



# NEWSLETTER

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## Harmony Day in R/1P

We share our stories, backgrounds and cultures



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### Antonio Catholic School Board Update

Our 2021 School Board met for the first time this week. I am grateful to Jasmin Munro, Andrew Barca, Sharna Atkins, Clare Dearing, Jessica Owers and Julie Field for being our parent/carer representatives. We also welcomed Kristy McGee who will be the PFC representative and Josh Bennett who is the staff representative.

In our first meeting we attended to the following agenda items:

- School Board formation, roles and responsibilities for 2021
- Our School values and their implications for the School Board and the way it operates
- Overview of strategic work in 2021
- Updates about staff professional learning, maintenance and development, workplace health and safety and PFC work

Thank you and congratulations to the following School Board members who have accepted the following roles in 2021:

*Chairperson:* Jasmin Munro

*Deputy Chairperson:* Julie Field

*Minutes/Communication:* Jess Owers

*Chairperson of the Finance Committee:* to be confirmed at first Finance Committee meeting shortly

### Nature Play Development Update

This week we held our first site meeting for the Nature Play Development. The progress so far is on track and progressing at a steady pace. The following points were a highlight from the first site meeting:

- Water play areas will have a control valve in a central position
- There will be a widening of the stairs that lead from the rear of the admin building to the shaded play area under the trees
- The areas of the development in the back corner of the school and by the canteen will be completed in close to a month







### **Enhancing Catholic Identity Project**

This year we are engaging in this project to better understand our shared perceptions of our Catholic identity at Antonio with a view to continuously improve in this area. You have been sent a link via Seesaw to engage in a parent/carer survey before the end of this term that will assist us greatly in this work. I would appreciate you taking the time to share your perceptions through this survey so that our work is based on the very people in our community.

### **Attendance**

Your child's regular attendance at school supports their learning and wellbeing as they engage in learning activities with their friends and teachers. Regular absences can create challenges for your child to remain connected and build upon their learning at school. All students are expected to be at school each and every day.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Garton  
Principal

## ***CLASSROOM NEWS***

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Year 1/2 students are learning about measurement. We have been enjoying exploring different ways to measure length using appropriate informal units. We had lots of fun measuring the oval with our bodies and our feet. How wide do you think the oval is? What units of measurement and tools would you use?





In religion Year 1/2 have been learning about how we are all unique and special to God. We celebrated Harmony Day this year by creating these character portraits displaying all the things that make us unique and special.





To celebrate St Patrick's Day Reception Mac and 5/6 Bode Buddies joined together to turn into Leprechauns!



## ***SPORTS REPORT***

### **Year 3/4 Antonio Ants Basketball Teams**

We now have two Year 3/4 teams which has provided more game time and development opportunities for all the children. Thank you to Adele Barca who is coaching one team and David and Janette who are coaching the other amazing 3/4 team.

### **Year 5/6 Antonio Ants Basketball**

The 5/6 team played a great brand of basketball in a close game which resulted in a draw with Woodcroft at 14 points all. Congratulations to everyone for a great team effort to keep playing well all the way to the final whistle.

### **SACPSSA Swimming Carnival**

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, our Antonio swimming team won the Section 7 in an impressive fashion. Every swimmer on the day won a ribbon and represented their school with pride and athletic excellence. This is the first time Antonio has won the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival since 1998.

Individually we had numerous first place finishers with Lily McKinlay (Year 4) and Lilyanna Fisher (Year 5) taking out Age Champion for their year levels.

A big thank you to those who supported us on the day with travel assistance and an even bigger thank you to Adele, Richard and Josh who volunteered with helping the running of the carnival on the day. Josh Bennett also help before the carnival at the trials and training.

After the fantastic win, we now move up into section 6 next year.

Well done all!

Amanda Fairley  
PE Teacher



## SCHOOL BANKING

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**Antonio Catholic School** is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child the importance of saving. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking will earn an exciting reward everytime they reach 10 deposits.

The rewards available during 2021 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Treetop Handball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game
- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Snowy Origami Set
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
- Scratch Art Cards

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit [www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo](http://www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo) .

### **Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### **1. Online**

Visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

#### **2. In branch**

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **THURSDAY**. Each week you need to place your yellow deposit wallet into the grey satchel in your classroom.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## DIARY DATES

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### Term 1

#### Week 8

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Principal Tour 9.30am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March Early Explorers Transition 9-11.45am, School Board Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4 Mass 9.15am, SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Saturday

20<sup>th</sup> March Principal Tour 10.00am

#### Week 9

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March NAPLAN Practice Test, Early Explorers Transition Friday

26<sup>th</sup> March Year 5/6 Assembly 9.15am

#### Week 10 – Holy Week

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March Start Smart Visit Years 1 – 4

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April Early Explorers Transition

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday

#### Week 11

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Public Holiday

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Whole School Easter Liturgy 9.15am

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April Whole School Assembly 9.15am

### Term 2

#### Week 1

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April First Day of Term 2

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April Early Explorers Transition

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Pupil Free Day for Staff Training, Catholic

Education Week Begins

#### Week 2

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Pupil Free Day, Catholic Education Week

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Principal Tour 9.30am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May Early Explorers Transition

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May Principal Tour 10.00am

#### Week 3

NAPLAN Testing this week

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May PFC Meeting 10.00am

#### Week 4

NAPLAN testing this week

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May National Simultaneous Storytime

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May Early Explorers Transition, School Board 7.00pm

