



NEWSLETTER

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At Antonio...

We build and develop relationships which support us to learn.



We are all active, skilled teachers and learners.

We have high expectations of ourselves and each other.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and healthy.

Since our last newsletter staff and children have been engaged in a number of events and celebrations including Book Week activities and parade, Principal tours and the 2020 Cardijn Cup at Cardijn College. We are looking forward to the coming weeks which will bring wonderful opportunities to grow, learn and celebrate achievements of students, staff and families in our community.

I was privileged to lead tours of our school this past week. One of the highlights for me is sharing how our staff are conscious to listen and respect the agency of the children, the community, the curriculum, the environment and educators to design and assess an engaging teaching and learning program. We continue to have growing groups of families who are joining our looking to join our community in 2021, 2022, 2023 and beyond.

School Climate Survey – Share your perceptions with us

Each year students, staff and parents/carers are invited to complete School Climate surveys which provide us with valuable perception data for continually reflecting on and improving our school community. Our staff value your voice through this survey. The parent/carer survey is now open for you to complete and provide your feedback. The survey results will not identify your individual feedback but provide a graph of the combined perceptions from all parents and carers.

Please click on the link below to undertake the survey. It will take 10-12 minutes. After clicking on the link, please enter the code **PACS20A** in the Start Questionnaire field.

[Start the Parents and Carers School Climate Survey](#)

If you do not have access to a device at home, please come in and see the admin staff to complete the survey on a device at school in connection with drop off and pick up times. This year when you complete the survey your name will enter the draw to win **Gold Class tickets to the movies**.

We look forward to receiving high quality feedback from all families to inform our continual improvement and development. The survey will be open until Friday 20th November.

Congratulations Mrs. Lillian Van Brussel - APRIM

Earlier this term we completed the process of appointing our APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission) for Antonio for the next four years. We congratulate Lillian Van Brussel has been successful in being reappointed after also working successfully in this role for the past ten years. Lillian is looking forward to continuing to lead faith formation and spiritual development for staff and students in partnership with you.

School Board Nominations for 2021 – Parents and Carers Voice

The School Board has three positions for parents/carers opening at the end of 2020. The School Board meets twice each school term on a Thursday evening from 7.00 - 9.00pm. And provides oversight to policy, financial management, strategic planning, development and directions for the school community.

The School Board is currently made up of the following positions:

President: Parish Priest Fr Roman Palma

Chair: Jasmin Munro (Parent)

Deputy Chair: Sharna Atkins (Parent)

Chair of Finance Committee: Andrew Barca (Parent)

Secretary: Monique Russell (Parent)

Other School Board members: Chelsea Hendy and Samantha Roach (making 6 parents/carers in all)

Executive Officer: Principal Anthony Garton

Staff Representative: Tanya DiLernia

Parish Representative: Liz Shelley

Parent/Carer members sit on the School Board for a two-year term. We have 3 parent/carer terms completed on alternately each year. At the end of 2020, three parent/carer positions on the School Board will once again be open to nominations.

If you are interested in nominating for one of these three positions, please click on the link below and complete the short nomination form. If you would like to find out more please speak with one of the parents currently on the School Board or me or email at agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au

School Board Nomination Form

The newly elected members of the School Board will commence their term at the beginning of 2021. You have time now to discern and find out more.

Thank you to you all for your support and partnership with our staff at Antonio. This year has been a challenging year for many reasons, yet our children continue to thrive as we continue to work closely together in partnership.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Garton
Principal



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Our school chaplain Michelle would like to share the following resources and services with you:

CAFÉ CONNECTIONS:



Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to gather for tea, coffee and biscuits on Friday mornings after Assembly. Now the weather is improving, and the feeling of spring is in the air, Friday mornings are now a perfect time to reconnect with each other in our community. After Assembly, make your way to the OSHC Room. We look forward to chatting with you in the coming weeks.

DIARY DATES – Term 4

Week 4

Tuesday 3 rd Nov.	Year 3-6 Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Thursday 5 th Nov.	Basketball Clinic, Early Explorers 9.00-11.45am, Finance Committee 5.00pm, School Board Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 6 th Nov.	Reception – 2 Liturgy 9.15am, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am–12pm

Week 5 – NAIDOC and PE WEEK

Wednesday 11 th Nov.	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12 th Nov.	Basketball Clinic, Early Explorers 9.00-11.45am
Friday 13 th Nov.	Year 5/6 Assembly, Mini Vinnies Can Drive begins, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am–12pm

Week 6

Thursday 19 th Nov.	Basketball Clinic, Early Explorers 9.00-11.45am
Friday 20 th Nov.	Year 5/6 Mass, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am–12pm

Week 7

Wednesday 25 th Nov.	Year 1/2 Planetarium Excursion
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Thursday 26th Nov. Basketball Clinic, Early Explorers 9.00-11.45am, School Finance 5.00pm, School Board 6.00pm

Friday 27th Nov. Mini Winnies Biscuit Stall, Year 3/4 Mass 9.15am, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am–12pm

Week 8

Wednesday 2nd Dec. R-2 Dress Rehearsal for Nativity Performance

Friday 4th Dec. R-2 Nativity Performance, Mini Explorers Playgroup 10am–12pm

Week 9

Tuesday 8th Dec. Volunteers Morning Tea, School Thanksgiving Mass 2.00pm

Wednesday 9th Dec. Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 10th Dec. Can Extravaganza in the Gym

Friday 11th December PUPIL FREE DAY

MINI EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

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

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





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ANIMAL-ASSISTIVE THERAPY

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What is Animal-Assistive Therapy (AAT)?

The simple and often instant bond between a human and an animal is the cornerstone of Animal-Assisted Therapy. It is a practice that incorporates using animals as part of the therapeutic process. It is about building a bond with an animal through interaction and play. Animals are used because they can help people relax, minimise stress and offer a sense of safety. Animals can also help reach kids, youth and adults who have disengaged and don't want to work with a therapist. AAT is a goal-directed intervention and individualised plans are created based on a person's goals. There are a range of focus areas that can be developed with the use of AAT including, physical, social, emotional and mental health. Detailed reports are provided which can be used at annual reviews.



Types of animals and activities available

We have a wide range of different types of animals including: **dogs; horses; ponies, donkeys; alpacas; miniature cows; sheep; chickens; ducks; rabbits; and guinea pigs.**

Activities offered include:

- Individual therapy with a speech pathologist or occupational therapist and their therapy dogs.
- **Animal-assisted activities** - using a range of animals to provide opportunities for motivation, education, or recreation to improve a person's quality of life. A therapist can facilitate these sessions, or a therapy assistant or mentor, dependent upon goals and complexities.
- **Group experiences** - We offer a range of group experiences. Please see group flyer.
- Individual sessions with our allied health assistants or mentors utilising animals.
- Farm visits or Farmer for the Day programs:
 - Learn how to groom, feed and lead our miniature ponies.
 - Feed and pat our lambs and sheep.
 - Learn about chickens, collect their eggs and take some home for breakfast.
 - Make damper and put on the camp fire.
 - Walk to the dam and meet our miniature cows.
 - Learn about bees and how important they are.
 - Chat with our donkeys and play ball with them.
- **Dog assistive training** - A collaboration between a therapist, a qualified dog trainer, and the participant. These unique sessions are aimed at working on building the capacity of the participant via working with their dog or one of ours. Multiple goals can be reached while engaging with the dog; in some cases the end result may be that the dog reaches the standard to undergo the assessment to become a therapy dog.



How does it work?

AAT is an effective intervention because the animal is used as an adjunct to therapy. The animal acts almost as a bonding agent, helping to place the participants at ease. The therapist utilises the animal as a focal point of the therapy session but the animal acts only as a tool in the therapist's arsenal to help the participant to reach their goals.



Contact Our Team Today:

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Clinic at Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre

Tuesdays

Appointments 9:00am to 12:00pm

Nurses will be available at Taikurrendi for families with children birth to 5 years offering:

- Health checks for your baby/child
 - Weigh and measure
 - Breastfeeding help
- Information and support about feeding, settling and behaviour
 - Up to date health information
- Support with your child's growth and development
- Support for parents/carers about your own wellbeing

Address: 8 Price Street, Christies Beach SA 5165

Please make an appointment by call CaFHS on **1300 733 606** between 9am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

For more information go to: www.cyh.com
Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100