



Newsletter Week 6 Term 2
Friday 30th May 2025

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Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm

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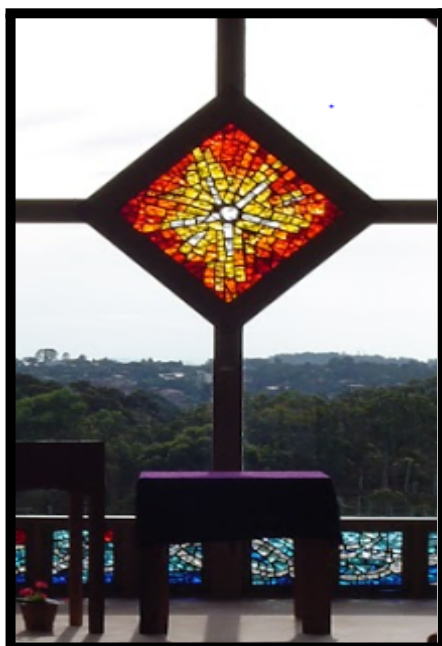
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Secretary:

Michelle

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Community Calendar

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

DIARY DATES - 2025

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)

Thursday 19th June - Week 9

Parents Association Meeting - 8.30am

Friday 20th June

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)

Monday 21st July - Week 1 - Term 3

Term 3 Begins

Thursday 24th July

St Anne's Feast Day Mass - 9.10am

Friday 25th July

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

From Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Next Friday, 6 June, there will be no school for the children. This is a school closure day. The staff will be engaging in professional learning with a specific focus on Religious Education and liturgy.

There will also be no school on Monday, 9 June, as this is a public holiday for the King's Birthday.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Next week we will be celebrating our school concert. The preparation by Ineke Waller has been meticulous, and I know it is going to be an amazing success. The children seem very excited about performing. It is going to be a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase the 'Performing Arts' program.

There will be at least 1 hour between drop off and pick up. The Besen Centre has a bar and refreshments that will be open from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Consistent with our Child Safety Code of Conduct policy I have liaised with the School Advisory Council on this. We have decided that opening the bar for an hour for 1-2 refreshing drinks is reasonable and does not pose a risk to any students. If we were not to use the bar we would be charged \$350 as per the Besen Centres conditions. It will be nice for families to mingle and engage with each other whilst waiting for the venue to be open for seating.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council will be meeting next Tuesday for their Term 2 meeting. Some of the items that will be discussed will include;

- Professional Learning and School Improvement
- School Survey Data and Parent Engagement
- Policy Ratification - Excursion and Health and Nutrition
- Strawberry Fair and Parents' Association Expenditure Items.
- Minor Capital Works - 2-3 Year Plan

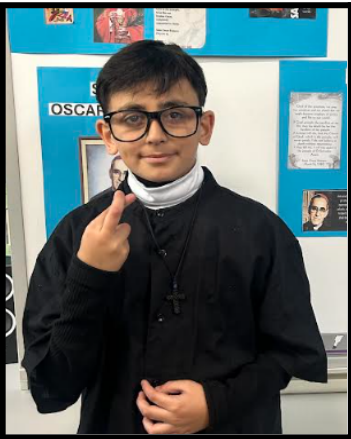
GAGA PIT

I am currently receiving quotes to build the children a new play space. The image below is called a Gaga Pit. It is a ball game called Gaga Ball. Gaga ball, is a fast-paced, high-energy sport played in a specially designed pit. Players use their hands to hit a soft ball at each other, with the goal of being the last person standing by hitting opponents below the knee. The game combines dodging, jumping, running, and striking. We have played this game on school camps, and the children love it.



NOTABLES PRESENTATIONS

On Wednesday our Year 5/6 children presented their Notables projects to the rest of the school and many parents and relatives who visited. The children demonstrated great knowledge of their notable person who they believe has made a significant difference to others. They should be proud of their research and the confident manner in which they shared their learning.



DECODABLE READERS - SYNTHETIC PHONICS

I am investigating purchasing hard copies of readers for our Prep - Year 2 Synthetic Phonics program. At the moment the children are needing to use devices for their home reading. This can present challenges. We are seeing some very strong data from this approach to teaching literacy and need to continue to resource the program so that our children are given the best opportunity to develop their reading proficiency.

Both the Strawberry Fair funds and some funds for the Parents' Association will enable us to be able to install the Gaga Pit and much-needed readers for our P-2 children. The School Advisory Council will be consulted on this next Tuesday, and before any purchases or construction occur. Expenditure items like this also need to be approved by the school's Business Manager.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2025 - REPEAT

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.

SIENNA IRESO and KILSYTH COBRAS

Sienna's Under 14.1 representative team has qualified for the prestigious 2025 Under 14 Australian Championships. The Championships will be held in Perth from 27 September to 3rd October. This is an amazing achievement and they will compete against the top 24 teams across Australia.

I have included some sponsorship opportunities further in the newsletter, should anyone's business wish to take up this offer and support Sienna and her team.

Have a great weekend

Michael

School Production (5th June) - Purchasing Tickets via Try Booking

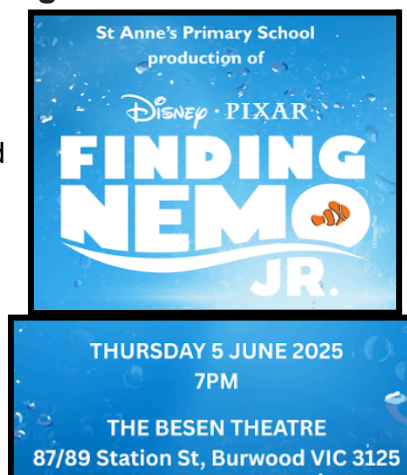
The school concert is on Thursday, tickets do not need to be purchased for your school-age children as they will be performing or backstage during the concert. Children under 2 do not require a ticket if it is suitable for them to sit on your lap. You will be asked if any members of your booking require 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.

Please click on this link to access the event in Trybooking

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

Please order your tickets before 11pm Monday 2nd June as we are sending all tickets home on Tuesday with your child



Student of the Week - Week 6 - Term 2

Prep D	Lourdes Magdaleno Arellano
Prep H	Eva Kuzmanovski
1/2 D	Jack Sowersby
1/2 M	Zac Kirkham
1/2 P	Olivia Feeney
3/4 BD	Jasper Leong
3/4 D	Xavier Tomazic
3/4 P	Mia Harris
5/6 A	Ezra Materia
5/6 J	David Abou-Orm
5/6 T	Evie Moulder

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
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	Week 10 (Rescheduled)	Yarra Road Start at 1:30	St Annes Domeney Reserve	Lipscombe Park Reserve	No Softball team	Yarra Road	St Annes	Yarra Road	St Annes

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



FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2



Friday 4th July - PJ DAY!

PA BREAKING NEWS!

Lunch Orders Returning to St Anne's –
Now on Thursdays!

We're excited to announce that
lunch orders will soon be returning to
St Anne's, now on Thursdays!

Keep an eye out for more
information, including the official
start date, coming soon.



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.

<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 :

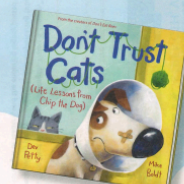
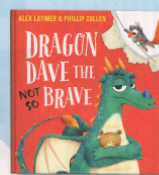
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Contact Anita 0433120877 to request an additional time

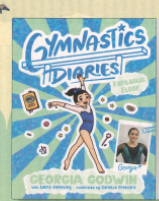
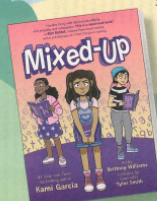
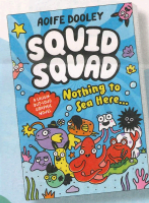
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Book Club

PULL OUT
POSTER
HANG ME
UP IN YOUR
CLASSROOM!



Laugh-out-loud tales
AND OTHER AMAZING STORIES!



SCHOLASTIC

ORDERS DUE! WED 18th JUNE



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



~~SEE~~ Make A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Join us for our Open Morning on Monday, 2 June
 Register at siena.vic.edu.au



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR UNDER 11 PLAYERS




WE ARE LOOKING FOR UNDER 11 PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR TEAMS IN OUR UPCOMING SEASON (APRIL - SEPTEMBER).

OUR U11 TRAIN ON MONDAY EVENINGS (5:30PM-6:30PM) AND PLAY SATURDAY MORNINGS.

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT US FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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SIENNA IRESON and KILSYTH COBRAS



14.1 GIRLS AUSTRALIAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Support the 14.1 Girls at Kilsyth Cobras!

The Kilsyth Cobras' 14.1 Girls team has qualified for the prestigious 2025 Foot Locker U14 Australian Club Championships, taking place at Willetton Basketball Stadium in Perth, Western Australia, from September 27th to October 3rd. This is an extraordinary achievement and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our players and team staff to represent our club on the national stage, competing against the top 24 girls' club teams from across Australia.

Proposal Sponsorship Packages

We invite you to support our exceptional Kilsyth Cobras 14.1 Girls team as they proudly represent our club and state at the 2025 Foot Locker Under 14 Australian Club Championships in Perth this September.

Your sponsorship will help cover the significant costs of flights, accommodation, meals, entry fees, and essential team gear, allowing the girls to focus on performing at their best on the national stage.

By sponsoring this team, you're not only backing a group of talented athletes—you're investing in the next generation of basketball stars and supporting a team built on commitment, teamwork, and excellence.

Help us make this unforgettable experience possible. Partner with us and be part of their journey to Nationals!

Diamond Sponsorship Package

- Premium logo placement on official team banner (displayed at all games, training sessions, and fundraising events in lead-up to Nationals)
- Supporter signage displayed at Kilsyth stadium during Nationals week
- Spectator apparel worn by families and supporters
- Magnetic car signage on team transport in Perth
- Featured sponsor shout-outs and logo placement on all team social media posts and fundraising promotions
- Sponsorship acknowledgement content in any local media coverage
- Recognition in team video content, including a thank-you highlight reel from Nationals
- Two Cobra supporter t-shirts or hoodies
- Invitation to special events: Team singlet presentation night, team send-off celebration
- Sponsor key ring and thank-you card signed by players
- Recognition at Opening/Closing ceremonies (where possible)

\$5000+

About the Championships

The Under 14 Australian Club Championships, "Nationals" are a key stepping stone from grassroots to elite basketball. Since 1970 (boys) and 1981 (girls), the event has showcased Australia's top 24 club teams per gender. Teams play in pools, with the top two advancing to the Championship Division and others competing in the Shield Division.

Kilsyth Cobra's Proud History

The Kilsyth Cobras have a proud and storied legacy in Australian basketball, known for our commitment to excellence, team spirit, and the development of young talent. Our Junior Program consistently produces exceptional athletes who thrive both on and off the court. In 2023, we were proudly named Victoria's Junior Program of the Year.

Kilsyth has a long and successful history at the U14 Australian Club Championships. The girls' team won Gold in 1989, the boys secured Bronze in 2022, the girls claimed Silver in 2023, and in 2024, our girls' team were crowned National Champions, a historic achievement that reflects the strength of our program and the dedication of our players, coaches, and families.

Meet Our 14.1 Girls Team

Photo (cover page)

Back Row: Nyiel Tong, Maddison Crome Smith, Holly Bowman, Emersyn Pasini, Addison Pongho

Front Row: Jasmine Cooper, Ivy Klewer, Chelsea Van Eijk, Sienna Ireson, Astin Barnard Rossely

Coaches: Tully McIntyre (Coach), Ben Alexander (Assistant Coach)

The Kilsyth Cobras 14.1 Girls are having an outstanding 2025 season. They currently sit on top of their pool in the VC competition.

This talented group is made up of 10 hardworking athletes, 8 of whom are currently part of Basketball Victoria's Future Development Program, a testament to the calibre and potential of the team.

Their success comes not just from skill, but from their commitment to each other. Guided by a dedicated coaching staff, the team plays with unity, grit, and a strong sense of purpose. Each player brings something unique, and together they represent what it truly means to be a team.

Gold Sponsorship Package

- Prominent logo placement on team banner displayed at games, training, fundraising events, and during Nationals week
- Supporter signage at Kilsyth stadium during Nationals week
- Spectator apparel worn by families and supporters
- Magnetic car signage on team transport at the tournament
- Recognition on team social media posts and fundraising promotions
- One Cobra supporter t-shirt or hoodie
- Supporter key ring and thank-you card from players
- Invitations to key team events: Team singlet presentation night, Team send-off celebration

\$1500-\$4999

Silver Sponsorship Package

- Medium-sized logo displayed on:
- Team banner at games, training sessions, fundraising events, and during Nationals week
- Supporter signage at Kilsyth stadium during Nationals week
- Supporter key ring and thank-you card from the players
- Recognition via a social media shout-out thanking your support

\$500-\$1499

Bronze Sponsorship Package

- Small logo displayed on:
- Team banner at games, training sessions, fundraising events, and during Nationals week
- Supporter signage at Kilsyth stadium during Nationals week
- Supporter key ring and thank-you card from the players
- A social media thank-you shout-out recognizing your support

\$100-\$499

Thank You

We sincerely appreciate your consideration and support to help make our Nationals campaign a success. If you are interested in sponsoring or would like to discuss opportunities, please reach out through your player's family. Together, we can help our team reach new heights!