

ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Year 1/2 Designers and Researchers

Year 1/2 students have researched insects to discover how amazing and important the insects in our world are. They discovered so much, including:

Isabelle: 'Some female tarantulas live up to 35 years'
Jacob: 'Praying Mantis do not have jumping hind legs.'
Gurleen: 'Honey bees can move each other with electric fields.'
Zaid: 'Ladybirds can be yellow, red or orange.'







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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been learning a great deal together as a community. The events and themes of the week have provided an opportunity for us to strengthen our connections as a community despite not being able to physically gather as one community to celebrate mass or share our achievements at assembly.

This week we have acknowledged National Reconciliation Week, National Simultaneous Storytime and look forward to celebrating Pentecost this Sunday.

This year's theme for **National Reconciliation Week** is 'In this Together' which aligns quite closely with the experiences we have shared recently with COVID-19. The students of all age groups have explored the themes of walking together by deepening their understandings and being open to listening to other people's perspectives. They have appreciated learning the Kaurna language and the rich connections the indigenous people have with this land.







You may have seen the Facebook posts this week highlighting some of the **National Simultaneous Storytime** activities this week across different age groups. Our children always enjoy listening to and creating stories that spark their imagination and provoke new perspectives and understandings.

I enjoyed walking through learning spaces this week and seeing many of the students creating their own texts that were fictional, factual and a mixture of both. One of the wonderful activities that students initiated as a result of the storytime book this week was the **Antonio Talent Show** at morning tea time today. A great cross section of children from Reception to our senior students shared their talents with a captivated audience at the wooden stage. The air was filled with great courage, harmony, laughter and appreciation which then flowed into the next inside learning time in each room. I would like to thank our 3/4 teachers and children for leading this opportunity and we look forward to the next concert next week.





Our children at Antonio are amazing young people who think deeply about themselves, their relationships with each other and the world around them. They embrace challenges by taking risks when they know their friends, parents and adults are there to support them through the challenges. Some times these challenges are short, some times they require plenty of persistence and go over a number of weeks.

Our Year 5/6 senior students have high expectations of themselves and each other to ensure they achieve and thrive together. They have recently embraced the analogy of 'The Learning Pit' from James Nottingham which outlines the process of learning by embracing challenges.

Our senior students have explored this to understand the importance of thriving on the struggles and challenges that are a natural part of the process in reaching that Eureka moment which comes with achievement. We only reach that moment after going through the learning pit in collaboration with our peers and educators.

The diagram below is one example of the learning pit. Our students have also created their own learning pit diagrams which inspires their learning and these have been shared with their parents and carers.



At Antonio we collaborate to ensure our students develop a tool kit of skills and strategies that empower them to be strong, confident life long learners and leaders. This work flows through our Mini Explorers Playgroup, Early Explorers Transition group all the way through to our graduating Year 6 students.

Communication with Teachers

Our staff at Antonio enjoy communicating with you to support your children to thrive. Despite the drop off and pick up restrictions, you are welcome to contact them via Seesaw to arrange to speak over the phone at a mutually convenient time. If you would like to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing please do not hesitate.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Anthony Garton Principal

SOCCER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are aiming to commence training for soccer at Emmaus in Wk. 8 this term, with the hope we will start games in T3, and run a 10-week competition. By starting training at this point we hope that there is enough time to get everything organised before games start.

We will still need to limit our group numbers and maintain social distancing and only 1 parent/caregiver spectator/supervisor per child will allowed - Preferably remaining in their cars unless their child needs them for some reason.

This will mean we will need to use the school oval wisely to ensure we meet these requirements and I will need to spread training sessions out over the week.

If you have volunteered to be a coach, can you please contact me ASAP to discuss a possible/preferred training day, so that I can liaise with the school and make sure we are still meeting safe return to sport requirements.

If your child/children are no longer interested or able to play, please also advise me ASAP, (by next week or over the weekend would be ideal, as I work full time) so that I can adjust teams if required.

Please share with any families you know that are not a member of this group, so that I can get things organised ASAP.

Thanks everyone,

Kylie

Soccer Co-ordinator

Note: Please touch base with the front office staff if you do not have Kylie's contact details.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Diary Dates for Term 2

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

Sunday 31st May Pentecost Sunday

Thursday 4th **June** Early Explorers 9.00 – 11.45am **Monday 8**th **June** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 11th June Early Explorer's 9.00 – 11.45am, Finance Committee Meeting **Saturday 13th June** Principal Tour 10.00am – please tell your friends to book

Thursday 18th June School Board Meeting

Mon 29/6 – Thurs 2/7 Netball Carnival
Tuesday 4th August Photo Day

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