

# 2022 Annual School Community Report



**St Anthony's Catholic School**  
Principal: Jason Perry



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### **School Profile**

St. Anthony's Catholic School Riverside, a co-educational single-stream Catholic School (K - 6), serves the people of the Franciscan Parish of the West Tamar region 4 km north of Launceston in the Tamar Valley.

St Anthony's is a small, welcoming school with a positive atmosphere, demonstrated in its encouragement and affirmation of each child. The School Motto "Christ Our Life" speaks to us of living every day in the footsteps of Christ, joined to him in community, in prayer and in the actions of daily life.

Established in 1959, St Anthony's Catholic School is proud of its spiritual connections with the Presentation Sisters, Franciscan Friars, and the Sisters of St Clare (The Poor Clares). In 2002, St Anthony's relocated to a new green field site overlooking the Tamar River. The new school was built with compact and integrated classrooms clustered around a courtyard with covered ways and shade sails. Extensive playing fields stretch beyond the courtyard providing ample opportunity for both formal and informal games.

In 2009, a \$1.8m Federal Government grant was used to build a music/arts centre, new classroom, extensions and refurbishment of all existing classrooms, plexi-paved basketball, netball, hard court play surface and an all weather proof protective roofing over the two adventure playgrounds.

A before and after school care program run by CatholicCare, a separate arm of the Roman Catholic Church.

The school, in conjunction with CatholicCare Childcare Services, offers an Early Learning Program for 3 – 5 year olds each day.

### **Vision and Mission Statement**

#### ***Vision***

*At St. Anthony's Catholic School we provide a high quality Catholic education in faith, essential knowledge and skills. We strive to promote excellence and the formation of the whole person, to prepare students as life-long learners fostering a successful journey through life.*

#### ***Mission***

*St Anthony's Catholic School is steadfastly linked to Franciscan spirituality, which is 'To Walk in the Footsteps of Christ'. Drawing on the tradition of Saints Francis, Anthony and Clare, and in partnership with the West Tamar Catholic Parish, the school community:*

- *promotes a welcoming, supportive Catholic community of faith that gives a real sense of belonging to all*
- *is committed to the living out of Gospel values: peace, compassion, respect, acceptance, forgiveness*
- *nurtures the Catholic faith through liturgy, prayer, Religious Education and our pastoral care*
- *develops each child spiritually, intellectually, socially, physically and emotionally*
- *builds supportive relationships between parents, students and staff*
- *provides a well-resourced, safe learning environment in modern first class facilities*
- *fosters a positive, friendly and encouraging learning environment where children experience success, build confidence and develop a love of learning*
- *maintains professional, dedicated, hardworking staff*
- *offers an inclusive well balanced, challenging and engaging teaching/learning curriculum.*



## Governance

The St. Anthony's Catholic School Advisory Board provides the Principal with support and advice. The Board is one way in which members of the community are involved in the School's planning and accountability. Included in the stewardship that the Board exercises, is the responsibility for the overall wellbeing of the school. The St Anthony's Catholic School Board co-operates with, and supports the Principal, in maintaining the School as an institute of Catholic Education, contributes to the planning and management of maintenance and building programs, and oversees the finances of the School and the careful use of funds, according to the provisions of the Constitution and the directions of the TCEO. The Board plays a major role in assisting, where possible, on matters regarded as major initiatives and changes to the school, and participates in the planning, research, development, implementation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan and the School's Strategic Plan.

The St Anthony's Catholic School Board consists of elected members of the school and local community with the Parish Priest, Fr. Martin Aye Ngwe/Fr Fidelis Udousoro and the school Principal, Mr Jason Perry as ex-officio members.

The Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm. The Board Membership:

Chair:	Mr Mike French
Secretary:	Mrs Jonette Scott
Financial advisor:	Mr Andrew Vinson
Ordinary Members:	Mrs Jessica Greene, Mr Ben Greatbatch, Mr Michael Lowe
Ex-officio:	Mr Jason Perry (Principal), Fr. Martin Aye Ngwe/Fr Fidelis Udousoro (Parish Priest)





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### A Timeline

1959

- In February, St Anthony's School started in the old Cormiston State School. By the end of 1959, 30 students attended the school and were taught by the Presentation Sisters, Sister Clare as principal.

1961

- The Poor Clare Sisters, the Franciscan teaching order, took over the school.
- St Anthony's Parents & Friends Association was formed, first president, Mr John Green.

1962

- A new school building was built to accommodate Grades 3 to 6.

1970

- Grades 5 and 6 discontinued, students went into Launceston City Schools.

1971

- Poor Clare Sisters left and Presentation Sisters returned. There were then in excess of 80 students in Grades Prep to 4. New Principal Sr. Vincent.

1970's

- School Board of Management was formed. Mr Teddy Symons first Board Chairperson.

1982

- First lay principal appointed, Mrs Therese von Samorzewski.

1983

- St Anthony's Kindergarten was started with Mrs Elizabeth Heckscher as the teacher.

1985

- Owing to growing numbers Grades 5 and 6 were reinstated at the school.

1987

- 1<sup>st</sup> stage of a new building program was completed.

1989

- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage completed.

1998

- 3<sup>rd</sup> stage completed.

1996

- Mr Tony Claessens appointed Principal.

2000

- Mrs Carmel Baumgartner appointed Principal.

2001

- Decision made to relocate St Anthony's School.

2002

- The new St Anthony's School was blessed and opened on the new site at 382a West Tamar Road, Riverside.

2007

- Mr Mark Workman appointed principal.
- Library renovations to include ICT facilities.
- Air-conditioning installed in the Administration Block.

2008

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Anthony's School.
- Lap-top computer lab introduced.
- Mrs Patricia Mason retires after 24 years service to the school office. Mr Matt James appointed as Finance Officer
- Fr Allan Hartcher replaced Fr Bryan Lester.



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### 2009

- Installation of 2<sup>nd</sup> playground and upgrade of school oval.
- Air-conditioning installed in the Hall.
- \$1.5 million Building Improvement Project to the Hall, existing classroom and new Language/Arts Centre.
- \$100,000 all weather proof playground roof construction.
- 800 years of the Franciscan Order (1209).

### 2010

- New buildings opened 13<sup>th</sup> July by Archbishop Adrian and local M.P. Jodie Campbell.
- Additional works included; Outdoor learning areas for each paired classroom block; Sacred Space; Amphitheatre; Plexi-paved basketball, netball, down-ball courts, car park extension, refurbished school foyer.
- School Improvement Plan 2010 – 2013 launched 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- Canonisation of Australia's first Saint Mary Mackillop.
- Launch of the Archbishops Charter for Catholic Schools in Tasmania.
- Launch of the Vision/Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Hobart – 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### 2011

- Naming of the new Language/Arts Centre, The Assisi Centre.
- Completion and opening of the Sacred Space featuring the stained glass window of St Francis and God's creation.
- Launch of the Archbishop's document 'Family-School-Parish Relationships' at West Tamar Parish Mass at St Anthony's August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- P & F School Fair Nov 13<sup>th</sup> records over \$15,000 profit.

### 2012

- 10 year anniversary of the school occupying at 382a West Tamar Road
- Re-development of the Kindergarten yard into an environmental inquiry play based landscape. Cost of \$65,000.
- Establishment of sustainable garden program
- House team Francis win all 3 sport carnivals (second year running) – swimming, cross country, athletics

### 2013

- Retirement of Parish Priest Fr Allan Hartcher OFM and the withdrawal of the Franciscan ministry to the West Tamar Region (1956 – 2013).
- Introduction of 1:1 student iPad learning.
- The relocation of the Regional Catholic Education Office to the school grounds.
- Retirement of Archbishop Adrian Doyle, replaced by Archbishop Julian Porteous.
- Retirement of pastoral associate, Sr Frances McShane MSS from West Tamar Parish/Region (2004 – 2013).
- House Team Francis win all 3 sport carnivals (3<sup>rd</sup> year in succession) swimming, cross country, athletics.

### 2014

- Opening of the Early Learning Program 3 – 5 year olds in conjunction with Centacare Childcare Services (now called CatholicCare) and playgroup for 0 – 4 year olds.
- Welcome Fr Martin Aye Ngwe from Sydney to his new parish home of St Francis.
- Mr Mark Workman completes Principal role at the end of Term 3, Mrs Mary Wall interim Principal Term 4. Mrs Anita Cunningham appointed Principal commencing 2015.
- Opening of the Sacred Indigenous Garden in NAIDOC Week.



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### 2015

- Mrs Anita Cunningham commenced as Principal.
- Introduction of loose parts play, bush play, P & F funded sandpit and mud kitchen.
- Fr Riccardo and Brother Angelo, both from Italy, visited with the 250 year old relic of St Anthony.
- Joined TCEO literacy strategy. First year Formative Assessment.
- SWPBS (3<sup>rd</sup> Year).
- School registration process check successful. St Anthony's registered for 3 years (maximum under a new Principal).
- \$60,000 new maintenance program. TCEO facilities support. Major funds went to external painting, carpet replacement, Early Learning/Kindergarten floors.

### 2016

- Reading resources were updated – including guided reading, level reading, classroom supplies
- The school's P&F funded the purchase of new bean bags for the library, a greenhouse, lego for classes and sports ribbons.
- Carols night.

### 2017

- Bonfire and Fireworks event
- Staff training in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Executive Functioning, Team Teach
- New playground experiences provided including a large sand pit and swings (partly funded by P & F)
- Carols night
- Introduction of STEAM club trial – an after school activity initiated by Andrew McCausland (Grade 5 teacher)

### 2018

- Bonfire and Fireworks event
- School Fair
- New classroom space built between Kindergarten and Prep classroom – with inside and under cover outside areas
- Refurbished kindergarten garden.
- STEAM club has been continued as a regular after school activity. Run by Andrew McCausland.
- New “riverbed” and natural play area created including an extra large sandpit.
- Introduced RULER – A school wide emotional wellbeing program
- Role out of school maintenance system – TCEO statewide management.
- Playground inspection surveys completed
- Introduced the HUB as a sensory break room for students
- School Registration process completed. This will be maintained with an annual audit.
- After parent consultation (via survey), a new uniform was introduced. Kindergarten – Grade 2 students will now be PE uniform only (this will be staggered in over the coming years). Shorts and trousers have also been introduced as an option for girls.

### 2019

- Construction of adventure trail and play area on winter (eastern) oval
- Bonfire and Fireworks event
- Christmas Festival
- STEAM club has continued as a regular after school activity. Run by Andrew McCausland.
- Second year of RULER – A school wide emotional wellbeing program
- school maintenance system – TCEO statewide management.
- Annual School Registration audit completed





- Introduction of SETUP - Anthony's Explorers. A birth - age 5 program for parents and children each Thursday morning from 9-10:30
- Appointment of full time Deputy Principal (Jason Perry appointed) and extension of Student Support Coordinator role (Lisa Watson appointed 4 days per week)
- Continued progress in Japanese learning across the school (2nd year)
- Development of 3 year Numeracy project
- Development of Professional Learning Communities

#### 2020

- The unprecedented Covid19 pandemic created a huge impact around the world. At school, social distancing was put in place, a huge cleaning regime was undertaken by our students and staff under the lead of Mr vT and we relied on the great partnership between parents and teachers to keep the children's learning on track as much as possible.
  - Teachers were given four student free days to prepare for Learning @Home
  - Learning@Home was provided for the first four weeks of term 2, whilst schools were closed for all students, except for the children of essential workers and those who could not learn at home. This was called learning @home, and learning@home@school!
  - Students returned to school on the 25th May 2020 after being at home for up to 10 weeks for some families.
  - Only school staff and students were allowed on site during Term 2 which meant that Parent teacher meetings etc were held using ZOOM or by phone.
  - Naplan was cancelled due to the pandemic
  - The annual fireworks night and other large events were cancelled due to social distancing restrictions
- The school started a new data systemic system called COMPASS
- The Opening School Mass was held on the 19th February
- Mrs Helen Antel retired in June, after thirty five years of wonderful service to the school
- The school saw an increase in humanitarian enrolments
- The School Instrumental Program has revitalised and includes a strings group on site for the first time
- Introduction of the Chaplaincy 3 year project
- The annual School Registration Audit was conducted successfully in 25th May 2020
- Anita Cunningham leaves St Anthony's to become CET Director of Learning & Teaching

#### 2021

- Jason Perry is appointed Acting Principal
- The school underwent an external Validation process - this report overwhelmingly endorsed the direction of the school leadership and provided key commendations and also recommendations to inform the next five year strategic plan.
- We added a Flying Fox to the school playground, this is popular!
- Staff developed an Early Years Philosophy for teaching and learning in Kindergarten to Grade 2.
- Our annual Fireworks night returned with a bang!
- The Kinder room was refurbished with new furniture and resources.
- Stand up tables were purchased for each classroom.

## 2022

- Jason Perry is appointed Principal.
- Father Fidelis Udousoro joined the Parish/School community as the Parish Priest for the West Tamar Parish due to Fr Martin's illness.
- Schoolwide Continuous Online Feedback was implemented.
- Literate Learners For Life was implemented with the suite of MultLit programs rolled out across the school. This included the appointment of a Literacy Leader and a Focused Intervention Teacher.
- The school garden was re-established, led by the Chaplain.
- Smiling Mind Curriculum was introduced to staff and students. This was very well received and supports The RULER approach to social emotional intelligence.
- The new Church was opened and blessed.
- The School Canteen was reopened and runs two days a week.
- The uniform shop was handed over to Midfords.
- Our school won the Statewide STEM Mad competition and travelled to Melbourne to represent our school in the National competition.



### Catholic Life and Mission

Our school values are modelled on Franciscan Spirituality. We strive to teach and promote these beliefs throughout our school community in the following areas:





### **Liturgical Prayer and Life**

We foster our Liturgical Prayer and Life through -

- Class Reconciliation with our Parish Priest at school
- Whole school Mass celebrations at school. (Beginning of School Year Mass, Ash Wednesday, Catholic Education Week and an End of Year Thanksgiving Mass)
- Whole school Prayer Rituals to celebrate the lives of St. Anthony's Feast Day, St Mary MacKillop, Advent, Easter, ANZAC Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparents Day.
- Catholic Education Week celebrations.
- Morning Gathering on Mondays whole school
- Daily class prayer and whole school prayer at the start of assembly.
- Staff Prayer and Reflection.
- Fundraising – Caritas Project Compassion, Archbishop's Good Samaritan Fund and St Vincent De Paul and other charities throughout the year that required our support.

### **The School in the Life of the Parish and Diocese**

Participation in Parish Masses has provided students with an awareness of a worshipping community beyond school. The presence of a priest at our school-based masses has supported students to become aware of the role of our clergy right from Kindergarten.

Sacramental preparation is 'Family centred, Parish Based and School Supported'. The Sacramental program helped to encourage the link between three Catholic communities –Family, Parish, and School.

### **Community Participation and Christian Outreach**

Led by our school REC, Mrs Emma Marshall, our Grade 6 students (Mini Vinnies) helped to coordinate and promote our annual charitable fundraisers: Project Compassion, Archbishop's Samaritan Project, St Vincent de Paul Canned food drive and the Christmas Appeal. As always, all fundraising efforts were well-supported by the entire school community.

### **Staff Development and Spirituality**

Throughout the year staff worked with Tricia Phillips and Di Murray (CET Religious Education Officers), focusing on the Good News for Living Curriculum in planning backward design units of work. We also unpacked the importance of Sustainability, Franciscan Formation and caring for all of God's creation and integrated this into our future planning.

As a whole school we participated in a Spirituality Day with all Launceston Schools. Our group included Larmenier and St Finn Barr's school staff and we unpacked several parables about Jesus's time and how he built on this in preparation to teach us about God. The day was facilitated by Dr. Dan White.

Time is set aside each week for staff prayer. Staff members take it in turn to lead their peers in prayer and reflection. We utilise the Going Deeper resource which helps to foster the sense of community amongst our staff.



### **Parent Participation in the Religious Life of the School**

Parents are invited via the school newsletter and Compass to attend class and whole school liturgies, Masses, and celebrations. Parents were kept informed of developments within the Religious Education curriculum through articles in the newsletter and multimedia which explained staff professional development and initiatives in the RE curriculum. Parents of children making their Sacraments were also heavily involved in the Sacramental Program through the parish.

### **Parish/School Links**

On the first Tuesday evening of each month, the Parish Council monthly meeting is held. The Principal regularly represents the school at these meetings. A brief report from the school is presented to the council informing the Parish of recent school events and upcoming events. In addition to this, relevant information from the Parish is fed back to the school. This helps to maintain a strong line of communication between the Parish and school. This year school events were printed on the Parish weekly newsletter as well as invitations to parishioners to attend school celebrations.

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral Care is an integral part of our role as educators, at St Anthony's Catholic School we strive to promote the whole development of each individual child, celebrating each child's individuality. Specific programs that we implement at school to enhance our pastoral care are as follows –

- Ruler,
- WPBS (Whole school Positive Behaviour Support Program which was integrated into our whole school pastoral care).
- Smiling Minds
- Making Jesus Real – Grades Three to Six
- Whole School Celebrations (Masses, Mother's, Father's, and Grandparents Day)
- Student Leadership - Mini Vinnies, School and House Team Captains, Aussie Sport Leaders.
- Class buddy system
- Chaplaincy Program

### **School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**

2022 was our 10<sup>th</sup> year as a School-wide Positive Behaviour Support School (SWPBS). Our SWPBS framework is grounded in three underlying values

*We are Safe*

*We are Responsible*

*We are Respectful*

At the start of each school year we do a walk around and visit each area of the school. At this time we view our SWPBS posters and discuss the appropriate behaviours for each area. We introduce new staff to SWPBS and support them as they learn the framework.

We promote SWPBS at fortnightly assemblies, focussing on one area for a two week period. Replacement behaviours are shown and promoted in assemblies and followed up during discussions, Monday morning Gathering and through the use of the 'Footsteps with Jesus' intrinsic reward chart.



## **RULER**

This year we have continued to use the RULER program. Our focus has been continuing to communicate with parents about all aspects of the RULER program. We used Facebook, the school newsletter and website to update parents on the RULER program. RULER is now fully embedded into our entire school community. Allied Health Professionals working with our students with disabilities are also engaging in this approach to wellbeing to ensure consistency for these students.

This year we created a RULER library in our staffroom. This consists of picture books linked to emotional wellbeing. This has been a welcomed resource and is well used by all grades. In essence RULER is now our way of life at St Anthony's, a true indication that this approach works at our school.

## **School Chaplaincy Project**

2020 saw the initiation of a 3 year School Chaplaincy Project, funded by the Federal Government. The Chaplain will support the Leadership Team in providing for the wellbeing of students, through the provision of wellbeing programs and their regular presence in the school, including the RULER project.

In 2022 the Chaplain program saw student social interactions supported through small group garden projects. The Chaplain has also received training from Smiling Mind and will support the implementation of their mindfulness program throughout the school. The Chaplain program has been extended, and will continue into 2023.

## **Religious Education**

### **Term 1**

We began the year with a 'Welcome Mass' at the Assisi centre to celebrate the beginning of the school year.

The 10<sup>th</sup> of February marked the beginning of Lenten season with Shrove Tuesday and the P&F making pancakes for all the students. The following day we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Mass at the Assisi Centre.

The Grade Five and Six students participated in their first Making Jesus Real (MJR) Day. Students met Marty for the first time.

Students from Grade Six attended the mass for Women's World Day of Prayer at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead.

Throughout Holy Week students participated in liturgies and prayer services about the Easter Story and visiting Stations of the Cross erected around the school to commemorate Holy Week.





### **Term 2**

Our first celebration for the term on the 30<sup>th</sup> April was the whole school mass to celebrate the Easter Season.

The Kindergarten, Prep, Grade One and Two students prepared a Prayer Ritual for all the mothers at our school. They shared 'What makes their Mum special', followed by a morning tea.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> May the Trinity Sunday Mass was held at the Assisi Centre with the three parishes and school community coming and sharing this together from West Tamar parish, Glengarry and Beaconsfield. Students and staff participated in the Mass alongside Parishioners. This was a beautiful celebration and a wonderful reminder of the important part we play in the West Tamar Parish.

We held a prayer service for our patron saint, St Anthony of Padua and all the students were involved in fun activities celebrating our wonderful school.

Grades Five and Six students prepared a whole school prayer service for our other important patron saint of our school St Clare of Assisi.

During this time students prepared and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at St Francis Church supported by their families and school staff.

### **Term 3**

This term we celebrated both Grandparents and Father's Day. We held a liturgy for each and were overwhelmed by the response for both. Students from Kindergarten, Prep and Grades One and Two, prepared the liturgy for the Grandparents. Grades Three and Grade Four prepared Father's Day. The dads enjoyed an egg and bacon roll and had a play with their children.

Grade Six students held their second Making Jesus Real Day, experiencing even more positive ways to live their life.

### **Catholic Education Week**

Grade 6 students attended the Northern Regional Mass held at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, followed on by a social get together and BBQ .

Catholic Education Week is also about forging and strengthening relationships between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community During Catholic Education Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

The Sacramental candidates made their Confirmation on the 10th September this was a wonderful celebration presided by our Archbishop Julian Porteous and Fr. Fidelis. The whole school prayed for them on their faith journey in becoming active participants in the Catholic Church.

This year the Grade Six students organised and facilitated the Mini Vinnies Annual Winter Appeal, to support our local community. We celebrated the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, with a prayerful walk around our school environment.



#### **Term 4**

On the 19th November the Sacramental candidates made the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The whole school prayed for them on their faith journey in becoming active participants in the Catholic Church.

Our Grade Five students attended the 'Just Leadership day', joining other students from other catholic schools at St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School.

This term our focus was the end of year celebrations. We held a Thanksgiving End of year Mass for our Grade Six students and the whole school community. The Mass was a wonderful celebration of the year that was 2022.

#### **Mini Vinnies**

The Mini Vinnies team for 2022 were all of the Grade Six students

This year the Mini Vinnies team organised and facilitated a variety of fundraising events to support our local, and wider catholic faith community. Some of the events were -

- Mini Vinnies Annual Winter Appeal (Food Can Drive).
- Socktober Fundraiser- (Catholic Mission, 'Sock it to Poverty'), to reach out and help support the homeless and poor people in Ethiopia with basic hygiene and basic education.

#### **Our Learning Community**

At St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School we use the Australian Curriculum for planning, based upon the needs of students and their stages of development. The Australian Curriculum sets out the core content, general capabilities and cross-curricular priorities important for all Australian students.

The Australian Curriculum describes the learning entitlement of students as a foundation for their future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community, based upon the goals stated within the Mparntwe Declaration. It makes clear what all young Australians should learn as they progress through schooling. It is the foundation for high quality teaching to meet the needs of all Australian students.

While addressing the needs of individual students, we strive to nurture learning relationships within the classroom and foster the inclusion of all children. Teachers complete Individual Learning Plans (LP) for students with special needs and ensure they can access the curriculum at the level required for their learning.

2022 saw the implementation of 'Continuous Online Feedback'. Seesaw was the chosen platform for this. Feedback from teachers, students and parents has been positive and Continuous Online Feedback will continue in 2023 with a few adjustments.

At the beginning of 2022 the St Anthony's School staff participated in professional learning on the Science of Reading led by the Catholic Education System. From this we appointed a Literacy Leader and a Focused Intervention Teacher to help teachers implement the suite of MultiLit Programs.



### NAPLAN/Data

Once again the students' academic growth has been pleasing. Our system wide standardised (PAT) testing for Grade 2 – 6 students continued to show that academic progress is very good. NAPLAN results were consistent, although Spelling continues to be an area for improvement.

<b>GRADE 3</b>	<b>% AT OR ABOVE NMS</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NAT</b>
READING	92.3%	N/A	N/A
WRITING	100%	N/A	N/A
SPELLING	80.8%	N/A	N/A
GRAMMAR/ PUNCTUATION	88.5%	N/A	N/A
NUMERACY	100%	N/A	N/A
<b>GRADE 5</b>	<b>% AT OR ABOVE NMS</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NAT</b>
READING	94.7%	N/A	N/A
WRITING	94.4%	N/A	N/A
SPELLING	94.4%	N/A	N/A
GRAMMAR/ PUNCTUATION	94.4%	N/A	N/A
NUMERACY	94.4%	N/A	N/A

NAPLAN data is triangulated with other standardised assessments and classroom data to build a comprehensive picture of each student's progress and achievement.

### Set Up for Success

St Anthony's Explorers is a Birth to age 5 community program, running at school in the Kindergarten Room during school terms, once a week. St Anthony's Explorers is led by our Kindergarten Teacher and involves many families from the local community. Its purpose is to form relationships with families, support them and educate them in children's development. We started St Anthony's Explorers at the end of August in 2018 and it continues to grow.

### The Arts

At St Anthony's we run an Arts program. This includes lessons in Music, Art, Media and Drama. 2022 was a successful year for our Arts program at St Anthony's, led by the talented Mrs Zegveld, students participated in interactive and fun lessons. All lessons are linked to the Australian Curriculum and involve singing, moving, performing and creating.

2022 saw numbers in our Band and Strings program nearly double. These programs are offered through St Patrick's College. The band and string students enjoyed their weekly lessons with experienced tutors. Workshop days were a highlight as the band and string students met with other students from Catholic schools in the Launceston area. Two Soiree's were held throughout the year allowing the students an opportunity to perform for their families. The year concluded with a successful combined concert held at St Patrick's College.





### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives**

2022 was a successful year for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs. We continued to build our connections with land and community. Each class participated in a range of excursions and learning experiences with a focus on indigenous culture. The year started with a Cultural Day for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This day provided an opportunity for students to participate in many cultural activities. Students were encouraged to take a buddy to participate in the day.

Other excursions included a trip to the Gorge for Grade Three and Four. Students participated in a *Wallaby Walkabout Tour* with a local member of the Aboriginal Community. Students participated in a Welcome to Country, cultural walks (including exploring the Hidden Valley), painting on paper bark, weaving, building huts and a fire making challenge.

We continued to utilise our physical environment with students using the Healing Circle in learning times for meditation, quiet activities, art and prayers. In our classrooms we have continued to add resources into each room, including books, puzzles and yarning rugs in the early childhood classrooms

### **Digital Technologies (STEM)**

In 2022, teachers continued to implement and integrate Digital Technologies into their classrooms. This is a popular area of the curriculum with students and teachers continue to be amazed at the ability of some students in this learning area.

This year, Mr McCausland was released for one day a week to help teachers continue to develop their understanding and ability to teach Digital Technologies. Mr McCausland worked with teachers on planning and implementing a range of activities. He also took a small group of students to Devonport to participate in the Spark Conference.

This year saw STEAM Club and Lego League continue (both held after school). Our Lego League students met weekly after school in preparation for a full weekend of Lego League, held at Scotch Oakburn College. This weekend involved competing against other schools. It was a wonderful success.

### **STEM Mad**

This year saw our school experience success in the STEM Mad competition, coming first in the State competition. Following this win students travelled to Melbourne to represent our school in the National competition, where they were awarded third place! This was a wonderful opportunity for the students and families involved and as a school we were extremely proud of their efforts.

### **Physical Education**



In addition to our weekly Physical Education lessons, we ran a daily PE program led by our Grade Six students. These morning sessions get our students mind and body ready for learning, as well as giving our Grade Six students a leadership opportunity.

In 2022 the school participated in both the primary schools futsal and basketball competitions. The basketball tournament was extremely popular with multiple teams entered. Our Gr 6 girls came away with the win in the division 2 competition. The sportsmanship shown by all was a credit to our students.

Gala Days returned in 2022 with Gr 5/6 participating in these. Gala Days introduce students to a range of diverse activities including yoga, touch football, tabloid, dance and speedball.

Students from St. Anthony's participated in three carnivals:

The Swimming Carnival was held early in Term 1, at the Riverside Pool. Students participated with vigour and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to have so many parent volunteers to ensure the day ran smoothly. Unfortunately the NIJSSA Swimming carnival was cancelled this year due to the new wave of COVID.

The Cross Country Carnival was held in Term 3. The weather was wintery but the rain stayed away for the entirety of the carnival. It was clear on the day that the students had spent many weeks training and improving their fitness in preparation for the big race. The NIJSSA Cross Country was held a few weeks after our carnival, our students placed exceptionally well for such a small school. In 2022 we moved the school Athletics Carnival back to a whole school event. The carnival was held at the Windsor Park precinct. A team was chosen from this carnival to represent the school at the NIJSSA Athletics carnival.

### **Camp Program**

Camps were able to be held in 2022 without interruption! Grade Five students headed to Camp Clayton. The Giant Swing was the highlight of the camp, the teamwork shown was exemplary. Other activities included flying fox, archery, team rescue, movie night, games in the hall and a visit to the beach.

Grade Six headed to Blue Lagoon at Dodges Ferry. This was our second visit to this campsite and again it did not disappoint. Activities included archery, crate climb, environment walk, kayaking and beach visit, gaga ball, giant slide and many other team building activities. Food on the camp was a highlight!



### **Staff Professional Learning Focus 2022**

2022 saw the teaching staff finalise their professional learning in Effective Feedback. Following from this our new focus became reporting to parents using Continuous Online Feedback. The Leadership Team in consultation with the CAPP team led the teachers in the transition to Online Feedback using Seesaw as the platform for this.

Our year began with system wide professional learning in the Science of Reading. This included work on Cognitive Load Theory with Oliver Lovell, as well as the introduction of MultiLit. Following on from this introduction our Early Childhood teachers, Literacy Leader and Literacy Intervention teacher all participated in further professional learning in MultiLit.

This year our teaching staff all participated in two Number Talks sessions hosted by Catholic Education (Bierson Reynolds + Rebcca Prenter). Teachers enjoyed these sessions as well as the classroom workshops that some classes were lucky enough to participate in on the following day. Our Student Support Coordinator and Chaplain led the staff through the Smiling Minds Curriculum this year. This program integrates perfectly with the RULER approach to emotional intelligence. Feedback from our parents is that this curriculum is being utilised (via the app) in many of the homes of our students.

Work has also begun with staff on learning the new Australian Curriculum, version 9. Teachers have worked with the Leadership Team and in teaching teams familiarising themselves with the changes. Our leaders have participated in professional development offered by the Independent Schools Tasmania.





### **Strategic Planning**

The on-going process of School Improvement has been undertaken by St Anthony's staff, students, key stakeholders and the wider school community. This inquiry-orientated process has allowed the school to analyse and evaluate current practices, leading us to identify areas of strength as well as areas of challenges and need.

The School Community is confident that the School Improvement Plan reflects our Catholic ethos and spirituality, giving each student the opportunity to reach their potential in a learning environment that is authentically enriched in Catholic faith and Franciscan tradition.

The strategic direction of the school was validated in 2021. The school Validation process involves external and system level oversight of the school improvement process and management of the school. The report overwhelmingly endorsed the direction of the school leadership and provided key commendations and also recommendations to inform the next five year strategic plan.

As per the recommendation of the panel, the next strategic plan was written during 2022. The consultation for this plan was broad and included members of staff, parent reps as well as members of the School Advisory Board and the School Leadership Team. As part of this new strategic directions, we will be undergoing a revised response to the Archbishop's Charter in 2023.

Also part of this new strategic direction, a new Vision and Mission statement were developed by the entire staff and then ratified by the Board.

### **Other Involvements / Achievements**

During 2022 the learning community of St Anthony's Catholic School participated in:

- Student Leadership Programs – Caritas leadership, MJR
- St Patrick's Band and Strings program
- NIJSSA Carnivals
- Gala Sports Days for Grade 5/6
- School based and external standardised testing
- After school STEM club
- Lego League
- STEM Mad Showcase - State and National
- School Wide Behaviour Strategy (SWPBS)
- 1:1 iPad learning (Grades 3 and 6)
- Religious Education Literacy assessment (Gr 4)
- Vision screening for Prep and gr 1
- Scooter day
- Spirituality Day
- Walk Safely to School Day
- Two parent teacher conferences
- Showcase



### Staffing - School Structure 2022

Staff consisted of a full time Principal, Deputy Principal, 7 fulltime and 6 part-time teachers which made up an FTE of 12.68. All teachers employed in 2022 have met the Teacher Registration Board requirements.

Ancillary staff consisted of 9 part time teacher assistants, 2 part time office staff, 1 part time library technician/teacher assistant, and 1 full time utility officer/cleaner, totalling 13 ancillary staff members with a total FTE of 6.83.

#### Leadership Team:

Principal:	Mr Jason Perry
Deputy Principal:	Mrs Lisa Watson - Acting
Literacy Leader:	Mrs Emma Marshall
Student Support Coordinator:	Mrs Bianca de Deuge
STEM Leader:	Mr Andrew McCausland
Religious Education Coordinator:	Ms Maria Deane
Focused Intervention Teacher:	Mrs Monica Roberts (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Kindergarten:	Ms Maria Deane (Tues, Wed, Fri)
Kinder Assistant:	Ms Clarissa Young (Tues, Wed, Fri)
Prep:	Mrs Nicole McCormack
Grade 1:	Mrs Tammi Crosswell
Grade 2:	Mrs Cheridan Weedon
Grade 3:	Mr Liam Ryan
Grade 4:	Mr Andrew McCausland
Grade 5:	Mrs Lauren Bartush (Mon, Tues, Wed) Miss Tia McGillvery (Thurs, Fri) T1, T2, T3 Mr Robert McLoughlin (Thurs, Fri) T4
Grade 6:	Miss Madeline White

The Arts:	Mrs Natalie Zegveld (Tues/Thurs)
Physical Education:	Mr Nick Stacey (Tues/Thurs)
Japanese (LOTE):	Mrs Kayla Lockett (Wed)
Teacher Assistants:	Ms Rebecca Killworth Mrs Donna Furfaro Mr Bob McLoughlin Miss Goldie Byrne Ms Rachel Barber Mrs Donna Barber Mrs Melissa Brown Mrs Linda Brown

ICT Assistant:	Mr Bob McLoughlin
Chaplain:	Mr Bob McLoughlin
Librarian:	Mrs Monica Roberts (Mon, Tues)
Office Manager:	Mr Matt James
Office Assistant:	Ms Nikki Quill
Principal's Assistant:	Ms Nikki Quill
WHS Officer:	Mr Matt James
Utility Officer:	Mr Scott Lee



Parish Priest:

Father Martin/Father Fidelis

### Enrolment

In 2022, St Anthony's School commenced the year with an enrolment of 187 from Kinder to Grade 6. There were 8 classes structured as follows;

**Enrolment Census February**

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
6	10	12	22
5	11	8	19
4	16	10	26
3	17	8	25
2	10	15	25
1	11	10	21
P	16	10	26
K	10	13	23
<b>Totals:</b>	101	86	187

**Enrolment Census August**

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
6	10	12	22
5	11	7	18
4	17	9	26
3	18	8	26
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P	16	11	27
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<b>Totals:</b>	101	86	187

Indigenous students 8  
 Average class size 23.37

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**Religious Denomination** - 66 students identified as Catholic.

### The Wider Community

The student body was led by the school captains Mia Greatbatch, Charlie Baker, Charli O'Byrne and Olivia Challis.

We continue to build a strong link with the West Tamar Parish. Our Principal remains a member of the Parish Council and we regularly invite Fr Fidelis to our school to help with Church celebrations. A small group of students participated in the Sacramental program in 2022 through the Parish and this was a wonderful example of the school, family and parish partnership.

Our link with Catholic Care also remains strong. We continue to have a school counsellor on staff two days a week and maintain a strong relationship with their staff in our Early Learning Centre.

One way that we connect to our wider community is through our annual Walk Safely to School Day. On this day we invite Tasmania Police to accompany us on our walk.

Without doubt the highlight of our year is our annual Fireworks Night. This is a community event. This year we had over 800 visitors on the evening of our Fireworks. The display was simply phenomenal, with the school receiving numerous emails, phone calls etc thanking us for putting on such a wonderful community event. We thank all those businesses who make generous donations so that our night can be a huge success.

We communicate to our wider school community in a number of ways. First and foremost we use COMPASS, in addition to this we use social media, mainly Facebook and finally we at times revert back to letters home on paper.

### **Parent Involvement**

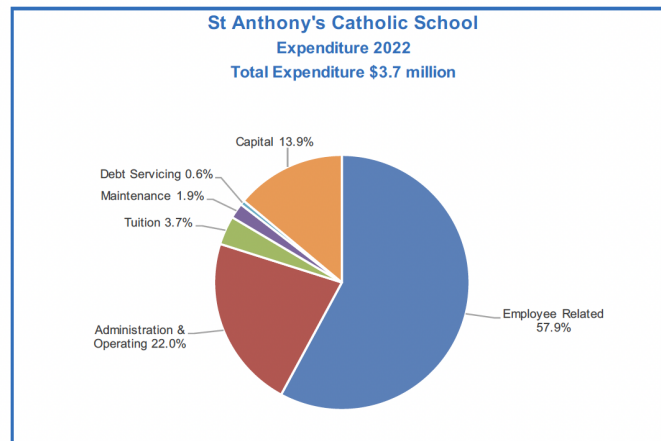
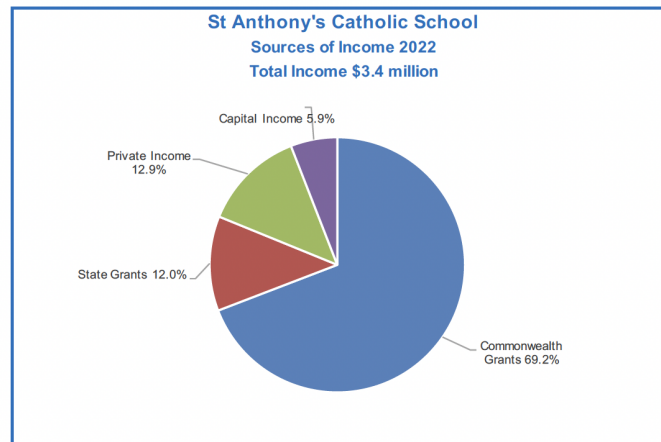
Many parents are actively involved in the school and make wonderful contributions in so many ways. As with most schools, parents are a valuable resource and we rely upon much help. Being a relatively small school in student population and still participating in all activities that larger schools do, requires much parental assistance. Throughout 2022 we have been most fortunate and privileged to have been able to invite parents back onto our school site. Parents have been actively involved and supportive where possible, including sports carnival, P&F, excursions, classroom activities, canteen, etc.







## Financial Data



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