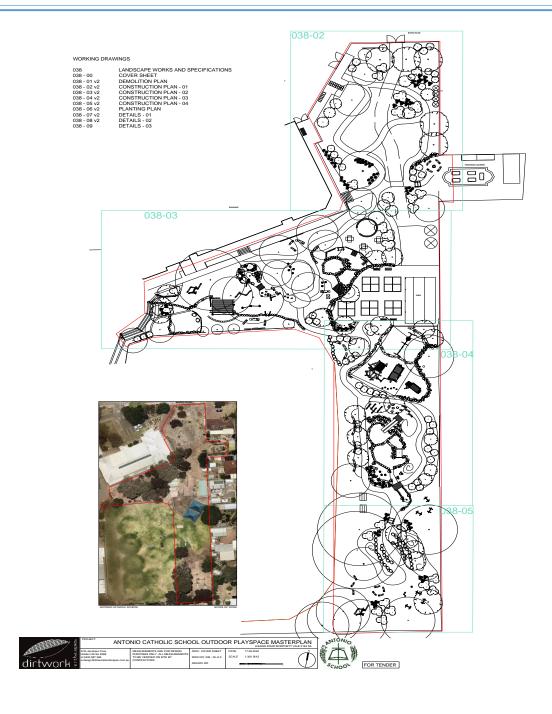


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Let the Nature Play Development Begin!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a big week at Antonio with the commencement of the Nature Play Development which is due to be completed in July/August and the beginning of Lent with our Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations. You may have seen the images of the children watching the contractors removing the previous play equipment and the various activities they are enjoying during outside learning times while the development is happening.

School Tours

This week we also conducted school tours and four of our senior students helped lead these answering questions from our visitors and sharing their experiences of being students at Antonio. I was extremely proud of Zahli, Myah, Tyler and Penny who provided a wonderful example of the endless capabilities of our students at Antonio. At Antonio we believe that all students are capable of growing and achieving.

Hot Weather

This week summer has eventually arrived with some hot weather days. When the temperature reaches 36C our students engage in indoor activities. We also provide plenty of shaded and cooler spaces for students to enjoy when we are able to play outside on warm days including the gym, the early years verandah areas, the library and areas shaded by our large trees. We all wear hats to protect our face and bring drink bottles to school filled with water which can be topped up via the drink fountains during the day.

Annual Welcome Night – Fun, Food and Friends

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Welcome Night on Tuesday 2nd March from 6.00 – 8.00pm. The night is enjoyed by many at Antonio each year as we come together to eat tasty food, share laughs and stories, play games, enjoy musical performances from our students, introduce staff and School Board members and share updates on our achievements and ongoing developments. Please use the ordering form sent home with your child to pre-order your food on the evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

Communication with Teachers

There are a number of ways to communicate with staff about your child's learning and wellbeing, lunch orders, school events, sports training, excursions and more. Please consider which way is the best way for us to assist you:

- Face to face conversations these are the best for clarifying information, planning strategies to support your child and deepening your understanding. It is best to make a time for these conversations with staff, so interruptions are avoided. You can make a time in person or via Seesaw. Face to face is the preferred communication for:
 - a. Discussing your child's wellbeing and learning
 - b. Discussing sensitive information about your child

- c. Discussing the teaching and learning program for your child
- d. Exploring strategies for supporting your child's growth and achievement
- 2. **Phone call** these are great when a two-way conversation is required for the same reasons above, but you cannot make it to school for a face-to-face conversation you can arrange a time for a call via Seesaw
- 3. **Seesaw** if you have quick facts or questions that don't require a two-way conversation then Seesaw can be a great way of communicating. Teachers check Seesaw when they are at school and can respond when they are not teaching the children. Seesaw is the preferred communication for:
 - a. Saying thank you
 - b. Asking a brief question that requires a brief answer
 - c. Passing on information to your child's teacher that is not sensitive
 - d. Sharing an exciting achievement

Our New InitiaLit Literacy Program begins

During the summer break, staff engaged in professional learning in preparation for implementing the InitiaLit Literacy program across the age groups in our school. This program is designed to provide improved learning outcomes for all children in the areas of spelling, reading comprehension and fluency, grammar, vocabulary and oral language. The teaching will be carried out using whole class and small group techniques. We will again be running our MiniLit intervention program for students up to Year 2 and introducing the MacqLit program for students in Year 3 and up.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Garton Principal



MINI EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP



Remember to keep in touch by 'liking' the Mini Explorers Playgroup group on Facebook <u>Click</u> <u>here</u>

SPORTS REPORT

The After School Sports program has started slowly due to the hot weather impacting games and activities in their first week of the schedule.

The Year 5/6 Antonio Ants Basketball team played their first game last Monday and then played their second this week.

Results:

Game 1: Antonio 26, Woodcroft College Blue 10 Game 2: Antonio 22, Hallett Cove Hammer Heads 10

The students have been training at lunch and are coached by Tanya Bode. They are thrilled to be playing together and say the following about their experiences so far:

'I love the team play'. 'Everyone passes to each other and shares the ball.' 'We are learning new skills.' 'Tanya is a great coach.' 'The passing, shooting and dribbling has been outstanding.' 'Tanya makes it fair for everyone.' 'I'm having fun playing with friends.'

We look forward to hearing from the Year 3/4 Antonio Ants Basketball team and the R-2 Wednesday afternoon sports in our next newsletter. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who are supporting the students to participate and learn together.

DIARY DATES - Term 1

Week 5

Wednesday 24th Feb. Years 3-6 Lacrosse Clinics Friday 26th Feb. Year 3/4 Assembly 9.15am

Week 6

Tuesday 2nd March Community Welcome Night and Community Meeting 6.00pm Wednesday 3rd March Years 3-6 Lacrosse Clinics

Friday 5th March Reception – Year 2 Liturgy 9.15am



Monday 8th March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Friday 12th March Year 1/2 Assembly 9.15am

Week 8

Wednesday 17th March Principal Tour 9.30am Friday 19th March Year 3/4 Mass 9.15am Saturday 20th March Principal Tour 10.00am

Week 9

Friday 26th March Year 5/6 Assembly 9.15am

Week 10 – Holy Week Friday 2nd April Good Friday

Week 11

Monday 5th April Easter Public Holiday Tuesday 6th April Whole School Easter Liturgy 9.15am Friday 9th April Whole School Assembly 9.15am





See you at the **Antonio Welcome Night Tuesday 2**nd **March** *Fun, Food and Friends!*

Place your food orders by this Friday.

Please see the Seesaw post for further information.