



**Newsletter Week 5 Term 1
Friday 28th February 2025**

60 Knees Road Park Orchards 3114

Phone: 03 9876 1533

email: principal@saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au

Hours of Supervision of Students:

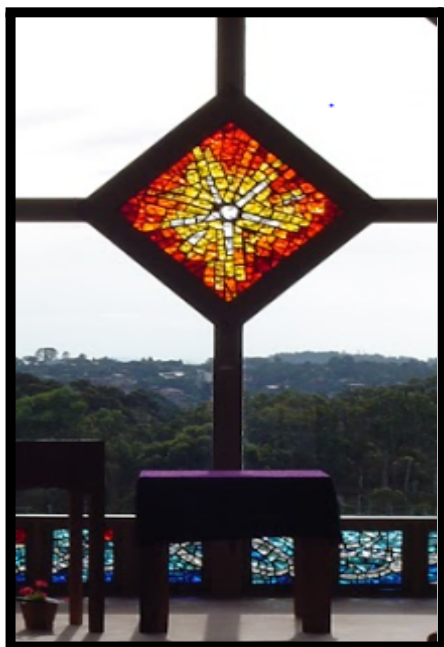
Mon – Fri 8.30am – 3.40pm

**School Office Hours: Mon 8.30am - 4.15pm
Tues – Thurs 8.30am – 5.00pm
Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm**

Parish Priest:
Fr Arsenio Tuazon
Ph. 9876 3077

School Principal:
Michael Edmonds:
Ph. 9876 1533

St. Anne & St Gerard Parish:
Secretary:
Kerry McGowan
Ph.7064 3922



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

DIARY DATES - 2025

Sunday 2nd March - Week 6

Strawberry Fair

Tuesday 4th March

Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday

Wednesday 5th March

No School for Preps

Ash Wednesday Mass - 11.50am

Thursday 6th March

School Tour - 9.15am

Friday 7th March

School Closure Day - First Aid and Anaphylaxis Training

Monday 10th March - Week 7

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th March

School Tour - 9.15am

Friday 14th March

Inter School Sport Gala Day Year 5/6

No Assembly

Tuesday 18th March - Week 8

Reconciliation Workshop 5pm

School Advisory Council Meeting - 7pm

Thursday 20th March

School Photos

Friday 21st March

St Patrick Mass for Schools (Selected Students)

Harmony Day (Splash of Orange)

Assembly 2.30pm (Prayer - 3/4P Show & Tell - 3/4BD)

Tuesday 25th March - Week 9

School Tour - 9.15am

Wednesday 26th March

Reconciliation 5pm

Friday 28th March

Assembly 2.30pm (Prayer - 3/4D Show & Tell - 5/6T)

Wednesday 2nd April

School Tour - 9.15am

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 4th April

Assembly 2.30pm (Prayer - Prep Level - Show & Tell - 5/6A)

From Principal

STRAWBERRY FAIR

There is much excitement in the school with the Strawberry Fair just 2 sleeps away. The Strawberry Fair committee has put in months of preparation to ensure our community can experience this day. If you see a volunteer or member of the Strawberry Fair committee working on Sunday I encourage you to offer words of gratitude for their generosity. Without the committee and volunteers, we would not be able to experience the enormous social capital that comes from the Strawberry Fair.

I am not oblivious to the enormous commitment of the committee and I am very appreciative of their time, commitment, and care. Emma has developed a large support network that makes up the committee.

I am looking forward to seeing you throughout the day and hopefully some of you at the start line for the 'Fun Run'.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

There will be no school for the children on Friday 7 March. This is a school closure day for staff to complete their Level 2 First Aid and Anaphylaxis training along with some other compliance items such as Mandatory Reporting.

SCHOOL CONCERT DATE

Our school concert has been booked for Thursday, June 5. Ineke Waller is doing an amazing job and it promises to be an epic evening. More information will come home next term regarding ticketing and organisation.

DRESS-UP DAYS 2025

Throughout the year we have several fun activities and days for the children to help enrich their time at St Anne's. To help with planning I have listed the dates for the known events where children will be invited to come dressed up.

School Concert - June 5 (costume information to follow)

Grandparents' Day - July 24 (possibly costumes for assembly items to be confirmed)

Book Week - 16-23 August (There will be a dress as a favourite book character in this week. Date TBC)

Footy Fun Day - September 19 (wear footy apparel or colours)

Italian Day - 17 October (dress up as a famous Italian or as something from Italian culture or in Italian colours)

HARMONY DAY

On Friday March 21 we celebrate Harmony Day. The children will participate in an activity in their multi-age groups on this day. They will be invited to wear a splash of orange to mark the day. This can be as simple as some orange on a sock to a ribbon or a t-shirt if they have one. It is not necessarily a colour that all children have so please don't worry if you cannot find anything. It is completely optional.

SUSTAINING FUTURE ENROLMENTS

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;	Thursday 6 March	Wednesday 12 March	
Tuesday 25 March	Wednesday 26 March	Tuesday 22 April	Wednesday 30 April

Regards Michael

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

This term our Year 3 students are invited to make their Sacrament of First Reconciliation. All students in years three and four will participate in the learning of this sacrament through our Education in Faith Curriculum, however only students who are baptised can receive First Reconciliation.

Some important dates for your diary:

Tuesday 18th March 5pm - 6pm	Parent/ChildWorkshop Night (School Hall)
Wednesday 26th March 5pm - 6pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday 27th March 9.15am - 10.15am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

An Operoo eform was sent yesterday, please complete this ASAP to book in your preferred date of either Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th for your child to receive the sacrament.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on carbuthnot@saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au or child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Carrie Arbuthnot - Religious Education Leader



FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

@stannespa

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

St Anne's Pancake Day

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 4th March

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

Parents please sign up to help in the morning



Natalie or Janet
0410540669

For kids with allergies: parents please place a clearly labelled container of pancakes in the fridge at school for us to heat and serve to your child!



Second Hand Uniform Shop

St Anne's Parents Association

Opening Hours :

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1



4th March - Shrove Tuesday
21st March - Harmony Day
4th April - Easter Egg Hunt



<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





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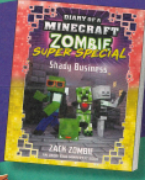
Book Club


PULL OUT POSTER
HANG ME UP IN YOUR CLASSROOM!


KEEP THE READING ROLLING WITH SCHOLASTIC









INCLUDES 2 REAL SAND TIGER TEETH!

ORDERS DUE: **Thurs 20th March 25**

<https://signupschedule.com/stannespa>



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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

Strawberry Fair News

Bunting and signs have been put up. Thanks to the committee for the early Sunday morning setup.

Please keep signing up for set up and fair day - we have about **26 shifts** still to fill. We all need to help so that everyone gets to enjoy the fair with our children. We are thankful for those who have already signed up. Older children (recommended Year 9 and above) are also welcome to sign up but we can't have primary school children on stalls.

The auction will go live next week. Please keep an eye out for the link for the online auction.

Parking is always an issue at the fair - please prepare to walk / ride etc.

There will be NO ATM at the fair. We will have 15 eftpos terminals around the main stalls. However, the children's stall won't have eftpos machines please bring CASH. All stalls will accept cash.

Please return raffle books to the raffle stall on the day

Sign up for the fun run - O'Briens Real Estate and Sharks will be running it.

Ride bands need to be booked online before Friday 28th to get the \$5 discount.

Pick them up on Fair day after 10am at the ticket tent.



Our Lady of Sion College

OPEN DAY



EMBRACE LIFE AT SION

TUESDAY 18 MARCH
2.30 - 6.30 PM

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE OUR SCAN THE QR CODE



Our Lady of Sion College
Catholic Girls' College Years 7-12
1065 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill 3128

P 9890 9097
E info@sion.catholic.edu.au
W sion.catholic.edu.au



Our Lady of Sion College

TALK AND TOUR MORNINGS



Please visit our website to book

EMBRACE CREATIVITY

Applications for Year 7, 2027
close 15 August 2025

Term 2

THURSDAY 01 MAY, 9.30 AM | MONDAY 23 JUNE, 9.30 AM

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OPEN DAY 2025

Sunday March 16 11.30am–2.30pm

Discover how Aquinas can help your student reach beyond their potential!

Join us on our guided tours to see what our College has to offer. There will be a range of opportunities for families to experience the College. No need to book—just show up and enjoy the day! Our last tour is scheduled for 1.45pm.

EMBRACE YOUR SPIRIT—DISCOVER YOUR PLACE



WHITEFRIARS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Sunday, 2 March



GROWING GENTLE MEN

Register now whitefriars.vic.edu.au



WHITEFRIARS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

THE GOONIES

Friday 28 March, 2025

Enrolment Information Session 6–7pm followed by The Goonies commencing at dusk



Register via trybooking.com/CWFTB



PLAY



FOR THE KICKS

come find your awesome

PARK ORCHARDS AUSKICK CENTRE

Friday 4.30pm - Domeney Reserve
Season starts May 2nd
contact: admin@wdfaindustries.com.au

SHARKS

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



play.afl/auskick



STEELERS
PARK ORCHARDS
FOOTBALL CLUB

MINISTEELERS

March 16th
from 10am to 11am at POPS



WARRANDYTE CALISTHENICS

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!
Age: 3 yrs to Adult



FREE COME & TRY DAYS
WARRANDYTECALI@GMAIL.COM

