



**ANTONIO
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Welcome to our Early Explorers



We look forward to learning and growing together.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are starting to experience glimpses of the coming season of Spring with increasing sunshine. The students are enjoying the warmer days for playing games outside with their classes and friends during outside learning times. The fruit trees at home and school are starting to bud and bloom with new leaves and blossoms that will become the new season's fruit in the coming months.

Next week we will be back to wearing hats at school for our outside learning times so please ensure your child is ready to be sun safe for play. We have new hats available at the front office should you need to purchase one.

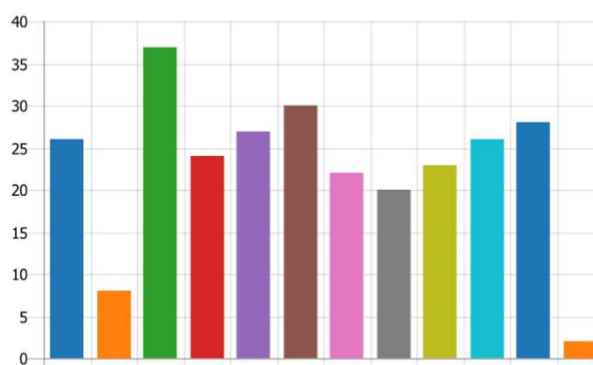
Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Thursday I had the privilege of attending the Morphet Vale Parish Sacrament of Confirmation celebration. It was wonderful to see the children receive the sacrament with the support of the parishioners, members of the school community and their families. Congratulations to Bianca, Olivia, Aidan, Chloe and Charlotte who currently attend Antonio and Majd who is now at Cardijn College and is Meelad's older brother. May God's Spirit continue to strengthen and shine through these young members of our community.

Parent Uniform Survey

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback through the survey issued through Seesaw in regards to our school uniform. We received 44 responses from across the Antonio parent and carer community. The parents and carers who completed the survey highlighted the following as the most important factors in regards to the school uniform:

It looks smart	26
It includes formal options for ...	8
It is practical for inside and ou...	37
It is easy to clean and dry	24
It is reasonably priced	27
It lasts	30
It is worn by every child with p...	22
It is consistently worn across t...	20
It is inclusive of children with s...	23
It enables every child to active...	26
It signifies membership of the ...	28
Other	2



In regards to the most common things parents and carers named they would change in regards to the current uniform they repeatedly mentioned the following:

- Another option for a sports jumper/rugby top as the current item is difficult to put on or take off and can be restricting
- A different option for sports pants as the current option doesn't wear well
- Sports uniform with better jumper/rugby top and better wearing option for pants to be worn across the whole week
- Having comfortable options for every child, especially in winter
- Having a warmer version of the V neck jumper

This week, our students have been providing their feedback through class meetings which will be forwarded to the uniform review group who will present recommendations to the School Board.

If you would like to be a part of the uniform review group, you are invited to attend a meeting to review the community feedback on **Tuesday 8th September at 2.00pm.**

Attendance

Regular attendance at school has a positive impact on children's learning and wellbeing. Research shows children who attend school more regularly and are present for the beginning of the day morning welcome and the end of the day reflection, develop and maintain stronger connections with their teachers and peers, which also has a positive impact on their learning progress.

Planning for 2021

We are currently planning for our continuous improvement and growth in 2021 with increasing enrolments, enriched teaching and learning programs during and after school, high quality achievements in learning and wellbeing programs and nature play space developments being completed and enjoyed by the community. This is an exciting time to be a part of the Antonio community.

We are looking forward to announcing **significant reductions in school fees for all families in 2021** after careful financial management and work by our staff, School Board and Finance Committee in collaboration with Catholic Education SA. Our focus is on being a high quality, affordable school as a part of the successful Catholic Education SA system. Please click on the link to find out more about CESA's plan for providing a high quality, affordable education [here](#).

To help us with our planning for 2021 can you please complete the attached form **by Friday 18th September** to enable us to confirm class numbers and structures. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year. Please click [here](#).

Early Explorers

This week we welcomed 40 Early Explorers who will officially begin Reception with us at the beginning of 2021. We are expecting a couple more explorers to join us next week after they have completed their enrolment interviews in the coming days. It was wonderful to

see them all walk in so excited with their parents and carers this morning, before enjoying morning investigations, developing connections with teachers and other children, snack time, stories, outside play, a walk to the chickens, singing and dancing.

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 or agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au At our upcoming Finance Committee and School Board meetings next week, we will be reviewing a new reduced school fee structure for all families in 2021. All conversations and arrangements are kept confidential. You will be receiving an updated statement for your school fees in the coming days. Have a wonderful week.

Anthony Garton
Principal

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

My name is Julie John and I am grateful to your Antonio Catholic School community for welcoming me to experience my Diploma of Counselling workplace placement. I am an Ikon Institute student and I look forward to integrating my theoretical learning with practical, real life experience in your school. I am grateful to Michelle Dinning for supervising and guiding me in her chaplain role, and I am currently working with her to run small groups of 'What's the Buzz?' with some year 3/4 students, as well as this term's 'Seasons of Growth' group.



It has been wonderful to connect with you all.

Julie

Mini Explorers Playgroup

The Mini Explorers Playgroup is enjoyed every Friday from 10am – 12pm in the Community Room. Jasmin Munro facilitates an exciting and engaging playgroup that provides wonderful opportunities for young explorers to learn and grow together.





This year to raise awareness and support homeless people in our community and the Catholic Charities Appeal our Mini Vinnie's Social Justice Group are coordinating a whole school BEANIE DAY.

WHEN

Friday 11th September

WHAT TO WEAR

A beanie of your choice Make it fun and colourful

COST

A gold coin for Catholic Charities (bring on BEANIE DAY)

AND

Something from the list below to support the Hutt St Centre (bring any day before Beanie Day)



Due to COVID 19 the Hutt Street Centre can only provide take-away meals. The items on the list below are what Hutt St Centre need at this moment to support those in need.

Please support our team to MAKE a DIFFERENCE by bringing something on the list to class at any time up to the 11th Sept.

THE LIST

- Cooking oil
- Margarine
- Muesli bars
- Muesli bars - nut free & diabetic friendly
- Tins/jars of coffee
- Multi packs of chips/shapes etc. to go with healthy take away meals (at this time Hutt St can't serve morning tea)
- Paper bags (like school lunch bags for take away toast. They are especially low on these)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SPORTS UPDATE

Touch Football Carnival

This week the Years 3 – 6 students represented our school community at the SACPSSA touch football carnival. It was a fantastic experience for our students, staff and volunteers with so much learning and wellbeing achievements celebrated. Thank you to our students for participating with great sportsmanship and team spirit, to our staff for leading and facilitating training and the carnival and to our volunteers for supporting and coaching our students on the day. We were not able to include every student's comments but here are some excerpts from their recounts.

Charlotte

I was so excited to go to the Touch carnival my buddy was Lily. When we got on the bus Me and Lily were wasting time by talking about different things. When we got there, we put our bag down and then the game was about to start. In our team we had Lily, Chloe, Natalia, Chelsea, Mia, Ioana, Marina and me. In the game we scored two tries that means we got two points.



Natalia

After a while we found our court then this siren rang, and the games began. We played and played until the siren rang again and guess what... WE WON !!!! We were all so happy too, then the siren rang once again but this time the boys got on the court, so the girls started to eat, talk and watch the boys play then we started to rotate through the whole game.

Lilyanna

On our first game WE WON!! After, we were really tired. We all ate our fruit and snack. On our second round we lost by one try. On our third round we got to verse the boys' team. Some boys were on our team and some girls were playing on the other team. It was a tie. We were really proud of each other. Our coach (Ioana's Dad) was really proud and said we were improving.

Chloe

On Tuesday 1st of September we went to a touch carnival. We surprisingly won more rounds than we thought. We versed many schools and Ioana's dad coached. We had a lot of fun. There were three teams in Year 3/4. We had the two girls' teams and one boys' team.



I really enjoy going to carnivals. It's the best experience of my life 🤩
It would be great if we kept going to carnivals this year 🤩
I hope we keep going to carnivals 😊

Carlo

After the Touch carnival Darcy, Cooper, Josh and I were watching the 5/6 girls' team. I saw Amelia playing, she was really good but at the end they lost by one try. Then we were going back on the bus to school then Darcy, Alexia, Ashlynn and I went home early with my mum.

DIARY DATES

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

Week 8

Monday 7th – Tuesday 8th September – RAA Street Smart Program, Book Fair Open in the Library

Tuesday 8th – Cardijn College Immersion Day for Year 6 students

Thursday 10th September – Finance Committee Meeting 5pm, School Board Meeting 7pm

Friday 11th September – Beanie Day for Catholic Charities, School Mass 9.15am, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am – 12pm

Week 9

Wednesday 16th September – Principal Tour 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 18th September - Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am – 12pm

Saturday 19th September – Principal Tour 10.00am

Week 10

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

Friday 25th September – Music Assembly 9.15am, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am – 12pm

Term 4 Dates

Week 1

Monday 12th October – First day of Term 4

Friday 16th October – Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am – 12pm

Week 2 – Book Week

Friday 23rd Book Week Parade – dress as a book character, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am – 12pm





Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Morphett Vale Parish

Parish Secretary

Part-time – 15 hours per week

The Morphett Vale Catholic Parish is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Parish Secretary to join the Parish Team.

The Parish Secretary will be responsible to the Parish Priest for the general administration, clerical and secretarial support for the parish.

The Parish Secretary will oversee Weekly Collections and Planned Giving Program, Police Clearances and CSHWSA, co-ordinate bookings for parish properties and maintain Parish Census Data.

The successful applicant will have experience in office administration and a high level of computer skills including the Microsoft Office Suite.

Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required together with the ability to work in a team environment.

The successful applicant will be strongly committed to the Catholic ethos.

A copy of the Position Description can be obtained by emailing Kathleen Gaffney at mvparish@internode.on.net or by contacting Kathleen on 8 326 1555.

Applications, including a cover letter addressing the key responsibilities of the position, contact details for three current referees and a copy of the applicant's CV should be forwarded to Fr Roman Palma, Parish Priest, at mvparish@internode.on.net no later than close of business (5pm) on Friday 18th September 2020.

Employment with the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is conditional upon a successful Police Clearance.

*The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is an Equal Opportunity Employer
and a Child Safe Organisation.*

School Community Rewards

As some of you would be aware, at the end of last year we received a cheque for \$20,000 from Credit Unions SA as a result of families in our community engaging in this program. If you would like to contribute to the raising of funds to support further school improvements and development we invite you to read the following information and contact Lucy to find out more.



Discounted Variable Home Loan Special Offer¹

2.59% PA 2.61% PA²
Comparison Rate

Plus \$2500 Cashback³

... when you take out a qualifying home loan, with an extra \$500 cashback for members of School Community Rewards!

Find out more or apply online at creditunionsa.com.au/home-loan-cashback

Did you know...
Antonio School has been part of Credit Union SA's School Community Rewards program since 2014!

The School Community Rewards program allows you to nominate our school to receive a financial benefit for every bank account, loan or insurance policy you have with Credit Union SA.

This means you will be raising funds for our school without having to donate your time or money!

We have raised nearly \$30,000 so far, and would love to see this grow so we can improve our student facilities, including upgrading our garden beds and nature play area.

To find out how you can participate in School Community Rewards, please contact our representative:

Lucy Brooks 0428 787 230

¹ Offer available on new loans with minimum new borrowings of \$150,000 where the LVR is 80% or less. ² Comparison rate is based on a \$150,000 secured loan for 25 years. WARNING: This comparison rate is true only for the example given and may not include all fees and charges. Different terms, fees or other loan amounts might result in a different comparison rate. ³ Cashback offer available on any loan with minimum new borrowings of \$250,000 where the LVR is 80% or less. Offers are subject to change and may be withdrawn at any time. Lending criteria, fees and conditions apply and are available upon request. All members of the school community must consider their own circumstances and obtain their own advice before joining School Community Rewards. The school takes no responsibility for any advice or product offered by Credit Union SA Ltd. This information is general in nature and doesn't take into account your own personal circumstances. It is important for you to consider the terms and conditions or Product Disclosure Statement before acquiring any of our products or services to help you decide whether they are suitable for you. Conditions and fees apply. Lending criteria apply to all credit products. Products are issued by Credit Union SA Ltd except for insurance where the Credit Union acts as an agent for Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd AFSL 234708 ABN 15 000 122 850. 200828