

NEWSLETTER

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Year 1 / 2 Assembly and Science Expo







Years 1 and 2 students enjoyed making playdough, slime, jelly, popcorn and chocolate crackles to raise money for the Kangaroo Wildlife Park Bushfire Appeal.

We learnt lots about scientific changes when making everything. We learnt about melting, dissolving, mixing, heating and about reversible and irreversible changes.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the middle of what we South Australians like to call 'Mad March' when we have so many events and activities in our state and our weekends (and sometimes weekdays) are full of interesting family and cultural events and experiences.

We are tempted to engage in so many exciting things but quickly realise that we can't do it all as we need to stay grounded and centred with our families and those who are dear to us. It is there (sometimes when people are in bed) that we often find the time and space to take a breath and reconnect or re-energise.

In our home our mealtimes are important times for us to talk about what we have been experiencing during the day, what our plans are and check in with each other. We can sometimes find ourselves discussing world events, finding solutions to problems we are grappling with or having a laugh and sharing stories. Some mealtimes are a bit quieter too.

In addition to this important family time, I have also enjoyed the great connections, conversations and moments at Antonio that are life giving. Meeting with our talented teaching staff to discuss their work with your children, seeing what great learning has been happening at the Year 1/2 Science Expo, learning letter sounds in the Reception rooms, buddy activities between Early Years and Senior Students and seeing the baseball clinics during PE (and more) has also inspired me to be the best person and educator I can be, just like those family moments do.

I would like to thank you for your contributions that help to bring life to this community and support the children, families and educators to thrive and support me as a leader and a person. Together, we are creating and nurturing a wonderful community that empowers everyone to learn and grow!

School Chaplain Position

We have commenced the process for appointing a school chaplain for Antonio Catholic School, with the position currently being advertised. We look forward to the successful applicant supporting the learning and wellbeing of children in collaboration with families and our staff.

Teaching and Learning Update

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March Antonio Catholic School hosted staff from Emmaus Catholic School, Galilee Catholic School, St John the Apostle Catholic School, Cardijn College and All Saints Catholic School to continue our training in utilising the Berry Street Education Model. This training will support continuous improvement in teaching, learning and wellbeing across our cluster for students of all ages. The modules of the program on Thursday and Friday focused on Stamina, Engagement and Character. We look forward to utilising our learning and fitting it into our culture at Antonio of sharing high expectations, valuing strong relationships and engaging as active, skilled teachers and learners.

School Development Update

Our school Master Plan has been approved by the Archdiocesan Design Review Panel with one recommendation that a lift be added to the plan for future work with the Hoskin building to provide disability access to all levels of the building. We will continue to work with our architects to scope such a project to produce the best outcomes for our community.

Early Explorers Transition Program Begins

It was wonderful to see some of our early explorers begin their transition program in preparation for joining our learning community in Term 3 this year. Ms Claire Little and Ms Hannah Macauley will be facilitating this rich program which will see the children developing their relationships with each other, the community and our various learning spaces. This week the children enjoyed learning together in the Reception classroom, the Art suite and the outdoor spaces.

Mini Explorers Playgroup







Our Mini Explorers Playgroup is an exciting place for young children who have not commenced school to explore and learn both inside and outside with their parents, carers and friends. You are most welcome to come along on Friday mornings from 10.00am – 12.00pm to see and experience it with your young children.

Coronavirus Update

We will continue to share information with the community in a timely and responsible manner aligned with CESA and SA Health directions. To date we have reminded and explicitly taught handwashing, coughing and sneezing techniques and provided tissues and handwashing gel where soap and water are not easily accessible. Our Seesaw app will be used as the main communication pathway so please check in with this regularly. An update letter has been sent to families today via Seesaw and in hard copy version.

Many blessings to you and your families.

Anthony Garton Principal

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FROM OUR PARENTS

Our school would like to acknowledge the following businesses who support our school events:

Morphett Vale Foodland

Drakes Foodland, Woodcroft Drakes Foodland, Woodcroft

Adelaide Fresh Morphett Vale







MORPHETT VALE MEAT STORE, Morphett Vale

A big thank you to Chris and Amy Castle

We sincerely thank these local businesses for their on-going support at our school community celebrations.

We ask that you give careful consideration and support them in your weekly purchases.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Diary Dates for Term 1

Week 8

Wednesday 18th March – Principal Tour at 9.30am Friday 20th March – Year Three/Four Mass at 9.15am Saturday 21st March – Principal Tour at 10.00am

Week 9

Thursday 26th March – Baseball Clinic Friday 27th March – Year 5/6 Assembly

Week 10

Thursday 2nd April – Baseball Clinic Friday 3rd March – Year One/Two Mass

Week 11

Wednesday 8th April – Instrumental Student Concert 2.30pm Thursday 9th April – Holy Thursday, Last Day of Term 1 Friday 10th April – Good Friday

ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN

This school event has been postponed until further notice.

OSHC / VACATION CARE NEWS

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. Moble phone for OSHC: 0419 866 581

COMMUNITY NEWS

We sincerely thank Credit Union SA for the ongoing support to our school community. If you need a bank loan or wish to open an account, please contact their office.



