



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

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**Mon – Fri 8.30am – 3.40pm**

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**Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm**

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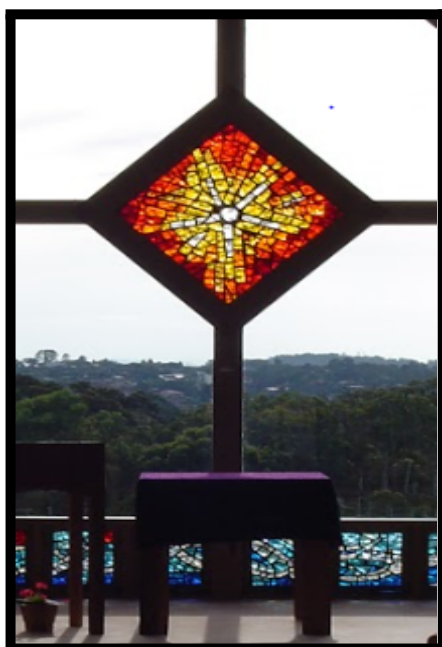
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**Secretary:**

*Kerry McGowan*

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**Community Calendar**

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

## **DIARY DATES - 2025**

### **Tuesday 22nd April - Week 1 Term 2**

First Day of Term 2

School Tour - 9.15am

### **Friday 25th April**

**ANZAC Day - Public Holiday**

### **Tuesday 29th April - Week 2**

ANZAC Day Service - Manningham (Selected Students)

School Tour - 9.15am

### **Wednesday 30th April**

School Tour - 9.15am

### **Friday 2nd May**

Assembly 2.30pm

### **Tuesday 6th May - Week 3**

School Tour - 9.15am

### **Wednesday 7th May**

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop - 5.00pm

### **Thursday 8th May**

Mother's Day Stall

### **Friday 9th May**

Mother's Day Breakfast

Assembly **11.40am**

### **Monday 12th May - Week 4**

School Tour - 9.15am

### **Tuesday 13th May**

St Anne's Cross Country (TBC)

### **Thursday 15th May**

Year 6 Reflection Day

### **Friday 16th May**

Assembly **11.40am**

Year 5/6 Inter School Sport vs Ringwood Heights

### **Saturday 17th May**

Parents' Association Social Night (TBC)

### **Tuesday 20th May - Week 5**

District Cross Country (Selected Students)

Confirmation Mass 7pm

### **Wednesday 21st May**

School Tour - 9.15am.

### **Friday 22nd May**

Assembly **11.40am**

Year 5/6 Inter School Sport vs Yarra Road

## ***From Principal***

### **EASTER PRAYER**

Dear Lord,

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we thank You for the gift of new life in Jesus. We are grateful for His love, His sacrifice, and His resurrection, which bring us hope and peace.

Bless our families, teachers, and friends with Your love and care. Help us to live as He taught us, with kindness, joy, and compassion in our hearts.

May the light of Christ guide us in all that we do, today and always. Amen.

### **TERM 1**

We come to the end of what I hope has been a term where the children have experienced fun, friendship, learning, and connection.

There have been many highlights this term. Some of these have included;

*Strawberry Fair, Year 5/6 Camp, Pancake Tuesday, Ash Wednesday Mass, Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Year 6 Gala Sports Day, School Sports Day, and our surprise Easter Egg Hunt today.*

I thank the teachers and parents who coordinated these activities for the children.

We look forward to Term 2 where we will continue to enjoy some significant events such as; Mother's Day Stall, Mother's Day Breakfast, Sacrament of Confirmation, Cross Country, Year 5.6 Interschool Sports, Pyjama Day and many more.

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to all of the families who were able to make time to meet with their classroom teacher on Wednesday evening or more recently through a Program Support Group (PSG) meeting. Hopefully the feedback that you received on your child's learning was informative and beneficial. The teachers always appreciate the partnership that we have in the children's learning at St Anne's.

### **PERFORMING ARTS - SPORTS UNIFORM**

Ineke Waller is busy preparing the children for our whole school concert, which is being held on Thursday 5 June.

Ineke has requested that the children wear their sports uniform on the days that they have Performing Arts if they don't have sport on the same day as they will be rehearsing their dance and movement. Please see the table for when the children have Performing Arts

Monday	Tuesday
5/6A	3/4 D
3/4BD	5/6 J
5/6T	3/4 P
Prep H	1/2 P
1/2 MD	1/2 D
Prep D	

### **STAFFING NEWS**

Carrie Arbuthnot will be on leave for the first week of Term 2. Abbey Jenkins will be teaching 5/6A for the week. We wish Carrie a restful and enjoyable week.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next term, our Year 6 children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be a Parent - Child family workshop on Wednesday 7 May at 5.00pm, and then the children will celebrate the Sacrament at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 20 May.

## NEW FAMILIES

This week, we welcomed the BURBERY and STEEDS families to St Anne's.

Evie has joined 3/4P, and Annalise has joined 3/4D. We hope that they have enjoyed their first few days, and we will continue to welcome them into our St Anne's Community.

## ASSEMBLIES TERM 2

Our first assembly in Term 2 will be held at 2.30pm. After that, our assemblies will be held at 11.40 am due to our Year 5/6 children participating in their Interschool Sports program.

## SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday afternoon we celebrated our Sports Day at Domeney Reserve. The children arrived at school decked out in their team colours full of excitement.

This continued throughout the day. The house chants were shouted out with much enthusiasm. I am sure the chanting got louder throughout the day.

Our children participate in events like this with great sportsmanship, and while they love the competition, the highlight of the day is always the enthusiasm and sense of fun that shines through on the day.

Kay Livingstone did a brilliant job organising the day as our sports leader. Kay is so organised and loves providing the children with opportunities to participate in sporting activities like this. Her passion is infectious.

The events ran on time and efficiently, thanks to the many parent volunteers who helped coordinate novelty events, sprint races, and handed out ribbons.

I appreciate the teachers, parents, and Kay who made such a great day happen for the children in the final week of the term. Please see more pictures below.

Congratulations to the following winners;

House Spirit: Bailey

Sports Champions: Austin

400 Metres Year 6 Girls Champion: Sienna Ireson

400 Metres Year 6 Boys Champion: Harry Ottens





## EASTER EGG HUNT

The children were provided with a lovely surprise today with an Easter Egg Hunt. The Parents' Association continued this tradition from last year and scattered enough eggs around the schools for each child to receive 5 eggs.

A special thank you to Julia Slusareff and Nicole Paspaliaris from our Parents' Association who started this tradition, and thank you to all the Prep parents who may have helped the Easter Bunny to scatter the eggs.

## WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL PARADE

Last Saturday, our school captains, Riley Holland and Sarah Earls, along with Mia and Abbey Harris attended the Warrandyte Festival and carried the Bendigo Bank sponsorship sign for our school. I am very appreciative that they gave up their Saturday and attended in school uniform. Thanks to Emma Harris for coordinating this for St Anne's.



## TERM 2 DATES

Term 2 commences on Tuesday, 22 April and concludes on Friday 4 July.

Friday 25 April is a public holiday in honour of ANZAC Day.

## WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children will not be required to wear their winter uniform at the commencement of Term 2 as the weather will still potentially be warmer and more suitable for the summer uniform.

Once we have a consistent pattern of cooler weather we will swap over to the winter uniform. Until then families will be able to choose the more appropriate uniform as this can change from day to day in Melbourne at this time of the year.

Winter Terms 2 & 3	Boys	Girls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Grey trousers or shorts</li><li>● School light blue polo shirt</li><li>● School windcheater</li><li>● Grey socks</li><li>● Black shoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maroon plaid pinafore</li><li>● Navy pants</li><li>● School light blue polo shirt</li><li>● School windcheater</li><li>● Black tights or socks</li><li>● Black shoes</li></ul>
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maroon shorts (summer and/or winter)</li><li>● School maroon tracksuit (winter)</li><li>● School light blue polo shirt or sublimated sports polo</li><li>● Plain white sports socks</li><li>● Runners</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maroon shorts/maroon wrap pleated skirt (summer and/or winter)</li><li>● School maroon tracksuit (winter)</li><li>● School light blue polo shirt or sublimated sports polo</li><li>● Plain white sports socks</li><li>● Runners</li></ul>
Optional Extra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bomber Jacket</li><li>● Spray Jacket</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bomber Jacket</li><li>● Spray Jacket</li></ul>

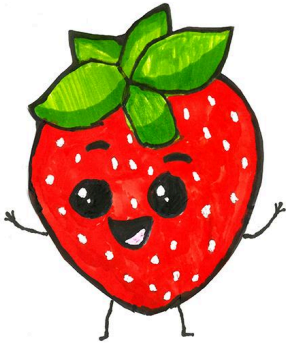
**ENROLMENTS and FEEDBACK**

Often when engaging in conversation on school tours, families indicate that they have chosen to come on a tour as they were referred to St Anne’s by a friend. [If you have friends at 4-year-old kindergarten and they are currently looking at schools, please recommend that they join me for a school tour on one of the following dates;](#)

**Tours from 9.15am - 10.30am on the following dates;**

Tuesday 22 April      Wednesday 30 April    Tuesday 6 May      Monday 12 May  
Wednesday 21 May    Tuesday 27 May      Wednesday 4 June

**Strawberry Fair 2025 Results**



It is with pleasure to report that this year was an amazing result. Sunday has proved to be a success and lots have reported to me it was more relaxed as people weren't running to sport like Saturdays.

We were amazed to get our final figures last night of **\$50,647** ! This will be well accepted by the School and Parish.

I hope all of the children have a fun-filled holiday break, and with all of our families, a safe and Happy Easter.

Michael

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**Student of the Week - 2025 Week 10 - Term 1**

<b>Prep D</b>	Harrison Scanell
<b>Prep H</b>	Will Ritchie
<b>1/2 D</b>	Eleanor McIntyre
<b>1/2 M</b>	Addy Bongard
<b>1/2 P</b>	Banjo Miriklis
<b>3/4 BD</b>	Mack Meade
<b>3/4 D</b>	Owen Locke
<b>3/4 P</b>	Evie Steeds
<b>5/6 A</b>	Eva Read
<b>5/6T</b>	Matilda Smith

## ST ANNES HOUSE SPORTS

Yesterday, we all enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at St Anne's House Sports Day, held at Domeney Reserve. The energy and enthusiasm were unmatched as students gathered to compete, cheer, and demonstrate their incredible House spirit.

The afternoon kicked off with students belting out their House Team chants. The senior students then got the competition underway with the 4x100m circular relays, where some thrillingly close finishes had everyone cheering hard.

Students then split into their year groups to participate in some fun tabloid sports, demonstrating teamwork and determination. The action continued with sprints and hurdle races, where our students gave it their all in pursuit of victory.

A special congratulations to the winners of the Year 6 girls' and boys' races: Sienna Ireson and Harry Ottens. !

Adding a touch of laughter to the day, the teachers participated in a novelty race. Dressed in outrageous costumes and running a small circuit, they had students cheering and laughing.

A big thank you to Julia Slussareff and the Parents' Association for organising this fun race. A huge thank you to the incredible parent helpers who volunteered to ensure the event ran smoothly and to all of the St Anne's staff who have been incredibly supportive in the lead-up to this event.

We look forward to many more exciting sporting events in the future!



Kay Llivingstone - Physical Education





## ST ANNES HOUSE SPORTS



Never miss an update! Follow us on socials...



Thank you to the wonderful team of Easter Bunnies who facilitated the epic egg hunt:

- Natalie Arena
- Roddy Vargas
- Janet Kang-Gonis
- Beth Carman
- Stephanie Fellows
- Alessia Waldron
- Anita Spadea

Also a huge thank you to Fiona Spadetto for organising the eggs!

### ST. ANNES MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

FRIDAY MAY 9

MUM OR SPECIAL PERSON ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE MORNING BREAKFAST SESSION.

TICKETS VIA THE LINK BELOW  
<https://www.signupschedule.com/event/1381070>

PLEASE ADVISE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN BOOKING THROUGH TRYBOOKING LINK.

BREAKFAST IS HELD AT THE SCHOOL HALL.



Three cheers for the awesome teachers who went all out for the fun at our School Sports Day -

hip hip, hooray!!

The chaos and laughter that filled the oval was unforgettable!

(check out the video footage on our socials)



### NOTICE BOARD

Grandparents Day Event Planner positions still vacant!  
Please get in touch to discuss  
[pa@saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pa@saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au)

Save the Date  
Parents Social Night  
Saturday May 17th  
more details to come!

### Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Parent Helpers needed for Stall day.  
Stall Helpers 8.45am - 1pm (approx finish time).

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

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>



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 Wednesdays 9-11am in the Ark!

Enquiries to Ellen 0404 357 023



**YOU'RE INVITED TO:**

**RUN 4 FUN**

**COMMUNITY RUN PROGRAM**

School holiday program to teach kids and teenagers the fundamentals of good running technique.

The program will be conducted by Australian Athletics coaches Colleen Kelly and Jane Kilkenny. The program will run over 4 sessions and is designed to improve skills and develop confidence with running.

**WHEN:**

**Dates:**  
Tuesdays 8 and 15 April  
Thursdays 10 and 17 April

**Times:**  
9-10am (Prep to Year 2)  
10.15-11.15am (Years 3 and 4)  
11.30-12.30pm (Years 5 and 6)

**2 SESSIONS FOR \$30**  
**4 SESSIONS FOR \$40**

Scan to Register

**TOM KELLY ATHLETICS TRACK,  
GEORGE STREET  
DONCASTER EAST**

**DCA** **MANNINGHAM**

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**WHEN:**

**Dates:**  
Tuesdays 8th & 15th April  
Thursdays 10th & 17th April

**Times:**  
1.30-2.30pm (Years 7-9)  
2.45-3.45pm (Years 10-12)

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DONCASTER EAST**

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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'.

**Park Orchards North Ringwood  
Parish Junior Football Club**

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**Coach Allie King**

For more information, please contact our Girls Coordinator Meg Rankin at [girlsfooty@sharksjfc.org.au](mailto:girlsfooty@sharksjfc.org.au)

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**FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**9-12PM (3 HOURS)**

**\$50 PER DAY**

**WK 1: MON 7TH - FRI 11TH APRIL**

**WK 2: MON 14TH - THUR 17TH APRIL**

**Football Star: NB: Normally only advertise not for profit and this is an exception due to several free clinics run at the school.**