



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the increasing amount of sunshine we are experiencing as we transition from winter to spring.

When we enter spring each year, I find there is always a great sense of energy and opportunity to embrace at school. The students and staff are keen to spend increasing amounts of time outside learning, the classrooms are filled with increasing natural light and the world around us provides us with bright skies, leaves, flowers and growth to enjoy and investigate with friends and teachers.

Our natural environment has been enhanced at Antonio with the completion of the new outside learning spaces. The new spaces invite students and teachers to construct cubbies, explore life cycles in and around the vegetable garden, explore, dig, create, collaborate, think and more.

This week the students have been visiting the new spaces with their teachers in preparation for the fences being removed this coming weekend.





Avoiding Late Drop-Offs and Early Pick-Ups

Thank you to everyone who has supported our focus on increasing teaching and learning time for students by avoiding late drop-offs and early pick-ups. All the extra minutes your child is at school with their teacher and friends enables them to ask more questions about their learning, finish more learning activities, engage in more morning circles to set up for the day and more class reflections at the end of the day to consolidate their learning and achievements. Evidence shows, children who attend full days of school consistently, achieve stronger learning progress.

Staff Faith Formation Day – Pupil Free Day

You will have noted in previous *'What's Happening This Week at Antonio?'* posts on Seesaw and in the school newsletter that our entire staff are attending their annual Faith Formation Day on Friday 17th September. This engages the entire staff (including OSHC staff) in faith development activities. If your child normally attends OSHC on a pupil free day, we ask you to make different arrangements for their care. Thank you.

Sickness and Wellbeing

We thank you for your support in monitoring your child's health and wellbeing to ensure they are well before coming to school. It is important for community health and wellbeing that we all remain home and seek medical attention if we are unwell.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Garton
Principal

FROM THE LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Year 1/2J and Year 1/2S

We have been busy writing to and receiving letters from our pen pals in Whitley Bay, United Kingdom. They are a year one and two class just like us, but through our letters we are discovering that there are lots of similarities and differences between us. We are about to send off our second letters this week and we can't wait for them to write back to us. Here are a few letters that we received, and photos of our pen pal friends from across the ocean.



FROM THE APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)

Month of Creation

This week marks the beginning of the Month of Creation, a time to consider a call for action to the CRY OF THE EARTH & CRY OF THE POOR. Consider this reflection and prayer from the Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference).

WONDER & AWE

Every moment and encounter is an opportunity to be amazed by beauty, enraptured by amazement, and consoled by the traces of divine presence.

God of wonders, you show us your beauty in all created things.

Help us to pay attention:

To the taste of the ocean on our lips,
The warmth of the sun on our hands,



The song of birds in the morning and evening,
The fragrance of the earth after rain,
And to the star that guides us.

Creator God,
We stand in awe of all that you have made.

Fill our hearts with gratitude for every good gift, great and small, that feeds and forms us,
Inviting and enabling us to become fully alive in your amazing grace.
AMEN



SPORTS NEWS

What a fantastic term so far in sport!
Over 70 students represented Antonio at the SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival. The children playing amazingly throughout the day and showed great school pride and teamwork. A big thank you to teachers Josh, Tanya and Sarah, ESOs Brenton, Caleb and Neve as well as volunteer coaches Andy, Tennille, Natalie and Denise.



care of the week to week running of the team.

Our AFL Ants team has had a terrific end of the season with recording many wins across the term. The boys have greatly improved their teamwork and ability to work for each other during games, showing true Ants spirit. We play our last game this weekend so a big thank you must go to Nic Horton and Patrick Brennan who have coached the team this year! These two have volunteered their time week in, week out and done a fantastic job developing our young team. Thank you also to our team manager Kirsty McGee who was taken

Our netball Ants are in full swing after a disrupted start to the season. Antonio 3 are sitting undefeated while Antonio 1 and 2 are showing fantastic improvement and growth each week. These 3 teams are representing their school with such pride each week. With two rounds to go, our last game will be in Week 9. A big thank to Tanya Bode and Josh Bennett who are our volunteer coaches of our sides and doing a brilliant job.

In R-2 sport, we have enjoyed some beautiful weather on Monday afternoons in our soccer program. We have 45 children involved in this program making it our biggest term 3 program. A big thanks to coaches Pete and Luke who set up super activities for us each week. Thank you to the teachers supervising. This program concludes in Week 9.



As our Term 3 sports come to a close, we start to look forward to Term 4. For our year 3-6 students, basketball will be on offer again with our year 5/6 teams playing on Monday nights and year 3/4 teams playing Wednesdays. Notes will go out in Week 8. We are again looking to have multiple teams in these competitions which means multiple coaches. If you are interested in coaching one of our fantastic Ants teams, please contact me.

For our R-2 students, teeball/cricket will be on offer in Term 4. This program will include 3 weeks of teeball and 3 weeks of cricket. The day is yet to be confirmed but letters will go out to those who have their interest in Week 8 with confirmed details.

Well done to all on a great term so far and I look forward to seeing more great competition from our sporting superstars!

Amanda Fairley
PE Teacher



With interest rates at an all-time low, could now be the right time to refinance? We chat to Credit Union SAs Credit Operations Lending Manager, Yuri Fey to look at some reasons why you might want to refinance.

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Community
Rewards*

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CATHLYMPICS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES



2021
Appeal



Catholic
Charities



Living Catholic

Wednesday 15th September

Our official Catholic Charities Day.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Catholic Deaf Association

Mary MacKillop: Ain Karim

supports people with an intellectual disability

Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special School

*supports children with intellectual and multiple
disability*

Hutt Street Centre

supports those experiencing homelessness

Centacare Catholic Family Services

Students can
participate each in a
variety of activities.
Each activity will
cost a gold coin to
participate in




Your **GOLD COINS** will
support these
charities.

**SAVE THEM UP,
BRING THEM ON THE
DAY TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

1. Dodge Ball (Year 3-6 only)
2. Tug of War
3. How long is the piece of string?
(prize for winners)
4. How many jellybeans in the jar?
(closest guess will take it home)
5. Jellybean toss
6. Squishy balls for sale



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP


Restorative Practices In Your Child's School: What's It All About?

Tuesday September 7th
Supper & Cuppa at 6pm
6:30pm start - 2 Hour Duration


Antonio School Gym
8 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale

School Aged Crèche Available

This highly engaging 2 hour parent evening gets right to the heart of what it means to set high expectations for behaviour, offer high levels of support to meet these standards and hold people accountable when they fail to meet standards.



with
Bill Hansberry



For bookings contact the front office on
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<https://www.centacare.org.au>

Centacare Catholic Family Services is a Catholic Welfare organisation delivering a range of services across the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide. Please refer to the website for further details.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3

Please be mindful we are adjusting events on our calendar as COVID safe recommendations from our State Government and Catholic Education SA.

Week 8 – Dental Clinic at Antonio

Tuesday 7th September School Photo Day, Bill Hansberry Parent Workshop

Thursday 9th September Early Explorers Transition, Finance Comm. 5pm, School Board 7pm

Friday 10th September Year 5/6 Enterprise Day, Rec-Yr. 2 Liturgy 9.15am

Saturday 11th September Principal Tour 10am

Week 9

Thursday 16th September Early Explorers Transition

Friday 17th September Whole Staff Faith Formation Day – Pupil Free Day – OSHC will not be available as OSHC staff are also attending

Week 10

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd September Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday 23rd September Early Explorers Transition

Friday 24th September – School finishes at 3.05pm