

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOVELLY

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Faith & Family

ST ANTHONY'S QUARTERLY E-MAG

*Family recipes, interviews,
upcoming news & much more*



**Actions speak
louder than words**
celebrating the legacy of St Anthony



From the Principal's Desk

As we come to the end of a rich and rewarding Term 2, I warmly welcome you to this edition of our St Anthony's School Magazine.

This term has been filled with moments of deep reflection, joy, and creativity. One of the true highlights was celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 5 and 6 students. Their reverence and enthusiasm were deeply moving, and we are so grateful to the families, staff, and parish community who supported them on this important step in their faith journey. We are especially grateful to Bishop Tony Percy for joining us and leading this significant celebration. His presence made the occasion even more meaningful, and we thank him and Father Laurie for their spiritual guidance and support.



This issue also shines a light on the vibrant creativity blooming within our school. You'll find a showcase of our students' artwork, full of imagination and heart, along with contributions from our newest teachers, Giselle, Peter and Hannah, who bring with them fresh energy and a passion for teaching the whole child.

We're also very grateful for a special family recipe to try over the break, from the Al Kozah family.

As we prepare to pause for the school holidays, I hope you find time to rest, reconnect, and recharge. May the break be filled with joy, laughter, and a well-earned sense of peace.

Take care and see you in Term 3!

Mrs Anna Novak

Principal, St Anthony's Clovelly



**Thank you to Maya Cantril who's beautiful
seeds of hope flowered into bloom on
Pentecost Sunday!**



CELEBRATING CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY & COMMITMENT AT ST ANTHONY'S

By Mrs Novak



Term 2 at St Anthony's has been a vibrant tapestry of creativity, connection, and community spirit. From the stage to the schoolyard, our students, staff, and families have come together to celebrate learning, faith, and the joy of being part of something bigger.

One of the standout highlights has been our participation in the Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Eisteddfods. Under the passionate leadership of Jodie McInness, our students have flourished in the performing arts—expressing themselves through music, dance, and drama. Jodie's dedication goes far beyond rehearsals; she inspires confidence, nurtures creativity, and helps students discover their unique gifts. Her work, supported by our committed teaching staff, has made the Eisteddfods a powerful experience of growth and celebration.



These performances are a reflection of the deep care and collaboration that define our school. At St Anthony's, education is a shared journey—one where teachers, students, and families walk together in faith and purpose. The Eisteddfods are just one example of how we honour the talents of our students and the dedication of those who guide them.



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Another heartwarming moment this term was our Mother's Day celebration, lovingly organised by our P&F and a group of wonderful dads. The morning began with a delicious breakfast that brought families together in a spirit of gratitude and joy. This was followed by a beautiful Mass, where students sang a heartfelt tribute to their mums—an emotional and memorable moment that truly captured the love and appreciation we hold for the incredible women in our lives.

Equally inspiring was the Election Day BBQ, a shining example of our community spirit in action. With the smell of sausages in the air and the sound of laughter all around, the day was a wonderful success, not just as a fundraiser, but as a moment of connection and shared purpose. We are deeply grateful to every parent, carer, and student who gave their time and energy to make the event such a warm and welcoming experience.

Events like these remind us that community is built not only in classrooms, but in every shared effort, every act of service, and every celebration of who we are together. Whether on stage or at the BBQ, our St Anthony's family continues to show what it means to live our values with heart and joy.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support, spirit, and generosity make all the difference.

Meet Giselle Stinson



In this edition's Staff Spotlight, we're delighted to feature one of our newest team members Giselle, who brings warmth, dedication, and a deep commitment to nurturing our students—both in faith and in learning.



What's your favourite part of teaching Kindergarten and being the REC?

I love teaching Kindergarten! The children are eager to learn and are always so enthusiastic. It's wonderful to see the growth and transition to big school develop over the year. I enjoy being REC as I can share in the faith journey of students and families.

Can you describe a memorable moment from your first few weeks at St. Anthony's?

Meeting my new Kindergarten class and all the families was really lovely.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

To be invisible!

Do you have a favourite saint or Catholic tradition that inspires your teaching?

St Therese is a favourite saint. She is known as the little flower and is the patron saint of florists. "I understood that every flower created by Him is beautiful."



Giselle has a gift for photography



What's one fun fact about you that might surprise your colleagues or students?

I love watching musicals and going to the ballet at the Opera House!

If you weren't a teacher, what do you think you'd be doing?

Definitely something creative! Possibly a florist or an area in design.

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What's something you're really looking forward to this year at St. Anthony's?

All of the lovely events and liturgies that will be taking place. I absolutely love Christmas so this will be a nice season to look forward to.

If you could take the whole school on a dream field trip, where would you go and why?

The Great Barrier Reef or Uluru would definitely be a dream field trip.





Celebrating with the music of ABBA

Grandparents Day Celebration

Friday 25 July

**9.45am-11am: Morning Tea, Performance
& gift of appreciation on the
Possum Playground.**



Click here or scan QR Code to RSVP
RSVP Essential for Catering by 18/7/25





BAKED EGGPLANT DISH

BY PARENT GEORGE KOZAH

METHOD

1. Prepare Eggplants

Peel 2 eggplants in 3 vertical strips (as shown in the image).
Cut into large 4 cm cubes.
Spray with olive oil and place in a baking dish.
Bake at 180°C for ~45 minutes, or until browned.



2. Cook Onion Mixture

Cut onions into wedges.
Sauté in a pan with 1/3 cup olive oil.
After 2 minutes, add chopped garlic.
Cook for ~10 minutes on medium heat.
(Optional) Add finely chopped chillis.

3. Assemble the Dish

Spread the onion/garlic mixture over the baked eggplant.
Slice tomatoes and arrange on top.
Rinse chickpeas and sprinkle over.
Add 1 tsp salt.

INGREDIENTS

2 large eggplants
Olive oil spray
2 tomatoes
2 large onions
7 garlic cloves
1 spoon of tomato paste
1 cup of water
1 can of chickpeas
1/3 cup of extra virgin olive oil
2 tsp of salt
2 bay leaves
Fresh chilli (optional)

4. Add Sauce

Dissolve tomato paste in 1 cup of water with 1 tsp salt.
Pour over the dish.
Add bay leaves.

5. Final Bake

Bake at 190°C for ~1 hour.

Serving Suggestion

Best served cold, ideally made a day in advance.
Pairs well with thin crispy bread or a bed of spinach and rocket.

Recipe provided by George Kozah
ENJOY!!



Meet our Newest Teachers.

We're thrilled to welcome Peter and Hannah to our team of passionate educators at St Anthony's. They each bring vibrant energy, a deep commitment to nurturing young minds, and a strong focus on supporting the holistic development of every student.

MEET PETER!

Name: Peter O'Malley

Class you teach: Year 6. They are a fantastic bunch!

Favourite book: A Storm of Swords by George R.R. Martin.

Favourite movie: Good Will Hunting or Shrek 2 if I'm in the mood for an animated film.

Favourite cuisine: Nothing beats homemade lasagne and chips!

Dream travel destination: Brazil. I would love to see the Amazon Rainforest.

If you weren't a teacher you'd be: A scientist. I was very close to studying Biotechnology in university but I changed my mind and did teaching instead.





MEET HANNAH!

Name: Hannah Williamson

Class you teach: Year 5

Favourite book: The Dictionary of Lost Words, and The Bookbinder of Jericho by Pip Williams

Favourite movie: too many to choose from!

Favourite cuisine: Italian

Dream travel destination: Spain and Portugal

If you weren't a teacher you'd be: a psychologist or school counsellor.



St Anthony's News

Vinnies Parent Outreach Day Tuesday 29th July - We need Parent Voounteers & food donations!

We are seeking parent and carer volunteers, as well as food donations, to help make sandwiches in the St Anthony's School Staffroom for the Vinnies Service Van at Eastlakes Community Centre on Tuesday, July 29th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to live out our school values of 'love and service' and model for our children what it means to care for the poor and marginalised- a value deeply rooted in our Catholic ethos.

if you're unable to volunteer your time, you can still make a valuable contribution by donating sandwich fillings. Once prepared, the food will be delivered to the Eastlakes Community Centre, where parents are also invited to help serve the community from 10:30am to 2:00pm.

If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved, [Click here for all the details](#)

**Can you donate
some sandwich
items for our
session?**



02/05/2021



HEARTS F HOPE

Mending hearts one at a time



Over the past few weeks, a beautiful sense of community has been growing in our school library. Each Monday morning, a group of parents, have been gathering to sew small felt hearts—simple in design, but rich in meaning.

As we stitch, we chat, share stories, and enjoy the quiet joy of creating something that will bring comfort to others.

Our Hearts of Hope will be gifted to families receiving palliative care, offering a gentle message of compassion and solidarity. These hearts say, “You are not alone. We are thinking of you.” Our hope is that each one brings a moment of peace and a reminder that they are held in love by our school community.

If you'd like to be part of this initiative but can't join us in person, we'd still love your help! Just let me know, and I'll happily send some materials home with your child so you can sew from the comfort of your own space.



9.00am-10.00am
Mondays & Friday mornings in
the School Library. All welcome!

St Anthony of Padua

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL FEAST DAY



"ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. LET YOUR WORDS TEACH AND YOUR ACTIONS SPEAK."

- ST ANTHONY

BY GISELLE STINSON, REC

As we celebrate the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua, we take a moment to honour the life of a saint who continues to inspire us with his compassion, wisdom, and deep love for others. Known as the "Saint of Miracles" and the "Finder of Lost Things," St Anthony lived a life of service, humility, and faith.

Here are 5 cool things you might not know about St Anthony:

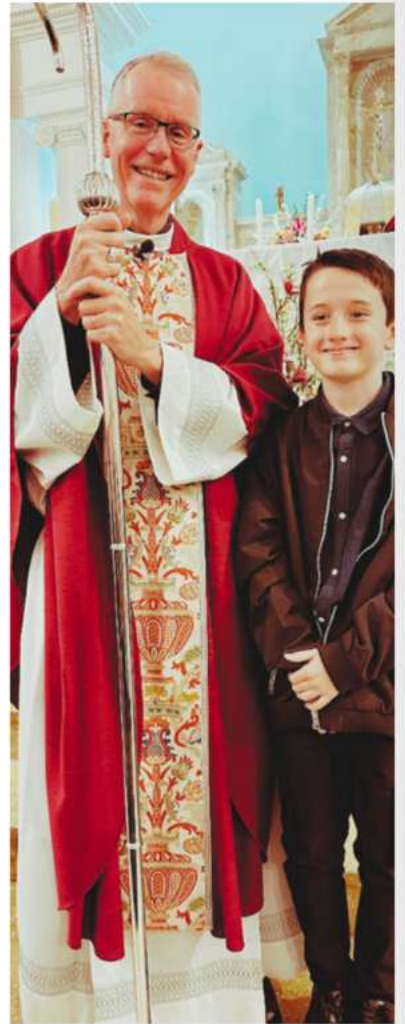
1. **He's the Patron Saint of Lost Things** – People all over the world pray to St Anthony when they've lost something important.
as a Brilliant Speaker – Even though he was shy, his sermons were so powerful that crowds would gather from miles around to hear him.
3. **He Loved the Poor** – St Anthony gave everything he had to help those in need and often spoke out against injustice.
4. **He's One of the Most Popular Saints in the World** – Churches, schools, and cities across the world are named after him.
5. **He Was Canonised Super Fast** – St Anthony was declared a saint less than a year after he died—one of the quickest canonisations in history.



**AND OTHER
SPECIAL
EVENTS**

**Highlights from our
Sacrament of Confirmation**





The Work of Our Hands

Mother's Network Night





Sacrament Retreat Morning



Inspired by the Spirit, Guided by the Saints.

By Laura Neeson

As our Year 5 and 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation this term, they weren't just stepping forward into a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, they were doing so alongside incredible companions: the saints.

Each student prayerfully chose a saint who reflected something they admired or aspired to live out, and a gift of the Holy Spirit that spoke to the desires of their heart.

While the children may not fully understand it yet, the choices they made can deeply shape their faith journey. Some were drawn to courageous saints like St Joan of Arc or Blessed Carlo Acutis, who faced challenges with unwavering trust in God. Others felt a connection to peacemakers such as St Francis of Assisi or St Teresa of Calcutta, whose lives were marked by compassion, humility and service.

Whatever inspired their decisions, these saints will continue to intercede for them throughout their lives. In fact, I like to think that in a mysterious and beautiful way, the saints may have chosen the children too.





Most exciting of all, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that each child received at Baptism have now been awakened and sealed in Confirmation. These gifts form a spiritual toolkit that every child carries with them as they continue their journey of faith.

They now hold Wisdom to help them make thoughtful choices, Understanding to listen with empathy, and Fortitude to stand strong in their beliefs, along with Knowledge, Counsel, Piety and Awe in God's presence. Each gift offers strength, guidance and grace for different moments in life.

The saints each child chose for Confirmation serve as inspiring role models, and together with these gifts, they form a powerful foundation for what lies ahead, a partnership of spirit and witness that will grow with each step.

Be assured that we will be praying for each and every child and for you too.

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The Life of St. Anthony



Artwork to celebrate the
Feast Day of St Anthony by
St Anthony's Children











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Do you have a family recipe you would like to contribute for our next edition?

We'd LOVE to hear from you.

Just click here and email it through!