



**Newsletter Week 1 Term 4
Friday 10th October 2025**

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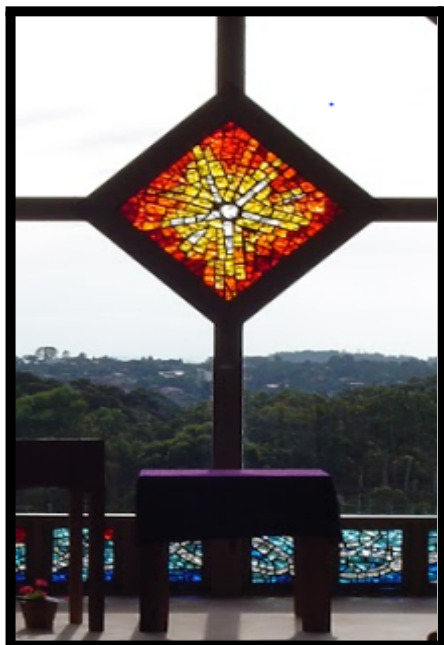
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Community Calendar

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

DIARY DATES - 2025

Tuesday 14th October - Week 2

School Advisory Council - 7.00pm

Friday 17th October

Italian Day

No Assembly

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)

From Principal

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

I hope all the children and families had a relaxing holiday and a chance to refresh for another great term. Congratulations to the Brisbane Lions supporters. What an amazing Grand Final performance.

We have much to look forward to this term including and not limited to;

- Divisional Athletics Championships (Year 3-6)
- Italian Day
- Task Works Incursion (Year 3/4)
- Mad About Science Incursion (Year 5/6)
- ToonWorld Incursion (Year 3/4)
- Experience Whitefriars Day (Year 3/4)
- The Lab Incursion (Year 5/6)
- Walk to School Morning
- Imax Excursion (Year 5/6)
- Water Safety Day (Year Prep -2)
- Science Works Excursion (Prep)
- Big Day Out End of Year Celebration (Year 6)
- Community Carols at Domeney Reserve
- Graduation (Year 6)

There are many wonderful extra curricular opportunities coming up for the children. Hopefully these are accompanied by further learning and happy friendship experiences.

LANGUAGE PATHWAYS - ITALIAN DAY

Next Friday we celebrate our Language Pathways program with Italian Day. The girls and boys have been invited to come dressed as a famous Italian or their Italian colours. They have also had the chance to order pizza and gelato so this along with our parade and a performance should be a fun day for all.

The parade will happen on the soccer field shortly after 9.00am. Parents are very welcome to join us.

STAFFING UPDATES

VANESSA MORCOM

Vanessa is doing really well and has recently completed her third round of myeloma treatment. She is making pleasing progress and her team of experts are very positive and happy with how Vanessa has progressed. When you speak to or message Vanessa you cannot help but feel in awe of her amazing fight and attitude. She is always asking about the children and the school and misses us all so much.

Vanessa will take a year of leave next year as she builds her immune system. She is hoping to do some casual relief teaching at some point in 2026.

We are thrilled that Abbey Jenkins will be teaching full time at St Anne's in 2026.

SARAH HODGSON

Sarah Hodgson will finish in her role as classroom teacher at the conclusion of the year. We are most appreciative to have had Sarah for the past 6 months. Her expertise, care and passion has been a blessing for our school. We have advertised for a classroom teacher. I will keep the school community updated once the employment process is complete.

INEZ BARRETTE

Inez Barette will be taking a year off next year as she needs to spend more time prioritising her family. We are very appreciative of the amazing work Inez does supporting children with additional reading support.

PAIGE BURNEY

Paige Burney is intending on returning to teach Performing Art at St Anne's in 2026 as Ineke Waller finishes in her role and prepares for motherhood. We will wish Ineke much happiness and celebrate her amazing contributions to St Anne's later in the term. We are excited that Paige is in a position to return to the Performing Art role in 2026.

DIVISION ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday our Year 3-6 children participated in the Divisional Athletics Championships at Bob Sewart Reserve in Nunawading. From all reports the competition was excellent and once again the children represented St Anne's in the manner that we always promote, having fun, doing your best, being humble in victory and resilient in defeat as an important measure of our success.

Thank you to the parents who organised transport for the children on the day and to Jane Weekes who spent the day at the track supporting each of the children in Kay Livingstone's absence. Jane has provided a report on the day further in the newsletter.

YEAR 3/4 TASKWORKS INCURSION

This week our Year 3/4 children were buzzing with excitement as they participated in the Taskworks teamwork activities that were largely focused on engineering. It was very pleasing to hear the facilitator compliment how polite our children are. He even went as far as suggesting our teachers don't need to be paid given the quality of our children. We are very fortunate here at St Anne's and this really is a credit to the teachers and parents and the values that are instilled in the children.

TERM OVERVIEWS

Today we sent out the Term Overviews. These included a summary of the learning focus that the teachers will be planning in each curriculum area for Term 4 and some general reminders for each level.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have changed over to the summer uniform this term.

The summer uniform is:

	Boys	Girls
Summer Terms 1 & 4	· Grey shorts with school light blue polo shirt · School windcheater · Grey socks · Black shoes · Maroon hat – slouch, surf or bucket	· Check dress blue/maroon · Navy shorts with light blue polo shirt · School windcheater · Navy blue socks · Black shoes · Maroon hat – slouch, surf or bucket
Sports	· Maroon shorts (summer) · School light blue polo shirt or sublimated sports polo · Plain white sports socks · Runners	· Maroon shorts/maroon wrap pleated skirt (summer) · School light blue polo shirt or sublimated sports polo · Plain white sports socks · Runners

Have a wonderful weekend

Michael

Italian Day 2025!

Next Friday the 17th of October we will be celebrating Italian Day. The children are encouraged to come dressed as anyone or anything Italian on the day or in the colours of the Italian flag for our costume parade in the morning. Parents are warmly invited to come and watch the parade.

The rest of the day will involve Italian themed activities in the classroom, an Italian show in the hall for the whole school and outdoor activities in the afternoon in multi-age groups.

Pizza and gelato lunch has been organised by the Parents' Association and a reminder to all to put your orders in! I would also encourage the students to think about what they will be having for their snack on the day....perhaps they could stick to an Italian theme or have a snack in the colours of green, white and red.

Grazie,
Signora

Student of the Week - 2025

Week 1 - Term 4

Prep D	Max Howell
Prep H	Caleb Howell
1/2 D	Mattia Cassino
1/2 M	Ted Tragenza
1/2 P	Hugh Cullen
3/4 BD	Archie Giosserano
3/4 D	Hendrix Hannon
3/4 P	Charlotte Feeney
5/6 A	Brandon Locke
5/6 J	Leo Materia
5/6 T	Fraser Lancaster

Taskworks Incursion

Yesterday the students in Year 3 / 4 enjoyed an incursion from the team at Taskworks. To consolidate teamwork skills investigated in Term 3, the students had to apply their learning as they participated in a range of cooperative group tasks. The students had fun putting the robot together, pulling apart the racing car, rearranging the steam train and designing marble runs using a magnetic board.

I have learnt that you can change things around to make things work. (Maddy)
 I enjoyed thinking about how to use the Buzz wire to make the electrical circuit. (Thomas)
 The Buzz wire was tricky but fun. (Amali)
 I found out that you can create a marble run using shapes on a magnetic board. (Huddy)
 It was tricky to take off the bolts on the train. (Scarlett)
 I learnt how to build a steam train (Jasper)
 I found the Buzz wire tricky, you need a steady hand. (Lilliana)
 It was fun playing with the magnets and Buzz wire. (Ethan)



Division Athletics

Congratulations to Hudson Alison, Mason Cassino, Vincent Gilbert, Matilda Broadbent, Charlie Sanders, Bodhi Miriklis, Fraser Lancaster, Tom Duffy, Campbell Torner, Brodie Wiedermann, Evie Moulder, Sienna Ireson, Indi Quartel, Eliza Davis, Bella McGregor and Jacob Odorico, who represented St Anne's at the Division Athletics Carnival on Thursday 9th October. It is a fantastic effort to be selected to compete at Division and we are really proud of all our athletes. The students represented St Anne's well, giving their best and they enjoyed the experience at the track against some tough competition. Some students even achieved personal bests on the day!

We congratulate Bella McGregor, Sienna Ireson and Vincent Gilbert who qualified for the Eastern Metropolitan Region Carnival which will be held on Thursday 23rd October. Bella finished 2nd in the 80m hurdles, Sienna finished 2nd in the 800m and Vincent finished 2nd in High Jump. We wish Bella, Sienna and Vincent the best of luck at Region.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Hats Off!

by Cass Locke

Hats off to our teachers for always being at school first thing in the morning,
ready with a smile.

Hats off to our teachers for staying back late and being prepared
to go the extra mile.

Hats off to our teachers for planning all our lessons and writing so many reports.
Hats off to our teachers for constantly creating new activities about anything from
maths, science or sports.

Hats off to our teachers for being more than just an educator so much of the time.
Hats off to our teachers for embracing who we each are and finding a way to keep
us all in line.

Hats off to our teachers for doing a great job and enabling our primary school
education.
Hats off to our teachers for choosing to teach us with such passion and dedication.

Happy World Teacher's Day 2025!

REMINDER: ITALIAN DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!
Don't forget your Italian inspired costumes on
Friday 17th October.



<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

There are still a few spots needing to be filled for Italian Day helpers.
These small but crucial roles are so important in making the day run smoothly.
Please put your name down to help if you can spare a small amount of time on the day.

Grazie per aver contribuito a rendere la giornata speciale per i bambini





Strawberry fair 2026

Strawberry Fair 2026 - Sunday 1st March

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 to 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



We had great news this week **The Bendigo Bank Warrandyte** is coming on board again as our major sponsor of the stage and sound giving us \$5500 which takes us up to \$16k sponsorship so far. But certainly we need more if anyone knows businesses that could help please contact me.

We really need a group to take on the organising and running of the auction which is one of the best fundraising stalls on the day.

I am still needing people who are happy to come on board this year to transition to take over several stalls and committee rolls after next year. This includes my role which can be divided into Sponsorship and then the Chair person roll.
Happy to provide any further information.

We really don't want 2026 to be the final fair as it is the best day for our kids, the community, School and Parish.

Emma Harris stannesstrawberryfair@gmail.com



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



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 Wednesday 9-11am in the Ark.

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

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

11AM - 6PM

WRISTBANDS

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ON FETE DAY

\$65

INCLUDES ANIMAL FARM

ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE PRIOR TO FETE DAY!





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COMMUNITY DAY 2025

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
PETTING ZOO
FACE PAINTING
& MORE!



SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1PM - 5PM
PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

This FREE event invites the community to get together to raise awareness of The Pettet Foundation. Bring your picnic rug and community spirit! Food and Alcoholic Beverages provided by The Corner 3114. No BYO on school grounds.



HOLY SPIRIT Community Fete

11am - 6pm

Saturday 11 October 2025

120 Oban Road, North Ringwood

Thanks to our Major Sponsors






















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FOOD COFFEE WINE

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Save the Date!

Park Orchards residents are invited to attend

Park Orchards Ratepayers Association (PORA)

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 6th November at 6.30pm

The Corner 3114

9 Hopetoun Road, Park Orchards

Special Guest Speaker: Nicole Werner MP
on Neighbourhood Activity Centres

RSVP essential for catering purposes
Email admin@pora.org.au by 20th October

PORA

PARK ORCHARDS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.



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](https://yoursay.manningham.vic.gov.au/2026-27-budget)



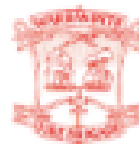
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WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 19 OCT 10AM - 3PM



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

Community Bank
Warrandyte
Bendigo Bank

Quinton's
OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

21KM

15KM

10KM

5KM

2.2KM

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KIDS

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

'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'.