



## At Antonio we celebrate learning and achievement



At the Year 1/2 assembly we enjoyed learning what the students are exploring, creating and discovering. Our Mini-Vinnies Team received their badges and a big thank you from the local Vinnies chapter. We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for in our community.

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you warm after a much cooler week than we have been used to. While on the gate each morning I have been warmed by the beautiful greetings and smiles from students, parents and carers. I am also warmed by the great stories that I hear from teachers, students and parents about learning and achievements each day. There is so much to celebrate at Antonio.

### **Welcome**

This week we welcomed both Jhona Lowes in Year 3 and Faith Lowes in Year 6. It is wonderful to have them join the Antonio community to continue their learning journey with us.

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support for our safe practices that will help us to remain a safe and healthy place for everyone to work and learn together.

### **Learning Conversations Parent Feedback Survey**

I invite you to provide your feedback for our recent parent student teacher learning conversations by completing a short one minute survey. Your feedback will inform our planning for the next series of learning conversations and help us to facilitate the most effective conversations to support your child's learning and wellbeing. Please click on the link here to share your thinking. [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Nature Play Development Update**

The tendering process has begun and we hope to have more information about who the successful construction company and the specific starting date in the coming weeks. Exciting times ahead!

### **School Fees Adjustments**

If you are experiencing challenges and changes to employment and home finances in connection with COVID-19, we invite you to contact us to discuss adjustments to your school fee payments. Tracy McIntyre, our school finance officer and I are both available by calling us on 8325 4500 or via email [tracym@antonio.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tracym@antonio.catholic.edu.au) or [agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au)

All conversations and arrangements are kept confidential.

Have a wonderful week.

Anthony Garton  
Principal



## Mary MacKillop Celebrations

By the time you read this your child will probably be at home and possibly telling you something about what they did today. We are blessed to be able to literally walk in footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. A part of Mary's history is right here in Morphett Vale. Mary, the Australian born saint was the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph, a religious order. Mary had a tough life. At the age of 18 with two of her sisters, Annie and Lexie and Father Tenison Woods, she opened her first school in Penola. She went on to establish schools throughout Australia, especially those that served the educational needs of poor children. On the morning of 22 September 1871, Bishop Sheil excommunicated Mary from the church and evicted the Sisters from their Franklin Street convent. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February just days before he died, Bishop Sheil saw the error of his ways and ordered that the excommunication be lifted. That happened right here in the old Catholic Church across the road in Morphett Vale. Mary lead an extraordinary life. She died on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1909 and was made a Saint on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010. I wonder if your little cherubs can tell you anything more about this courageous woman whose feast day is celebrated each year on 8<sup>th</sup> August?

And as Mary would say .....

'Never see a need without doing something about it'



It was wonderful to touch base again with our volunteers, those wonderful people who give so much to our community. Last Friday morning there was a hive of activity as they updated their paperwork and engaged in WHS and RAN training. We hope they enjoyed the presentations, the morning tea and a chance for a chat.

If you were not able to attend, we are happy to organise a time at school for you to come in and complete what is necessary to be at school as a part of our volunteer community.

Remember to sign in at the front office if you are coming in to support us in any way or to complete what is necessary before volunteering on site.

Again, thank you, we are very grateful as we know how many things are made possible through your generous support.

Lillian Van Brussel ☺

## SPORTS UPDATE

### Antonio Ants Football Report

On Saturday the Antonio Ants football team wore black arm bands for my Pa. We won the game and my Pa would have been so proud of all of us for showing great sportsmanship and not complaining to the umpire. I kicked the first goal of the game. My Pa was Cooper, Darcy and my first football coach and now my Mum coaches us. Antonio Ants played really well together.

By Xavier McGee and Cooper Barnes



### NETBALL

On Wednesday we went to Priceline Stadium to participate in the SACPSSA netball carnival. There were two year 3/4 teams and four year 5/6 teams: the boys team and the girls team. There were seven people in each team. It was a lot of fun to experience a real netball game versus other schools. I really enjoyed the game itself. I was in a group with my friends: Natalia, Lily.F, Ioana, Sienna, Marina and Lily.M. On the bus I sat next to my friends: Lily and Natalia, we watched a movie on the bus and my friends and we told jokes to each other. On the first round I was wing attack. We also played against several teams of our age.

## DIARY DATES

This calendar can also be accessed on our school website [Click here](#)

### Week 4 – Catholic Schools Open Week

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Principal Tour 9.30-10.30am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – School Board Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Mass 9.15am

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Principal Tour 10.00am

### Week 5

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August – PFC Special Lunch, School Assembly 9.15am

**Week 6**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Pupil Free Day - Staff Formation Day

**Week 7**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – SACPSSA Touch Carnival Days

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Assembly 9.15am, PFC Meeting 10.00am

**Week 8**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – RAA Street Smart Program

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September – School Board Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – School Mass 9.15am

**Week 9**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Principal Tour 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Sports Day TBC due to Nature Play Development

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Principal Tour 10.00am

**Week 10**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 5/6 Camp

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Music Assembly 9.15am

## ***MINI EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP***

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Playgroup is back each Friday at 10am in the Community Room with lots of fun learning and exploring for everyone.

Next week Chloe who will lead playgroup and Jasmin is looking forward to joining the Mini Explorers again on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

It has been wonderful to have Chloe and Kristy with us while Jasmin has been on placement. We look forward to seeing you again next week to thank Chloe for her wonderful work with all of our explorers.

Remember to keep in touch by 'liking' the Mini Explorers Playgroup group on Facebook [Click here](#)

