



ANTONIO  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## World Earth Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April



In Reception we recognise what we do at Antonio School to care for the Earth.



We recycle paper.

We recycle our fruit boxes.

We feed our fruit scraps to the chickens.



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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children reconnecting with our staff this week either at school or home. Our staff have enjoyed touching base with the children to learn about what they have been up to and support their learning and wellbeing.

I am constantly in awe of the amazing flexibility, agility and resilience of our students, families and staff at Antonio. The ways in which everyone has come together to create new ways of working, overcome challenges and learn together has been incredible to see each and every day. Thank you for your incredible support which I know has been appreciated by our staff. Some of my highlights include:

- New ways of utilising technology to communicate and support learning including the use of Seesaw and video conferencing to share deepen learning
- Feedback about learning and wellbeing from parents, staff and students that supports ongoing growth and learning
- Children and families sending photos and videos to teachers communicating achievements, learning, thinking and a wonderful sense of fun
- The bright and happy faces of students when they see their friends and teachers at school or online
- Staff collaborating to problem solve, review and create new ways of engaging in learning with students and each other

### **Transitioning back to Face to Face Learning**

During week 2 (next week) we will begin transitioning from a remote mode of learning to a face to face mode of learning which will become the main focus from week 3 onwards when we expect to see most of our students at school. We respect your role as parents and carers to decide the right time for your child to return to school. We will be ready to support your child if they are continuing their learning at home. Please inform us if you intend to remain at home during weeks 3 and 4 of this term so we can be prepared to support you and your children. If you have any questions in regards to returning to school please speak with your child's teacher or contact me via phone or email at [agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au)

### **School Fee Remissions**

Last term I invited you to make contact with either Tracy McIntyre our school finance officer or myself to discuss fee remissions for your family for Term 2 if your employment has been impacted by COVID-19. You are welcome to contact either Tracy or myself by phoning the school or emailing me at the address above. All conversations and arrangements will be kept confidential.

### **Nature Play Development Update**

We are moving closer to a start date for this development with the more detailed designs being completed now, ready for the project to go to tender. These detailed designs took a

little longer to complete than expected but are now ready for the tender and construction phases of this project.

### **Early Explorers Transition**

Next Thursday we are looking forward to welcoming Abrielle, Bowie, Olivia, Memphis, Lara, Harper, Emily, Anastasia, Amelia, Albert, Annabel and their families to continue their learning with us in our Early Explorers Program. It is going to be so exciting to see everyone after the extended break from the first session. I know both Ms Little and Ms Macauley are very excited too!

### **Antonio OSHC Before and After School care**

Antonio OSHC continues to provide a wonderful service and level of care that begins at 6.30am and finishes at 6.30pm each evening. Our OSHC team enjoy planning the program in collaboration with the students to facilitate an engaging program that provides time and space for children to be inside and outside with friends, create, problem solve, rest and relax, imagine and nourish their bodies with healthy food. Next week's program will be shared via Seesaw so you are invited to have a look and book with the staff by calling 0419866581.

### **School Sports**

Our sports teams are waiting on Government, CESA and association permissions to resume training and playing. If your child plays soccer with Emmaus Catholic School, please join the Emmaus Catholic School - Soccer Families private Facebook group for regular updates.

Many blessings to you and your families.

Anthony Garton  
Principal

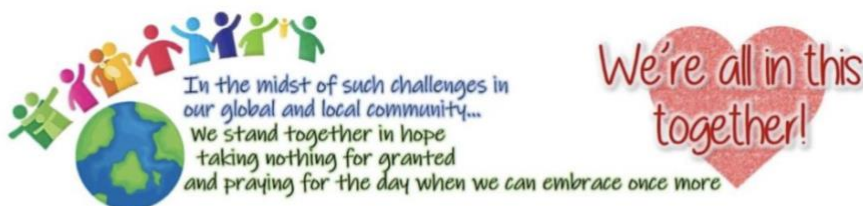
**And the people stayed home.  
And read books and listened, and rested and exercised,  
and made art and played games,  
and learned new ways of being and were still.  
And listened more deeply.  
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.  
Some met their shadows.  
And the people began to think differently.  
And the people healed.  
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous,  
mindless and heartless ways the earth began to heal.  
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again,  
they grieved their losses, and made new choices,  
and dreamed new images,  
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,  
as they had been healed.**

**– Written by Kitty O'Meara**

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION (APRIM)

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### A Message from your APRIM



Wherever you are, at home or at school I hope that your day brings a spring in your step. I hope that there are smiles around you that bring joy, that sometime today you hear the voice of birds singing. That you are warm and cosy even if you are outside from the warmth of others and that you notice your constant companion in the midst of every action regardless of how it feels at that moment in time.

Our world is in need of hope, and we have that in abundance - our faith is built on it! You are perfect signs of hope!

When you prepare  
When you show up  
When you pray  
When you affirm  
When you listen  
When you share your joy

You remind others of the good in the world! What a privilege!

You might have seen the poem below around on social media, but I thought I would share it with you all.

Be safe, be happy and stay in touch. We are here for you; every question is worth asking.

Love and prayers,

Lillian Van Brussel (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Diary Dates for Term 2

We are making adjustments to our events and celebrations as recommendations from our state government and Catholic Education SA.

<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Early Explorers 9.00 – 11.45am
<b>Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mother's Day Stall in the Italian Room
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Early Explorers 9.00 – 11.45am, School Finance Committee Meeting 4.30pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Early Explorers 9.00-11.45am, School Board Meeting 7.00pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mary Help of Christians Day
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reconciliation Week and National Simultaneous Storytime Day
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Early Explorers 9.00 – 11.45am
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PFC Special Lunch
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Early Explorers 9.00 – 11.45am

## OSHC NEWS

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### **REMEMBER: Bookings for Vacation Care need to be arranged asap**

Ann-Marie Lynch is available in the OSHC /Art Room area every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the following times to attend to any queries or bookings:

8.30 - 9.00 am and 2.00 - 3.00pm

There is also a book on the front desk for you to write any bookings for care or support that you might be requiring. Ann-Marie will attend to any queries and bookings during the day.

You might also like to take advantage of leaving a voice message on the phone or text a message. Mobile phone for OSHC: 0419 866 581

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

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### Scholastic Book Club Orders for Term 2

Due to COVID-19 restrictions Book club will run differently for term 2.

Families can access the Scholastic Book Club digital catalogue at the link below.

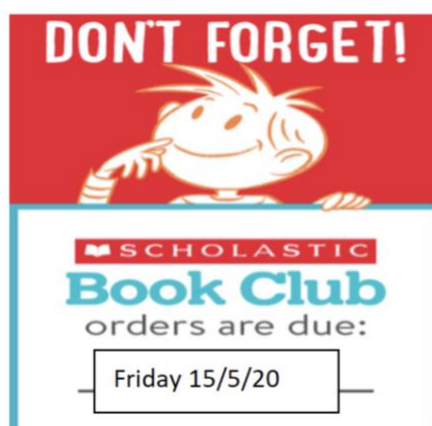
All Scholastic orders will done on-line.

All orders need to be in by Friday 15/5/20.

All orders will be delivered to school and distributed to the children through their classrooms.

Thank you

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>



## MINI EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/miniexplorersplaygroup/>



*Mini Explorers*

## PLAYGROUP @ HOME

Come and join us on Facebook!



Mini Explorers playgroup is providing activity ideas for your preschool aged children, older siblings can follow along too! All ideas are using mostly household items for those who are self isolating. You can find daily updates on Facebook