



ST. ANNE'S WRAP!

HARMONY DAY



Everyone Belongs

Dear Lord,
Today, we pray for the grace to tear down walls that divide us and build bridges of understanding and harmony.

We thank you for the gift of cultural diversity in our country and in our College.
Help us to listen more deeply and connect more closely with others who may have a different viewpoint or background.
May we work for unity amongst all your people.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Dates to Remember

2026

Tuesday 24th March	Parent Meetings
Thursday 26th March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 26th March	Parent Meetings
Tuesday 31st March	Centennial McCauley Feast Day
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of school - Term One
Friday 3rd April	Public Holiday - Good Friday
Monday 20th April	Student Free Day
Tuesday 21st April	First day of school - Term Two
Monday 27th April	Public Holiday - Anzac Day

Principal's Message



Dear Students, Parents, and friends of St Anne's,

Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

ADVISORY COUNCIL: This week, the School Advisory Council held its first meeting for the year. We warmly welcome Emma Curulli as our new School Chair, supported by members Warren Freebairn, Jack Doherty, Drew Goodman and Jess Easton (P&F Representative), Fr Mars, and myself.

The Advisory Council provides support and guidance to me in areas such as school planning, finance, maintenance, and community engagement. While it does not manage the day-to-day operations of the school, it plays an important advisory role in helping shape the long-term direction of St Anne's. The Council meets once each term.

I would also like to sincerely thank Sophie Cox, who stepped away as Chair of the Advisory Council towards the end of 2025, for her outstanding service. Sophie was incredibly supportive and instrumental as a Council member during COVID and throughout our recent capital development project. In addition to her Council role, Sophie also served as a P&F representative and President for several years, giving extraordinary service to our school community. Her dedication and generosity have been deeply appreciated, and we will formally acknowledge her at the ACM later in the year.

DANCE EXCURSION: Today and tomorrow, our students have the exciting opportunity to participate in a dance excursion with Bianca Panetta's Academy of Dance. Students are experiencing the energy of a real dance environment while learning important skills. This was at no cost to the school, subsidised purely by the Dance Academy.

A big thankyou to Bianca for her support of our school and for highlighting the benefits, fitness, and joy that dance brings.

LAUDATO SI: Just a reminder to families that our school continues to embrace the principles of Laudato Si'. We are encouraging an attitude of caring for our common home by endeavouring to reduce waste, limiting paper use, turning off lights and air-conditioners, recycling and using FOGO, keeping our learning spaces clean, and helping those who are vulnerable through various service based initiatives. As Pope Francis reminded us, we can all strive to do better in caring for our common home.

AWE SURVEY: Enhancing the wellbeing of the students in our care is extremely important to us at St Anne's. In 2026 we are pleased to offer once again our students in Years 3, 4 and 5 the opportunity to participate in a survey titled Assessing Wellbeing in Catholic Education (AWE).

This is a quick online survey made up of scientifically informed questions that assess global wellbeing, along with school-related factors that meaningfully contribute to wellbeing within a school context.

The collective results from these surveys will be used by our Wellbeing Leaders to strategically plan wellbeing initiatives across the school community, ensuring we continue to support our students to thrive.

Information has been sent home to parents of students concerned and they are reminded, if you do not wish your child to participate, please contact your child's class teacher through the usual school communication channels, or contact me directly in the office, by Friday 20 March 2026.

NAPLAN: Thank you to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their efforts during NAPLAN, and to our teachers for creating a calm and supportive testing environment. A reminder to parents that results will be available later in the year.

HARMONY DAY: Harmony Day is celebrated across Australia each year in March. It is a day that recognises and celebrates our country's cultural diversity, reminding us of the importance of inclusivity, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day encourages us to reflect on who we are, where we come from, and how we can live together in harmony. Schools and communities often celebrate by wearing orange, a colour symbolising meaningful conversations, social connection, and mutual respect.

Today at our school, it was wonderful to see our staff and students embracing the day and proudly wearing orange. It's a lovely opportunity to take stock of our place in this big world and to remember the importance of living peacefully and respectfully with one another.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2027: We have received a very high number of applications for Kindergarten 2027, and we are grateful for the strong interest in joining our school community. The enrolment process will begin next term, and families will be contacted as we work through each stage.

As always, our procedures will follow the CEWA Enrolment Executive Directive, which outlines the priority order for offers, including:

- * Catholic families
- * Siblings of current students
- * Other applicants

To ensure a smooth and fair process, interviews will take place in staggered stages. Group Three applicants (other applicants) will be interviewed first, with interviews for Catholic families and siblings scheduled later in the year as part of the pastoral interview process.

We appreciate your patience as we work carefully through all applications. Further communication will be provided to families in early Term Two as the process progresses.

PARENT INTERVIEWS: Parent interview dates have been set, and teachers are liaising with families to confirm suitable times. These interviews are an important opportunity for parents and teachers to come together, share insights, and discuss ways to support each student in their learning journey.

If you have not yet confirmed a time, you are strongly encouraged to contact your child's class teacher through the usual school communication channels.

MAKING JESUS REAL: The spirit of Jesus remains central to who we are at St Anne's. The Making Jesus Real (MJR) program encourages students to recognise and reflect Jesus' presence in everyday life—through kindness, gratitude, respect, and positive actions.

Each week, families are invited to focus on our "MJR Tip of the Week", offering simple, practical ways we can all bring the message of Jesus to life in our relationships and choices. By changing our behaviours and attitudes to live more like Jesus, we can make a real difference to the lives of those around us—and to our own.

Enjoy your weekend and have a safe, and happy week.

Darrin Croft
PRINCIPAL



MJR AT ST ANNES

MJR Focus: *Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs*

*This week in MJR we are focusing on **Harmony Day**, a time to celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school and wider community. Harmony Day reminds us that **everyone belongs**, and through the MJR lens we look at how we can show Jesus' message of love, respect, and inclusion in our everyday actions.*

*Being people of **hospitality, kindness, and empathy** helps us build a community where every student feels valued for who they are. Whether it's learning about different cultures, including someone new, or simply offering a friendly smile, each small action helps create a school where harmony is lived, not just spoken about.*

Harmony grows when we choose to see the good in others and treat everyone with dignity— just as Jesus taught us.



Fifth Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 23 March)

This Lent, our school community has been supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, walking alongside our global family to ensure that when people face disaster or emergency, they don't do so alone.

Families in Gaza have endured catastrophic conditions. Frontline staff at **Caritas Jerusalem** – many of whom have been displaced themselves – have been standing alongside and serving families whose lives have been disrupted by this devastating war.

Despite these challenges, including displacement, destruction and danger, the dedicated team continues to deliver critical emergency support. They remain committed to serving families in need in the hope that Gaza can rebuild.

Watch the story of Ahmad, one Caritas Jerusalem staff member, [HERE](#) to learn more.

As we draw close to the end of Lent, our school community is called to stand in solidarity with communities across the world who are impacted by crisis. **Will you stand with us?**



Please donate today.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

2026 ANNUAL FEE STATEMENT NOTES:

- **PAYMENT OPTION ADVICE FORMS WERE DUE FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026. PLEASE RETURN ASAP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE (IF NOT ALREADY RETURNED).**
- **5% EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT EXPIRES NEXT FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026.**
- **DIRECT DEBITS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY CARRY OVER YEAR TO YEAR, A NEW COMPLETED FORM IS REQUIRED.**



Annual School Fee Statements were emailed to parents a few weeks ago. **The statement includes all applicable fees for the year to streamline the payment process for families.** If you have not received your fee statement via email (also check your junk folder), please call me on Ph: 9782 3300 or email admin@stannes.wa.edu.au for a copy.

Refer to the payment options on the second page and choose the option that suits your family budget, also note **5% discount** applies on tuition fee if the annual fee payment is made by **Friday 27 March 2026**. Should you wish to set up a direct debit from your bank account, the authority is included, so please complete and return to the school office (NB. Please include the date to commence payments).

Should you require assistance with setting up a direct debit authority, please contact me via the school office on Ph: 97823300 or forward an email to admin@stannes.wa.edu.au to arrange an appointment to complete the authority. Alternatively, return the payment options form with your account details and the direct debit will be set up for you.

If you have any further queries or are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Croft to discuss.

Community News



Harvey Netball Association

2026 Registration is OPEN

Harvey Netball Association is ready for the upcoming season with some exciting developments. As in the past few seasons Waroona Netball Association (Flames) will be joining us. We remain as two stand alone clubs but this allows us to both run a very competitive competition. We will be playing some fixtures in Waroona this year.

Deferred payment plans and pay-in-4 available.

If you are eligible for Kidsport, please organise your voucher first and then complete the registration!

Fees are staying the same as last year!!!! \$120 to HNA plus the NWA fees which vary depending on age of player.

Please email any queries to Harveynetball@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

See you on the court in 2026!!!!

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/9092f0>



★ Lost Property Reminder

We already have a growing collection of **lost property** items this year.

Items handed in include jewellery, shoes, goggles, cutlery and various other belongings.

If your child has misplaced something, please ask them to come to the office — or you are welcome to come in yourself — to check our Lost and Found.

Please note that **any items not claimed by the end of the term will be disposed of.**

Thank you for helping us return these items to their owners.



