



NEWSLETTER



Principal – Anthony Garton

Greetings Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, enjoying some cooler days after a few weeks of warmer weather.

Building Update

The new Year 3-6 building is progressing well with preparations for the concrete foundations proceeding. This is on track to be completed and handed over to the school by December 3rd this year ready for us to move into before the commencement of the 2025 school year.

A time lapse camera has been installed onto the site and will be used to capture the progress and development for everyone to see. The image below is the first image from this camera.



Pupil Free Day Reminder

This coming Thursday 28th March the entire staff are engaging in a professional learning day focusing on the Playberry Laser Literacy program being implemented from Reception to Year 6 across our school. This involves all educators across our school including all our ESO's who work in both OSHC and in classrooms so OSHC is not available. This single day's work will benefit every student's literacy development across our school.

School Swimming Program

We are investigating opportunities for introducing a swimming program that could run for a week or two at a local swimming centre during school time. This would provide a water awareness and safety program for all children across all ages and enabled those children who do not attend regular swimming lessons to develop water safety awareness skills and those who do attend regular lessons to develop their skills further. Our investigations will include important factors such as the quality of the program, the centre and the swim teachers, value for money as this would be an additional cost for families and the best transportation options. We will consult with staff, School Board, PFC and students through this process to ensure the program meets the expectations and context of our community.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter. May the blessings that come from the risen Christ on Easter Sunday and the opportunities for you to spend time with your family and friends bring you joy, peace and hope.

Anthony Garton
Principal

Dear Families,

As Easter draws near and the end of Term 1 approaches, it's natural to feel some fatigue setting in for the young people in our care ... and the adults too! With this in mind, it's important to remember to care for ourselves and each other. We are blessed to have exciting events to anticipate in the next few weeks, including a special lunch, Holy Week celebrations, and the eagerly awaited Colour Run, ensuring that our school term ends on a high note of joy and community spirit.

Holy Week

Holy Week, the final week of the Lenten season leading up to Easter Sunday, holds huge significance in the Catholic faith and life of the Church. It's a time when we delve deeply into the last days of Jesus' life on earth, reflecting on his passion, death, and resurrection, which brings hope and salvation to all. Holy Week begins on Sunday.



This week serves as the heart and soul of the spiritual journey for many people. From the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the solemn observance of his crucifixion on Good Friday, Holy Week encompasses the beautiful and moving essence of our faith journey.

During the days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we mark a period of reflection and spiritual contemplation. We remember Jesus' acts of love and service, his ultimate sacrifice on the cross, and the anticipation of his resurrection during the Easter Vigil Mass, which is the real pinnacle of our faith.

As we accompany Jesus on his journey during Holy Week, it's important to reflect on the significance of his teachings and example in our lives. As a school community, we journey together with faith and gratitude, rejoicing in the promise of new life and the triumph of hope over despair.



Stations of the Cross Liturgy

We extend a warm invitation to all families and community members to join us for our Stations of the Cross Liturgy, taking place next Wednesday in the Gym. Led by our Student Leadership Team, this moving tableau performance will commence at 11:45am and conclude no later than 12:30pm. The Stations of the Cross hold significant importance in our Catholic faith, offering a touching reflection on Jesus' journey to the cross. Through these stations, we trace the steps of Jesus as he endured suffering, sacrifice, and ultimately, triumph. It's a meaningful opportunity for us to come together as a community, deepening our understanding of Christ's love and sacrifice, and finding inspiration in his example of unwavering faith and compassion. We look forward to sharing this reflective and meaningful experience with you all.

Project Compassion

As we near the end of the term, we want to express our gratitude for the support shown throughout our Project Compassion campaign. Antonio's compassionate community has shone once again as we've come together to make a difference. We've learned about those in need, shared their stories, and kept them in our prayers. If families have chosen to use the Project Compassion boxes, please return them by the end of term, as they play an important role in helping us wrap up this initiative. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to serving others and making a positive impact in our world either through financial contribution or by creating much needed awareness.



Harmony Day

Throughout the year, there are certain moments that call for reflection and celebration. One such occasion that holds big significance in fostering unity and understanding within our beautifully diverse Antonio community is Harmony Day. Observed annually on March 21st, Harmony Day serves as a powerful reminder of the beauty found in diversity. It is a day where we come together to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and backgrounds that make up the foundation of our society.

At Antonio, with us being a proud Catholic school, the essence of Harmony Day resonates deeply with our core values of integrity, justice, joy and inspiration. We are also known for inclusivity at Antonio, where we acknowledge and celebrate that everyone matters ... and matters absolutely. Just as Jesus taught us to love one another and embrace our differences, Harmony Day provides us with yet another opportunity to put these teachings into practice.

Celebrating Harmony Day is not just a symbolic gesture. It is a commitment to fostering a culture of understanding and acceptance. By recognising and embracing the diverse backgrounds of our students, staff and families, we create an environment where everyone feels valued and respected. Recognising Harmony Day in our school is important work and a vital educational tool, allowing us to learn about different cultures, traditions, and perspectives. Through engaging activities and discussions, our students gain a deeper appreciation for the richness of our multicultural society. Please enjoy some of our Harmony Day Photos from yesterday on the front page and below:





Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week filled with reflection, renewal, and the joy of Easter.
God Bless,

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Please **click on link** for
**Mary Help of Christians latest bulletin which includes
Holy Week and Easter Ceremony times.**

Road Safety

Hello parents and caregivers,

Please find below information regarding safety guidelines.

- Bollards will be place from 8:30am until 8:55am in the morning.
- Then again at 2:55pm until 3:20pm of an afternoon.

This safety system has been put in place due to Bains Road being a very busy, high traffic road. This allows the top carpark and pedestrian pathways along this road to be a safe place for all to use at the beginning and end of each school day.

The top carpark in front of the school is only for short stay, appointments, meetings etc. not for drop off and pick up at the end of each day.



Breakfast Club

Our school Breakfast Club program is supported by Foodbank SA. The program runs from 8.20am to 8.40am, Monday to Friday in the OHSC area.

Community volunteers who may like to become part of this great program are always welcome.

If you would like more information, or wish to nominate as a volunteer, please leave your contact details with the Front Office:

Phone: [08 8325 4500](tel:0883254500)

Email: info@antonio.catholic.edu.au



Please note all volunteers are required to comply with volunteer guidelines. This involves holding a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), completing the RRHAN training and a quick WH&S induction. There is no cost to parents. Please see the Front Office Staff for a volunteer package should you wish to become a volunteer at Antonio Catholic School.

Breakfast Supplies

As a way of supporting families who may not be able to access the Breakfast Club program at school, breakfast supplies can be sent home to families as an alternative. Again, please leave your contact details with the Front Office so arrangements can be made to have these supplies sent home.



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Parents Friends and Community

Friday April 12th - Save the dates!

Colour Run 2pm

Parent Volunteers required! If you can help - message Kirstie 0419823175.

Special lunch - Sushi & Cold Rolls.

Orders on Qkr!



ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL PFC

EASTER RAFFLE



Drawn
March
27th

TICKETS
VIA
QKR!

Three \$100 family fun vouchers
with Easter treats to be won!

WallisCinema

treeclimb



\$2 each or 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10

Ticket sales close March 26th at 7pm

SUSHI & COLD ROLLS Special Lunch

Friday April 12th

Sushi Roll

\$4

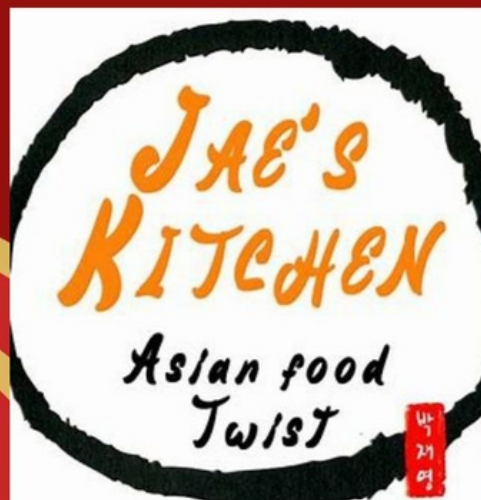
Cold Roll

\$6



Orders close on Qkr!

Tuesday April 9th





Colour Run 2024

Friday April 12th - 2pm

\$6 per participant
payable via Qkr!

- Wear a white t-shirt to school
- Bring a towel or change of clothes
- Free Zooper Doopers for everyone
- Family & Friends welcome



School News

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday 27th March
Stations of the Cross Liturgy
whole school
11.40am to 12.20pm

★ **Thursday 28th March**
Pupil Free Day
No OSHC available

★ **Friday 24th May**
Pupil Free Day
No OSHC available



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