



Newsletter Week 5 Term 2
Friday 23rd May 2025

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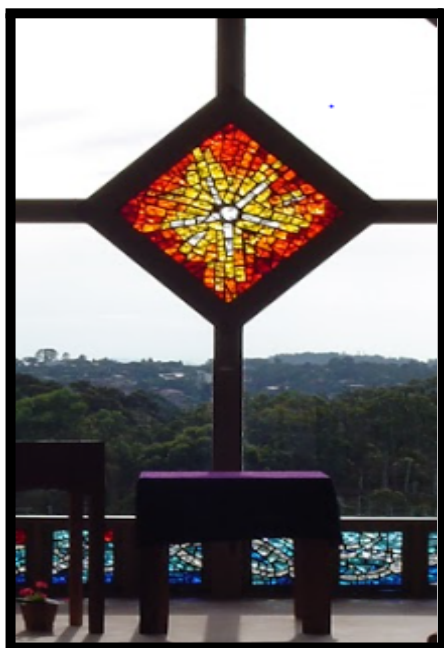
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Community Calendar

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

DIARY DATES - 2025

Tuesday 27th May - Week 6

School Tour - 9.15am

Wednesday 28th May

5/6 Notables Presentations 11.45am -1.40pm

Thursday 29th May

3/4P Class Mass - 9.05am (Chapel)

Friday 30th May

Assembly **11.40am** (Prayer 3/4P, Show and Tell 1/2D)

Year 5/6 Inter School Sport vs Bayswater Nth

Tuesday 3rd June - Week 7

Division Cross Country (Yr 3-6 Selected Students)

School Advisory Council - 7pm

Wednesday 4th June

School Tour - 9.15am

Thursday 5th June

School Concert 7pm

Friday 6th June

School Closure Day - Staff Faith Formation Day

Monday 9th June - Week 8

Kings Birthday **Public Holiday**

Thursday 12th June

5/6A Class Mass - 9.05am (Chapel)

Friday 13th June

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer 5/6A, Show and Tell Prep H)

Friday 20th June - Week 9

Assembly - **11.40am** (Prayer 5/6J, Show and Tell 1/2P)

Year 5/6 Inter School Sport vs Our Lady's (Ringwood)

Monday 23rd June - Week 10

Water Safety Year 3/4

Tuesday 24th June

Water Safety Year 5/6

Thursday 26th June

5/6 Hooptime

Prep D Class Mass - 9.05am (Chapel)

Friday 27th June

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer Prep D, Show and Tell 3/4 BD)

Thursday 3rd July - Week 11

1/2M Class Mass - 9.05am (Chapel)

Friday 4th July

PJ Day

Assembly - 2.30pm (Prayer Prep 1/2M, Show and Tell 5/6T)

End of Term 2 (Dismissal 3.30pm)

From Principal

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday evening we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Cathedral is such a sacred and amazing building. Despite the travel we are very lucky to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral.

It was a privilege to stand beside Bishop Thinh as the sponsors presented the candidates to him. We are blessed to have Bishop Thinh as our Eastern Region Bishop. The children all presented themselves with great reverence, and whilst many were nervous, they did a tremendous job.

I loved Bishop Thinh's 3 main messages for the children;

- You have been chosen
- You are not alone
- You have a mission

The children who shared a reading should be most proud of themselves. This can be a daunting task on such a big occasion and in front of so many people.

Thank you to the parents for the role you played as first educators in enabling and supporting your children to receive the Sacrament. This started at Baptism and continued on Tuesday evening..

I also offer my sincere gratitude to our Religious Education Leader Carrie Arbuthnot, and our Year 6 teachers, Gabrielle Jury and Stephanie Thorp, along with Carrie, of course. They put so much time and care into preparing the children and this was reflected in how the children presented on Tuesday night. Finally, thank you to the teachers who all came to witness Confirmation on Tuesday night. The teacher's presence is a true reflection of the importance that they place on the sacrament and our Catholic culture.





CONFIRMATION FEEDBACK

This year we had a young boy from Xavier College (Max) join us for Confirmation. We received the email below from his Dad after Confirmation. We must celebrate feedback like this as it affirms the culture that we always want to promote at St Anne's.

I can't thank you and the other teachers enough for welcoming Max and I so warmly on the rehearsal day and post the mass at St Gerard's. Max was a touch nervous, as he didn't know anyone, however, you very quickly put him at ease, as did your lovely students, who chaperoned him throughout the rehearsal. Everyone was so kind, polite and welcoming. The behaviour of the St Anne's students was exceptional. It is abundantly clear that St Anne's is a very well-run school, which possesses a wonderful culture and a lovely community, so well done to everyone. The confirmation ceremony was absolutely wonderful and we will remember it fondly for many decades to come.

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

National Reconciliation Week in 2025 will be held from Tuesday, May 27th to Tuesday, June 3rd.

The theme for this year is "Bridging Now to Next", which focuses on connecting the past, present, and future, and urging Australians to look ahead and push forward together. The following link is a useful resource that can be used to support our young children's understanding of what reconciliation means.



<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation/what-is-reconciliation/>

ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Next week our assembly will be held at 11.40 am. This will again enable our Year 5/6 children to participate in both our assembly and the Interschool Sports program.

SCHOOL HATS

Now that the UV index is consistently below 3, the children will not be required to wear hats outside. Please ask your child to bring their hat home if you would like to give it a wash before they wear hats again. We anticipate that the children will need to start wearing hats again towards the end of term 3 when the UV index is 3 and above. We will communicate when they will need to wear their hats closer to this time.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, we had 56 runners represent St Anne's at District Cross Country. 21 children have now progressed through to the Division Cross Country Championships. St Anne's placed 1st overall and has retained the District shield from 2024.

Congratulations to all the children who qualified for and participated in the District Cross Country on Tuesday. It is a great achievement and a challenging course that you had to run.

INFORM AND EMPOWER WEBINAR

Last week Lauren Rennsion organised an Inform and Empower webinar. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the webinar. For those who could not make the webinar here is a link to the recording; www.informandempower.com.au/schools-webinars/community-webinar

SCHOOL CONCERT TICKETS - REPEAT OF OPEROO NOTICE

The school production details are as follows:

When: Thursday 5th June 7pm
Where: The Besen Centre
87/89 Station Street, Burwood VIC 3125

Ticket Details:

Booked through Trybooking (see below)

Tickets do not need to be purchased for your school-age children as they will be performing or backstage during the concert.

Children under 2 do not require a ticket if it is suitable for them to sit on your lap.

You will be asked if any members of your booking require wheelchair access and if anyone is unable to climb stairs as seating will be allocated.

Your allocated seat tickets will be sent home with your eldest child before the event

\$25 per seat (Max 10 Per Family) Plus a booking fee of \$1.13 per ticket

We have based the cost on the predicted ticket sales data we collected from the eform previously sent out on Operoo last week.

The ticket sales revenue will be allocated to cover a majority of the costs for the venue hire and bus transport for rehearsals

Please click on this link to access the event in Trybooking

[St Anne's Finding Nemo Jr Production Tickets 2025](#)

PREP ENROLMENTS 2025

We currently have 28 Preps enrolled to start Prep at St Anne's in 2026. We still have families who have attended school tours and have not yet submitted an application, so this number should increase further. Some of our families are awaiting Government school offers, which come out in August.

We have 34 Year 6 children graduating at the end of the year. We always aim to have the same number of children enrolled as we do graduating each year.

Families are our best marketing tool, so I ask that if you know families who have a child starting school next year that you encourage them to call the office and make a time to come along for a tour of our wonderful school.

Bronwyn Grenfell has done a great job advertising school tours. Anthony Molinaro and O'Brien's Real Estate have been very generous again in promoting school tours, installing many advertising boards around the local area.

We appreciate all of our community who support and promote St Anne's.

Have a great weekend

Michael

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

We were once again blessed with glorious weather for this year’s District Cross Country Carnival, held on Tuesday at Quambee Reserve. With eight schools participating in the Warrandyte South District and approximately 80 runners in each age and gender category, it was a fantastic day of competition and sportsmanship.

St Anne’s was represented by 56 enthusiastic competitors from Years 3 to 6, all of whom gave their best and represented the school with determination and pride. Outstanding performances across all age groups helped St Anne’s retain the District Cross Country Shield — that is 7 of the past 9 years, a remarkable achievement!

A special congratulations goes to the 21 students who finished in the top twelve of their races. These students have qualified to compete at the **Divisional Cross Country** event on **Tuesday 3rd June at Yarra Valley Racecourse**. We wish them the very best of luck!



To our entire 2025 St Anne’s Cross Country team — thank you for demonstrating such fantastic spirit and pride in our school community. A big thank you also to Belinda McCartney and Mia McAuliffe for marshaling the event and to Sam Pisotek and Gab Jury for supervising the students.

Well done to the students listed below for achieving a top twelve finish — we wish you the very best at the upcoming Divisional Cross Country!



9/10 GIRLS	Ruby De Angelis 6th	Evie Steeds 8th	Maddi McGregor 9th			
9/10 BOYS	Vincent Gilbert 7th	Mason Cassino 9th				
11 GIRLS	Milla Fry 9th	Stella Macalluso 10th	Annabelle Walsh 12th			
11 BOYS	Bodhi Miriklis 2nd	Fraser Lancaster 7th	Lawson Wheatley 8th	Leo McIntyre 10th		
12/13 GIRLS	Sienna Ireson 1st	Isla Jones 2nd	Sarah Earls 4th	Eliza Davis 5th	Emily Linden 9th	India Quartel 12th
12/13 BOYS	Brandon Locke 4th	Louie Bartholomew 6th	Jett Anderson 9th			



History Box Incursion

Last week the Year 3 / 4 students participated in an incursion with History Box. We investigated Australia's First People and The First Fleet. There were a range of activities to complete as well as an informative slideshow. Students were able to make clay figures and Love Tokens, play games and examine a range of artifacts.



I learnt that the Indigenous Australians thought the first white people to come to Australia were ghosts. (Zac)

I learnt that Captain Phillip asked the soldiers to pull down their pants to show the Indigenous People that they were boys and not girls. (Mira)

I learnt that Captain Arthur Phillip had a missing tooth and that the Indigenous Australians thought he must have participated in the rite of adulthood. (Vienna)

I learnt that a prisoner on the First Fleet ended up marrying a soldier and becoming a part of the richest family of Australia. (Hudson)



CONFIRMATION 2025

It has been a very busy term preparing our Year 6 candidates for their Sacrament of Confirmation.

REFLECTION DAY

Last Thursday all our Year 6's attended a Reflection Day that involved a visit to St Patrick's Cathedral where students rehearsed for their Confirmation Mass and then completed a fun scavenger hunt that had students looking high and low inside and around the cathedral for interesting information, signs and symbols. Watching the students look with wonder and awe at this cathedral is always very special.

We also visited the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in East Melbourne where the students were given an insight into the life of Australia's first and only saint, St Mary MacKillop.

Clare from the Heritage Centre welcomed our students warmly and enthusiastically shared her knowledge of Mary MacKillop and her life story through a rich presentation. Students enjoyed visiting the artifacts museum and the Chapel where a strand of St Mary MacKillop's hair is kept.



BISHOP THINH VISIT

Last Friday we met Bishop Thinh who is the newly appointed Eastern Region Bishop. He visited St Anne's for the very first time and was impressed with our senior student's knowledge of the sacraments, particularly Confirmation. He enthusiastically told stories about his life and shared a presentation that consolidated all their learning from the classroom. Meeting Bishop Thinh before our big night definitely put the students at ease!

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

This Tuesday evening, our Year 6 candidates, their families and school staff attended St Patrick's Cathedral for a beautiful Confirmation Mass. The children looked so smart all dressed up and although there might have been some nerves, they were excited. Congratulations to our readers who read clearly, accurately and with confidence. Bishop Thinh spoke with passion during his homily and the whole congregation were captivated by his message.

Thank you to our families for supporting this sacramental program and to all the candidates for your maturity and commitment.



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CARITAS AUSTRALIA **Project Compassion**

Thank you to all our families who donated money to Project Compassion 2025.

All the money boxes that have been returned to school and have been emptied and the money has been donated to Caritas Australia. This year we raised \$291.55.

School Production - Purchasing Tickets via Try Booking

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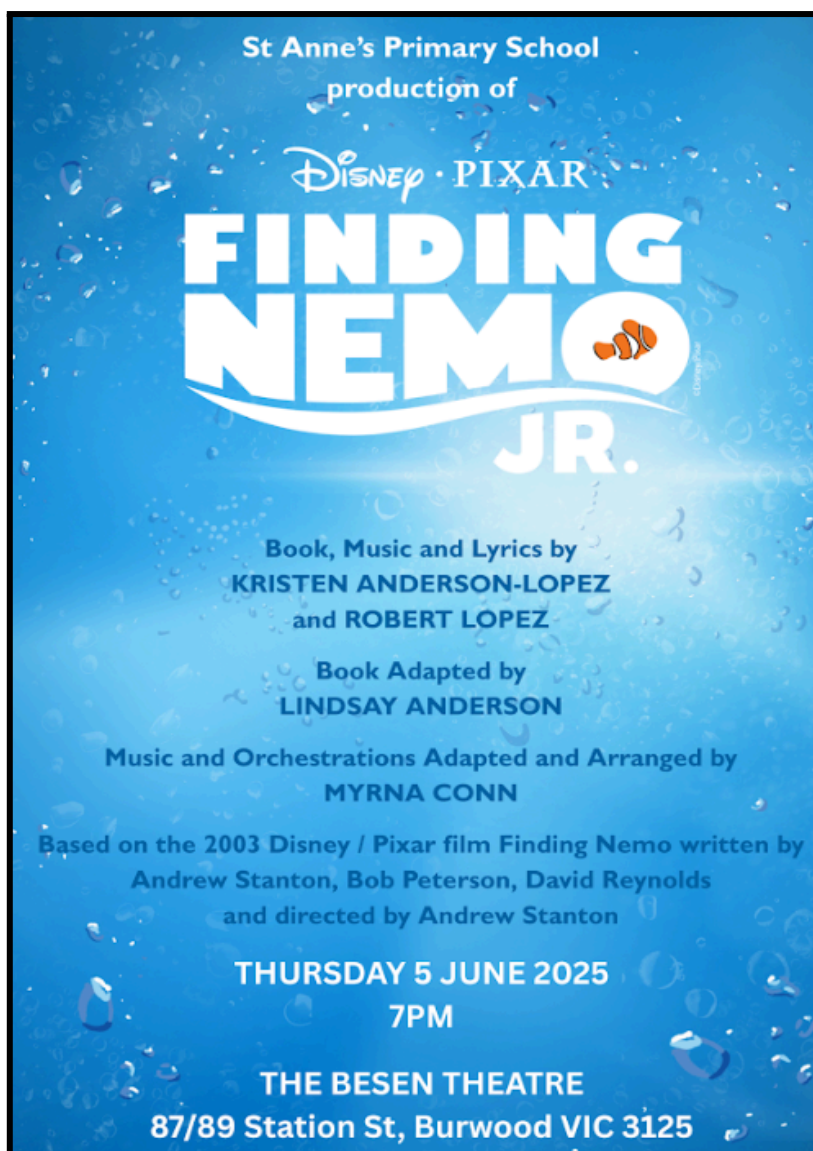
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Student of the Week - Week 5 - Term 2

Prep D	Leo Ohis
Prep H	Georgie Brock
1/2 D	Kimon Gonis
1/2 M	Scarlett Roberts
1/2 P	Felix Groeneveld
3/4 BD	Elliott Golding
3/4 D	Jaxon Mifsud
3/4 P	Zachary Klerides
5/6 A	Annabelle Walsh
5/6 J	Matilda McIntyre
5/6 T	Zac Jenkins

Raising Kids in a Digital World - Community Webinar Replay Link

Thank you to the many families who registered for the Inform & Empower Community Webinar held on the 15th May. Your response and support for this program is very encouraging.

For those who were unable to attend the live session, please use this link to access the webinar replay at a time more convenient for you.

This link will expire on Saturday 14 June.

www.informandempower.com.au/schools-webinars/community-webinar

The link also contains the session's slides, links, additional resources and a printable family poster.

Please contact the school or reach out to the Inform & Empower team directly via their website if you require any further assistance with accessing this worthwhile e-safety toolkit.

Lauren Rennison -Digital Technologies Leader

Warrandyte Sth District Winter 5/6 Sport Draw 2025

			Mixed AFL 9s	Mixed Soccer	Mixed Softball	Mixed Volley bounce	Girls Hot Shots	Girls Netball	Mixed Netball
May 30th	Week 6	Bayswater North Start at 1:30	St Annes Domeney Reserve	Bayswater North	Bayswater North	St Annes	Bayswater North	Bayswater North	St Annes
June 20th	Week 9	Our Ladys Ringwood Start at 1:30	St Annes Domeney Reserve	Our Lady's Ringwood	Our Lady's Ringwood	St Annes	St Annes	St Annes	Our Lady's Ringwood
June 27th or July 4th	Week 10 & 11	Finals							

Strawberry Fair Committee – Vacancies & Succession Planning

As the years roll by, it's hard to believe I've now chaired the Strawberry Fair Committee for four wonderful years. With my youngest child heading into their final years at St Anne's, it's time to start planning for a smooth handover—and possibly some fresh faces on the committee.

To ensure a seamless transition, I'm happy to be *shadowed for the 2026 Fair*, and I'll still be around to support in 2027—my final year involved.

The role of Chair (which also includes overseeing sponsorship) is a big one—but it *is* manageable! I've juggled it while working full time and running a business. That said, it's certainly a role that could be *shared between two people* to make it more accessible.

We're also looking for a team to take on the Fair Day Finance responsibilities. This, too, can be shadowed next year alongside Julia and her incredible family, who've done a fantastic job in recent years.

If you think you might be interested in taking on one of these roles—or joining the committee in any capacity—we'd love to hear from you. We're happy to buddy people up in preparation for a full handover in the coming years. Without junior parents stepping into these roles, we risk losing the much-loved tradition of the Strawberry Fair. That would be a real loss—for the school, the parish (which relies heavily on the funds it raises), and of course, the children, who always call it the *best day of the year*.

If you're even a *little curious*, please get in touch. Let's keep the magic alive! as you represent St Anne's!

Emma Harris - stannesstrawberryfair@gmail.com



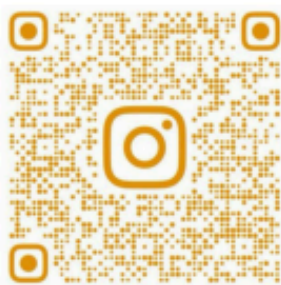
<https://signupschedule.com/signup.cgi?user=stannespa>

PA PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Last Saturday night, 50 parents descended into The Budgie in Ringwood for a fabulous night of food, drinks and wonderful company.

It was a great event and very importantly, fantastic to have such a good turnout.

A very special thank you to Emma Roberts, supported by Tish Tily for organising the night!



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YOUR DISCO NEEDS YOU!

The PA is still recruiting for a second Disco Event Planner for 2025.

It will be held on **August 20th**. This is a much loved event, with the children always having a blast and is traditionally well supported by ample volunteers helping on the night.

If you have the capacity to work alongside the very experienced Belinda McCartney to help plan the event, please sign up on the schedule.

UNIFORM SHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

We will be opening the uniform shop to coincide with the Grade 5/6 Notables Presentation
Wednesday 28th May
1pm - 1.30pm

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

UNIFORM SHOP

Second Hand Uniform Shop

St Anne's Parents Association

Prices either \$5 or \$10

CASH ONLY

Donations accepted (all sizes)

This year, our opening hours will be varied to provide more options for parents and to align with school events. Hours will be updated regularly via the Sign Up Schedule. All profits go to PA funded events for our school.

Opening Hours :

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

Contact Anita 0433120877 to request an additional time



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



Thanks to all who have volunteered to be part of our friendly team at Holy Spirit's Winter Shelter on Friday nights. Happily, we have had a good response. Volunteers are still needed on the other nights of the week at the other churches. You would be warmly welcomed. We could also do with more helpers on Saturday morning breakfast shift from 7-9am to help serve breakfast and pack lunch for our departing guests. To volunteer go to wintershelter.org.au



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

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