



Newsletter Week 9 Term 3 Friday 19th September 2025

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Mon - Fri 8.30am - 3.40pm

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Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm

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Secretary:

Michelle

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Community Calendar

<u>Click here to view the</u> <u>St Anne's Community Calendar</u>

DIARY DATES - 2025

Monday 6th October - Week 1 (Term 4)

First Day Term 4

Thursday 9th October

Yr 3-6 Division Athletics - (Selected Students)

Friday 10th October

Assembly - 2.30pm

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

Friday 31st October - Week 4

All Saints Day Mass - 9.10am

Assembly - 2.30pm

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 (Confirmed Date)

Friday 7th November

Assembly - 2.30pm

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

From Principal

FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to the Year 4 children who celebrated their First Eucharist last Sunday.

We hope that this was a special and meaningful occasion for you and your family.

Thank you to Carrie Arbuthnot (Religious Education Leader) and the Year 3/4 teachers along with Jane Weekes who supported the children throughout their preparation for the Sacrament.







TERM 3

As we come to the end of another term that seems to have come and gone very quickly, being 9 weeks. At the end of each term, we have the opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the wonderful opportunities and experiences that the children have been provided with.

In partnership, our teachers and parents have been able to enrich the children's experiences at St Anne's. Some of the fantastic opportunities that have been provided for the children have included;

Interschool Sport Winter Football Finals, Prep Fire Education Incursion, Prep - Yr 2 Responsible Pet Incursion, Year 1/2 Excursion to Rippon Lea Estate, First Eucharist (Year 4), St Anne's Feast Day (Grandparent's/Special Friends Day), Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Hooptime Basketball Tournament, Book Week Parade and Activities, Prep 100 Days of School Celebrations, Year 3-6 Athletics Experience Day and District Athletics, Father's Day Stall and Breakfast and Footy Fun Day just to name some.

This is a lot of enrichment for many children. It takes a significant amount of time and effort from our teachers and so many parent volunteers. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has made these events possible.

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 4

Term 4 commences on Monday 6 October.

HATS and UV PROTECTION

Please ensure your children have packed their school hats in their bags for the beginning of next term as we are consistently having days where the UV index is 3 or above during break times and in their sports sessions.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children should be wearing their summer uniform at the commencement of Term 4. The summer uniform is outlined below. Please ensure you use the holiday break to purchase any items that are needed. We will be ensuring all children are wearing the correct uniform in Term 4.

	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 or Blue Shorts(from Spartan) and 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

STAFFING NEWS

Rebecca Hyde will be on Long Service Leave for the first 2 weeks of Term 4 and will return to school on Monday 20th October. Julie McLachlan will be replacing Rebecca.

<u>Kay Livingstone</u> will also be on Long Service Leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 4. Michelle Sherriff will be replacing Kay Livingstone.

<u>Maria Cannarozzo</u> is also on Long Service Leave for the first week of Term 4 but will be back for week 2. Michelah Fabiyanic will be teaching Italian on Monday and Katie Wales on Tuesday

Bronwyn Grenfell will be having surgery on her knee in the first week of the holidays. It is anticipated she will need 4-6 weeks of rehabilitation before she is fit to return to work. Elaine and Anita will do some extra hours in Bronwyn's absence to cover her role. Please just be mindful that we are a little understaffed in terms of office hours.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION EMAIL

From now on emails need to be sent to the following email regarding office administration matters; office@saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au

Elaine Griffin, Anita Ingese and Bronwyn Green will all be accessing and checking this email address.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School fee statements were emailed this week. All levies are overdue and 75% of fees should have been paid by the end of today. Thank you to the families who have either paid their fees or made contact with me regarding a payment plan.

Once again I stress that we must collect fees and levies as our annual budget takes into account the collection of fees and levies. Programs and resources for 2026 are currently being organised along with our financial forecast for the remainder of the 2025 school year. Schools are now accountable to the Melbourne Archdiocese for Catholic Schools (MACS) in regards to setting budgets and their financial performance.

Fees play a significant role in the resourcing of the school and generate approximately 15% of our recurrent income.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please reach out to me. Your situation will be managed respectfully and confidentially.

FOOTY FUN DAY

Today, our term concluded with our traditional 'Footy Fun Day'. The day kicked off with a fun parade followed by some footy activities facilitated by our Year 6 children. It was a great way to finish off the term, and our Year 6 children did a superb job leading the rotation activities.



EXCITING NEWS

Maya Hendley from Prep D would like to introduce her new little sister, Amelia Grace Hendley. She was born on September 10th, weighing 2.56kg and 47cm long. Maya is very proud of her new sister and is already teaching her the alphabet and Italian.



I hope all of the children have a restful, healthy and happy term break and come back refreshed for an exciting Term 4.

With kind regards

Michael

Italian Day 2025!

Italian Day 2025 is soon approaching! We will celebrate at St Anne's on Friday the 17th of October. The children and teachers are once again encouraged to come dressed as anyone or anything Italian on the day or in the Italian colours of green, white and red.

We will begin the day with a school costume parade in the morning with parents welcome to come along. After recess, the P-6 students and teachers will gather in the hall for an Italian performance of 'L'ingrediente Segreto' (a choose your own adventure style show). And in the afternoon, the children will be in multi-age groups doing outdoor activities run by our Year 6 leaders.

Once again, the Parents' Association have organised pizza and gelato for the day, please see the information below in the Parents Association news and it was also sent today via Operoo

Buone Vacanze a tutti e grazie! Signora.

ST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all our Year 4 students who received the sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Students and families have been preparing for a long time for this very special day. The children looked amazing and were very excited.

A big thank you to all the children and their families for their participation in the program and to the Year 4 teachers for their ongoing support and enthusiasm.

Our parishioners and parish secretary Michelle have also played a significant role in this sacramental programme and I would also like to thank them for their efforts.

It was lovely to see some of our Year 4's receive communion during 3/4D's Class Mass Thursday morning.



Carrie Arbuthnot

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 3–6 students who competed at the District Athletics on Tuesday 9th September at Bill Sewart Athletics Track. Despite some early morning drizzle, the sun soon emerged and all events went ahead as scheduled.

Our students displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day—encouraging one another, giving their best effort, and proudly representing St Anne's.

St Anne's finished 2nd in Track, 2nd in Field events and finished 2nd overall.

A big thank you to Jane Weekes, Carrie Arbuthnot, and Sarah Hodgson for your support in supervising and marshalling events. Your help was greatly appreciated and contributed to a smooth and successful day.

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to the Maroondah/Manningham Division Athletics on Thursday, 9th October.

We wish them all the very best of luck as they represent St Anne's at the next level!

Hudson Alison - Triple Jump

Vincent Gilbert - Long Jump, High Jump

Evie Jenkins - Shot Put

Brodie Wiedermann - Long Jump

Campbell Torner - 200m, 4 x 100m

Fraser Lancaster - 4 x 100m

Jacob Odorico - Triple Jump, Long Jump

Bella McGregor - Hurdles, Triple Jump, 4 x 100m

Eliza Davis - 4 x 100m

Mason Cassino -1500m

Matilda Broadbent -Triple Jump

Charlie Sanders- Discus

Bodhi Miriklis - 1500m, 800m, 4 x 100

Tom Duffy- 4 x100m

Evie Moulder - 800m, Long Jump

Sienna Ireson - 1500m, 800m, 4 x 100

India Quartel - 4 x 100m





FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

It's been a bumper term and the PA is ever so grateful for the wonderful volunteers who have signed up and supported events for the kids.

This week we would like to acknowledge the fantastic work from new time Footy Fun Day planners **Katherine Riella** and **Catherine Burberry**.

They enthusiastically took on our final T3 event and we're sure the children would have appreciated their special lunch. An applause as well to the parent helpers who supported them with picking and packing lunch orders for the entire school!



Alessia Waldron Carla Vita Emily Barwick Justine Marcello Lauren Collins



We look forward to a final term of fun and excitement. The sign up schedule will open soon for Italian Day on 17.10.25, so what are you waiting for? Mark your calendar and get involved, you won't regret being a part of these special times in your children's school lives.





Italian Day Lunch Ordering: www.quickcliq.com.au

The cut-off date for lunch orders will be 9th October. No late orders can be accepted. If you miss the cut-off date, please send in an alternative for lunch

Student of the Week - Week 9 - Term 3

Prep D	Jack Carroll
Prep H	Eva Kuzmanovski
1/2 D	Chase Anderson
1/2 M	Ted Tregenza
1/2 P	Banjo Miriklis
3/4 BD	Matilda Broadbent
3/4 D	Amali West
3/4 P	Cecilia Blackburn
5/6 A	Issy Cleven
5/6 J	Vincent Gilbert
5/6 T	Sienna Ireson

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 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

Strawberry Fair Bank Proposal 2026 2.pdf



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



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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