers will be commencing kindergarten visits shortly in preparation for the orientation program.

Andrea D'Alberto and Rebecca Hyde will be teaching Prep in 2026. They are excited to be working together again in the Prep level and bring much experience, enthusiasm and care.

SCHOOL FEES 2025

Up-to-date fee and levy statements will be emailed next week. As outlined in our 'Fee and Levy Policy' we aim to collect all fees before the end of October. We do however understand some families need more time to settle their fees and levies. Thank you to the families who have reached out to me to communicate a payment plan. This assists with ongoing planning and budget forecasts.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, I urge you to make time to meet with me so that we can develop a personalised payment plan for you as well as ensure the school remains financially responsible.

FEES AND LEVIES 2026

Proposed fees and levies for 2026 were ratified at the School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting in September and have since been ratified by our governing body the Melbourne Archdiocese for Catholic Schools (MACS). All schools are now required to submit budgets to MACS to ensure that they are meeting set criteria to ensure they are financially responsible. The school Business Manager sets the fees in alignment with MACS guidelines. Below I have included a link to our fees with an explanation that was provided last year that helps inform families on the funding model for MACS schools. We haven't received a letter like this in 2025 however the model is the same and the only variables are the dollar amounts that we receive from Government funding and subsequent dollar amounts we need to charge school families.

[Letter to Parents - 2026 School Fees.docx](#)

[Parent Guide to Fees - Guide from 2024](#)

More information about school funding can be found through the following link;

<https://www.education.gov.au/recurrent-funding-schools/schooling-resource-standard>

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Parents’ Association (PA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 12 November at 7.00pm. More information about the roles and responsibilities along with the nomination process can be found in the Parents’ Association section of the newsletter.

HATS and UV PROTECTION

Please ensure your children have their school hats at school as we are consistently having days where the UV index is 3 or above during break times.

PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

The teachers will begin placing the children in their 2026 class groupings in the coming weeks. Teachers are aware of children’s relationships and will make every effort to take these into consideration.

- Each child will be asked to nominate five friends that they would like to have in their class group for the following year. Every attempt will be made to place children with at least one of these children. The Learning Diversity Leader (Jane Weekes) in consultation with the classroom teacher will liaise with parents if discretion is required for a child to nominate less than 5 children based on concerns around the child and their progress in building social relationships.
- Parent requests for placing children with specific friends will not be considered
- Parent requests for children to be placed together, separated, with/without a specific teacher will not be considered

(I can only fairly and consistently implement the above if I make it a school-based process)

‘Placement of Children Forms’ must be submitted to Michael by **Tuesday 28 October**. In fairness to all, forms after this date cannot be accepted. Please note that forms should not be submitted to teachers or Level Leaders, i.e. any previous discussions with your child’s teacher/s or letters, need to be redirected to the Principal. Please read the ‘Placement of Children’ policy before submitting a form to ensure any requests for consideration are consistent with the implementation steps of the policy. The policy can be located on the school website under the School Community tab. <http://www.saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au/>

Teacher judgement and professionalism need to be trusted in making a decision that is in each child’s best interest.

Placement of Children

Child’s Name:..... Current Class:.....

Current Teacher:.....

Relevant Information regarding the placement of your child:(i.e. academic, behavioural, physical, social factors)

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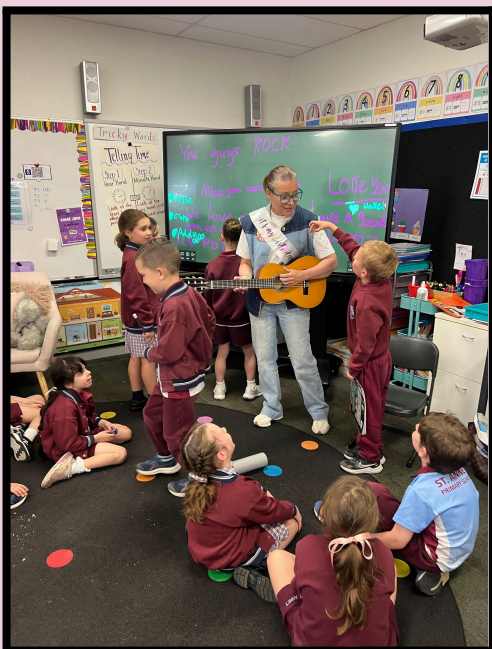
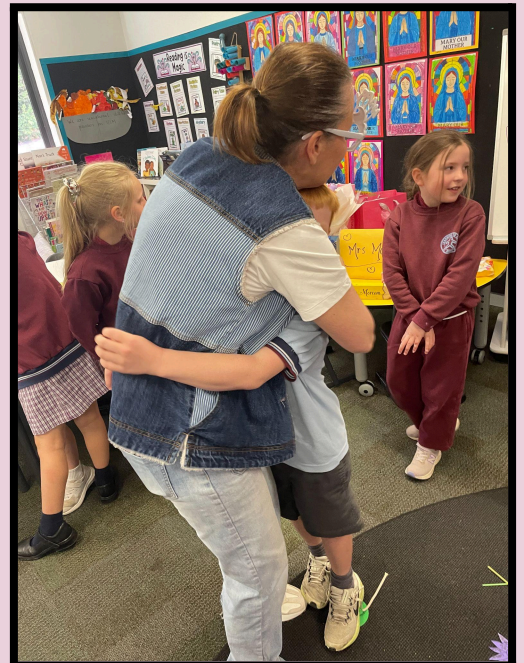
Please note that the submission of this pro forma does not guarantee the request, however, the information contained will certainly be considered.

Have a great weekend.

Michael

A Special Visit

On Tuesday we were very happy to welcome Vanessa Morcom back to St Anne's for a special visit. It was Vanessa's birthday so she celebrated her birthday with a morning tea with the staff followed by some special time with her class after Recess. Vanessa was then able to drop in to all the classes to say hello. Vanessa's visit brought lots of joy to the students and staff, and especially to all the children in 1/2 M. Vanessa continues to inspire us with her positive attitude and fighting spirit. It was a very special day at school. Vanessa will soon commence her next round of treatment and we wish her well. She is feeling very grateful to have the prayers and support of everyone in the St Anne's community.



Year 3 / 4 Gardening



Our School garden is thriving at the moment with recent rain and warmer weather.

Xavier - We have been growing snow peas and they are flowing and the peas are ready to be eaten.

Paige - I have eaten some of the snow peas. They tasted sweet and ripe.

Hudson - The potato plants now have leaves that are turning yellow.

Vienna - The snow peas have grown a lot. The plants are now huge and tangled and have collapsed under their own weight.

Charlie - The Prep students wanted us to grow potatoes. We hope they have increased in number with many more potatoes to share.

Mira - We put in some wire stands to help the peas to grow up high.

Toonworld Incursion

Yesterday the Year 3 / 4 students participated in an Incursion from the team at Toonworld. The students used ipads and a program called STOP MOTION to create short movies. They had to use a background and create characters using clay. Each frame was photographed and then put together to create a movie.

Rafael - We made lots of little clay creatures and it was fun.

Cheryl - We took lots of photos and moved the characters around. We used teamwork with four people in each group.

Ethan - We learnt to use plasticine characters to make STOP MOTION movies with back drop sets.

Matilda - It was good because the presenter Kat, was really nice and we all learnt new things.

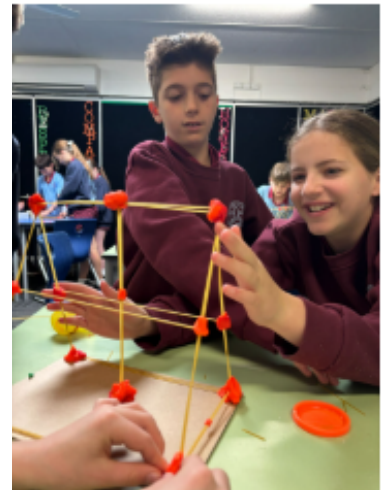


Year 5/6 Mad about Science Incursion

On Monday the year 5/6 level welcomed Caleb from Mad about Science for an incursion on natural disasters. Caleb blew us all away with his knowledge and extraordinary experiments. Caleb had a lot of interesting experiments, like the tea bag experiment. He cut the top off the tea bag and poured the leaves into a box, then he made the bag stand up and put the top of the tea bag on fire, which would make the tea bag go up like a hot air balloon to make a heat rise and see the wind reaction. The year 5/6 's loved it and it was an amazing experience. There were heaps of experiments but none were as good as instant snow. The students were shown this in order to understand what happens during an avalanche or blizzard. They were given a small amount of powder which was called sodium acetate, then they were told to put water on it. When we did that it started to expand. When we kept putting water on it, the snow kept growing. If the 5/6 's put too much water on it, it would turn transparent. Finally Caleb gave the 5/6's a challenge to craft and engineer their own buildings made out of playdough and spaghetti straws. When they were done Caleb simulated his own earthquake by rocking a wooden foundation, testing if the building was strong and well built, or too wobbly and fragile. The class loved watching their building survive or being destroyed in the mini earthquake. The Year 5/6's had an amazing time, and everyone walked away having learnt something.



By Brandon, Riley And Ezra



St Anne's Playgroup
The Ark, St Anne's Primary School

Playgroup has recommenced on
Wednesday Mornings 9-11am in the Ark

We are eager to welcome new families and old,
pre-schoolers, babies, parents and grandparents,
to our happy playgroup.

We have loads of toys and puzzles, good coffee
and good company so come and join the fun on
Wednesdays 9-11am in the Ark!

Enquiries to Ellen 0404 357 023

10.30am Sunday Mass Celebrations

The Third Sunday of Each Month:

10.30am Sunday Mass at St Anne's Church Park Orchards

All Other Sundays

10.30am Sunday Mass at St Gerard's Church Warrandyte



TIME FOR A CHANGE – JOIN THE PA COMMITTEE!

After a couple of wonderful years, the current PA Executive Committee is ready to pass the baton to a new team.

Over time, we've simplified the PA's structure to make it easier to manage, and many tasks and events are now shared across the school community.

The PA's role is to ensure key events are booked, planners are in place to organise them, and outcomes are promoted to the wider school community. It's a rewarding opportunity to contribute to our school and help create memorable experiences for our children.

If you or a group are interested in taking on any of the PA roles, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch via email, or come along to the upcoming AGM, where we'll be selecting the new committee for 2026. Rest assured, the current committee isn't disappearing — we'll be here to support the transition and help the new team settle in smoothly.

We look forward to putting together the 2026 PA team and working to make next year a fantastic one for our children!

FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR THE **2026 PA COMMITTEE ROLES**

AGM - WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - 7PM



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BACK ON FRIDAYS
FOR TERM 4

DON'T FORGET
YOUR 50C

We still require two more Thursday lunch order helpers for two dates this term.

If you can help on Thursday November 6th or Thursday November 20th, please put your name down on the sign up schedule.

<https://signupschedule.com/signup.cgi?>

7 ISSUE 2025

Book Club

PULL OUT POSTER
HANG ME UP IN YOUR CLASSROOM!

3 Free Books

WHEN YOU ORDER FROM ISSUE 7
SEE THE BACK OF THE BOOK CLUB CATALOGUE FOR MORE DETAILS

ORDERS DUE!
Wed 22nd Oct.

SCHOLASTIC



Strawberry Fair 2026 - Sunday 1st March

Strawberry fair 2026

We have started looking for sponsorship and donations for raffle and auction again.

If there are any families who have businesses or work for businesses that would be interested in sponsorship or donating, please see the link below to the Sponsorship Proposal and it would be great if you could get in touch if you would like to be a Sponsor or donate to the 2026 Strawberry Fair. We are also looking for help with stall holders especially in the weeks leading up and on the day. There will be lots of stalls and rolls that will need people taking over in 2027 so it's now time to start thinking about stalls you love.

Emma Harris Stannesstrawberryfair@gmail.com



1ST MARCH 2026

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Wow! That came around quickly didn't it! Spring is here, the days are longer and registrations for The Community Bank Run Warrandyte 2026 event are NOW OPEN. All your favourite events will be back on **Sunday 1st March**. From the kids gallop, to the 5k crowd favourite and of course, our calf burning 21k, we've got you covered.

The village will be in full swing with music and stalls, medals and smiles, and let's be honest, how good is one of the egg and bacon rolls and a hot coffee after a big run.

RW25 saw our biggest turn out yet, with some amazing runs and quality times. Dust off those winter sneakers, set yourself some goals, rope in your best mate and pop the date in your calendar. Let's make RW26 our biggest and best yet.

We can't wait to share the day with you again.

REGISTER NOW



WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 19 OCT 10AM - 3PM



- Fire and storm information
- Demonstrations
- Sausage sizzle
- Kids activities + much more



Have your say on Manningham's budget priorities

We deliver more than 100 services, from waste collection and libraries to community programs and infrastructure. All are important, but we want to know: ***If you had to prioritise spending, where would you like to see more?***

Share your insights and ideas by completing our short survey by **9 November 2025**.

Your responses will help shape the draft 2026-27 Budget and draft 10-Year Financial Plan.



yoursay.manningham.vic.gov.au/2026-27-budget

Interpreter service **9840 9355**
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Park Orchards MARKET

Saturday 18th October
10am - 2pm

Venue: 1-3 Bowmore Avenue, Park Orchards



Farmers
Foodies
Makers
Artisan
Craft

Community
Delicious food
Great coffee
Live music
Vibrant atmosphere

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter



ST ANNES, PARK ORCHARDS

Term 4, Week 1

A message from the team

Dear Families and Team members,

Welcome back to Term 4. We had plenty of fun both indoor and outdoor. Activities are initiated by the children and program based activities. Indoor sports circuit the children initiate this activity.

TERM 4: Next week we will continue with the building of Harry & Chloe's mansion. Children have new puzzles to play with. Along with the children initiating crafts, drawing, spontaneous games and activities.

Signing off, Harry (Coordinator), Kamini (Educator) & Olivia (Educator)



Important Dates

- End of Term 16th

December

Projects we are working on

- Harry & Chloe's Mansion.
- Sport Circuit
- Child initiated activities.

Term Dates

Monday 6 October
Friday 16 Dec 2025

Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at St Annes Park Orchards today!

Call our friendly team: 0493 948 743 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: AT THE ARC AT FRONT OF SCHOOL HOURS BSC 7-8:30 AM ASC 3:30-6:15PM

'St Anne's Primary School supports the promotion of non-profit and learning focused community groups, however is not responsible for the performance or service of these groups'.