



NEWSLETTER



Principal – Anthony Garton

Welcome to a new year of learning at Antonio.

This new year brings possibilities, programs, students, families, educators, ideas and even a new building!!

A big Antonio Welcome

I would like to welcome firstly our new Reception students and their families:

Ms Jasmin's class: Halle-May, Abigail, Levi, Ruby, Jasmine, Sophie, Scarlett, Alexandra, Emerson, Jeremy, Michael, Savio and Ethan.

Ms Nicole's class: Indianna, Kenna, Zac, Ollie, Hailey, Alexander, Willow, Jett, Tiana, Dominic, Rory, Amaya, Margo and Nicos.

I also welcome the following students and their families who have started with us in **other year levels:** Sienna, Eamon, Amira, Harvey, Dakota, Zahlee, Jaylah, Chris, Alila, Baxter, Zara, Archie, Amelia, Oscar, Emily, Addison, Levi, Ella, Mason and Blake.

We also have **new staff** who have joined the Antonio team. They bring wonderful enthusiasm and skills to support our learning and wellbeing programs for all students across the school.

Welcome to our new teachers Emily Grant (Year 2), Sally Paparella (Year 5/6), Ellie Bee (Year 4), Kylie Collins (Year 5/6) and Leonie Boulden (Auslan).

We also welcome our new ESOs Yasmin Warren (Year 5/6), Laura Davis (Early Years) and Andrew Allen (Year 5/6).

School and House Captains

This year we have the following senior students who will be undertaking the leadership roles at Antonio. These students will be providing strong leadership that provides an example of our school values of integrity, justice, joy and inspire through their words and actions.

School Captains: Talon and Leianna

Vice Captains: Belinda and Emma

Mission Leader: Chris

Sports Captains

Mullins (named after our first Principal Sr Marita Mullins): Jakob and Elsie

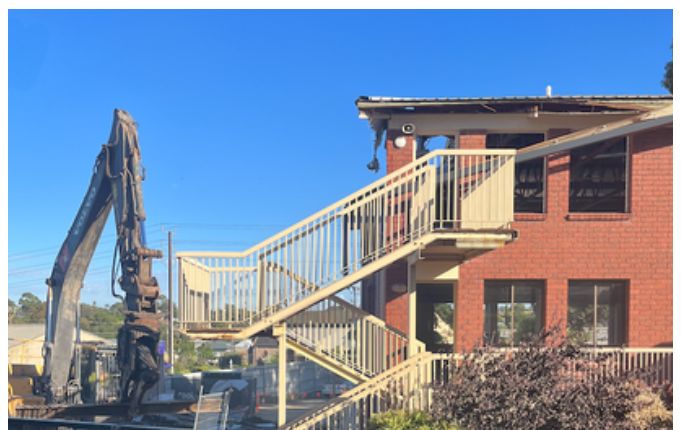
Murphy (named after the Bishop of Adelaide who supported the establishment of the parish of Morphett Vale): Ben and Lucas

MacKillop (named after Saint Mary MacKillop of Australia): Isabelle and Jacob

McAuley (named after Catherine McAuley who founded the Sisters of Mercy, the order Sr Marita Mullins was a member of): Nate and Ashton

Building Development Update

The demolition of the Hoskin building has been completed on schedule and the next phase of the project whereby the ground is levelled and prepared for the construction to take place will begin next week.



It is amazing to think that just a few weeks ago the three story Hoskin building was standing there as it always has as a place for learning and welcoming students and families to Antonio. Over the years it was an office, staffroom, early years, middle years and senior years learning centre. There are many stories connected to the building and I have heard a number of them from past students and staff who have enjoyed working and learning in there. During the demolition a time capsule was found and we will be opening this up shortly to help us learn a little more about what was happening here back in the 1970s in the parish and school.

Student Safety Reminder

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Community Welcome Night

Our community welcome night which incorporates our annual community meeting is approaching on Tuesday 20th February. The staff and I look forward to seeing you there. It is a wonderful evening for meeting other families, our staff and the school board members for 2024. I hope you can join us.

APRIM and Leader of Wellbeing – Kerry Cornelius

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year! A new year brings about many new possibilities and I hope that 2024 is a great year for all of us here at Antonio. Term 1 promises to be a busy one, with many exciting events coming up in the Church calendar as well as some fantastic community events planned which will foster deeper relationships and connection.

Beginning of Year Liturgy

This week, our whole school came together to celebrate our 2024 Welcome Liturgy on the theme 'we are all connected.' Throughout the 2024 school year, we will have a focus on Integral Ecology, and our first Liturgy for the year marked the start of our journey together as a community to honour the bond between humans and our environment. As we extend kindness and care to other people and creation, we are doing God's work. We are excited for a year of fostering harmony and stewardship at Antonio!





Lent

Another journey we are about to embark on is the journey of Lent. We embrace the sacred season of Lent as an opportunity for reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is a time to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, following the example of Jesus. Our children will be encouraged to grow in love for others as we journey together towards Easter. May this season of Lent be a time of grace and spiritual growth for our entire school community.

Shrove Tuesday - 13th February

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday, holds a significant place in the Catholic calendar as the day before the season of Lent begins. Based on tradition, it symbolises a time of preparation before the fasting of Lent begins. On this day, Catholics traditionally enjoy pancakes, using up ingredients such as eggs, milk, and sugar, which wouldn't be consumed during the Lenten period. Beyond the excitement of the sharing of pancakes, Shrove Tuesday reminds us of the importance of self-examination and seeking forgiveness as we prepare our hearts for the journey of growth during Lent. We look forward to celebrating Shrove Tuesday with our Community next Tuesday morning from 8am - 8:40am!



Ash Wednesday - 14th February

Ash Wednesday is a special starting point for Lent, a time when we get ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. These ashes remind us that we are loved by God and that we can always try to be and do better. It's a time for us to think about how we can be kinder to others and grow closer to God. Next week, our classes will celebrate Ash Wednesday Liturgies within their Year Level Teams and the children will receive the ashes from their teachers.



Project Compassion

Next week is the launch of Project Compassion. The theme for this year is "For All Future Generations." This message urges us to stand up for those lacking essential resources for survival and those facing challenges greater than our own. By showing compassion through action, we can make a positive impact today, benefitting future generations. Like Jesus, who constantly helped those in need, performed miracles and offered friendship to the excluded and lonely, we're reminded to be more compassionate this Lent. Project Compassion, through use of their excellent educational resources and real-world stories, challenges all of us to strive to be kinder, friendlier, and more mindful of caring for our world.

Next week, the eldest child in each family will bring home a Project Compassion Box. During Lent, we're all encouraged to donate any spare change we may have to these boxes, supporting the most vulnerable communities around the world.

We are also excited to announce that our Year 5/6 students will be participating in the Caritas Fun Run / Walk this year at Angus Neil Reserve with many other 5/6 students from Southern Region Catholic Schools. This event is not just about fitness and fun – it's an opportunity for our students to learn about the vital work of Caritas Australia and actively contribute to Project Compassion.

2024 Sacramental Program

A reminder that some initial information was shared on Seesaw last week regarding the 2024 Sacramental Program at Mary Help of Christians Parish. Should you have any further questions, please direct these to Fr Christopher on 8326 1555. You are also most welcome to come and talk to me.

2024 Sacrament Program

This program is especially for children 7 years of age and older who would like to continue their spiritual journey in the Catholic Church, and receive the

**SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION,
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
AND
CONFIRMATION**

**The Sacrament Program will be held fortnightly
in the Mary Help of Christians Church**

Dates:- To be advised

Enrolment Forms can be obtained from:-

Church foyer

Parish Office during office hours

Parish website :- <https://mhocsa.org.au>

Email:- admin@mhocsa.org.au

Requirements:-

- ⇒ A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate
- ⇒ Compulsory attendance at all sessions
- ⇒ Compulsory attendance at Sunday Mass

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Christopher on 8326 1555.



Regional Assembly – Save the Date!

Across the Adelaide Archdiocese, various Regional Assemblies are being held to bring together local Parishes, Schools and Communities to engage in dialogue, listen, share and collaborate for action. Our Regional Assembly in the South will be held on Saturday 9th March at Cardijn College. Each member of our school community is warmly invited to participate. Please have a read of the flyer for some further information and should you have any questions about the Regional Assembly, please come and have a chat to me or Anthony Garton.



Adelaide Archdiocese

Regional Assembly - The South

The Regional Assemblies, building on the 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies, aim to enhance local participation, communion, and mission. They provide an avenue for parishes, communities, and schools to engage in mutual listening, address shared needs, and collaborate for action. This is an invitation to participate in our Regional Assembly for the south, to discuss the following subjects...

OUR COMMUNITY

What makes a vibrant, **contemporary faith community** and how can we make it attractive enough for youth, children and their families to want to participate?

OUR FAITH

What do we mean by **faith formation** and what can we do to create opportunities for **faith formation** relevant to all ages and stages of life?

OUR CALL

How can we work collaboratively to reach out to **those most in need** in our community? What can we do at a local level to encourage our community to love and care for their environment?

Date: 09/03/2024

Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm followed by a Family Mass

Venue: Cardijn College (Chavoin Building)

Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CNDKK>. Please contact Garry Triffett on garbara@triffett.com or phone 0402 457 948 for further information.

SRC – Student Representative Council

This year, we are excited to announce the introduction of our Student Representative Council (SRC) here at Antonio. The SRC provides a platform for students to voice their ideas, concerns, and suggestions, empowering them to actively contribute to the school community. Through the SRC, students will develop leadership skills, learn about democratic processes, and foster a sense of responsibility and ownership in shaping their school environment. This initiative promotes student involvement, fosters a culture of collaboration, and strengthens the bond between students, teachers, and staff. The SRC will work with Anthony and myself towards continued school improvement. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact our SRC will have on our school community as we work together to make Antonio Catholic School an even better place for everyone!

Road Crossing Monitor Training

Today our Year 5/6 students and some of our staff members participated in Road Crossing Monitor Training with SAPOL (South Australian Police). This annual training session ensures that our students and staff are well-equipped to serve as trained Crossing Monitors, ensuring the safety of everyone before and after school. Through this initiative, our students are learning vital road safety skills under the guidance of law enforcement professionals. We thank our 5/6 volunteers and our staff for their dedication to keeping our school community safe on the crossing this year and are grateful for their contributions to our collective wellbeing.



Nest Box Making with Jeremy from Green Adelaide

We were pleased to have had Jeremy from Green Adelaide visit our school last week to help build Nest Boxes with some of our Year 4, 5, and 6 students for our Pollination Garden Project. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to contribute to biodiversity conservation while learning about local wildlife habitats. Additionally, we were fortunate to have spotted a Tawny Frogmouth in our beautiful Antonio school grounds this week, showcasing the natural wonders of our environment. Stay tuned for more updates on our environmental initiatives and the amazing discoveries made in our school's ecosystem!

Wishing you all a beautiful weekend!

Warm Regards,

Kerry Cornelius

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

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Welcome to our new Receptions

It has been a busy two weeks in Reception. Learners have been coming to school each day and learning new routines, expectations, and school structures. It has been wonderful to see how far our new receptions have already come and to see all their amazing hard work and learning.

Learners in reception have some highlights from their first two weeks that they would like to share;

I have enjoyed playing at the doll house and kitchen. I always love to learn. – Jasmine

I have enjoyed learning about feeling monsters in our classroom, like confidence, honesty, and kindness. I like our walk and talks around the school – Rory

I have enjoyed learning and using my brand new book – Willow

Reception learners have been super busy learning about the Zones of Regulation, A and B choices, rhyme, syllables, being authors in Book Making and using their skills of noticing in Mathematics and being mathematicians.



Auslan - Leonie Boulden

Hello everyone. My name is Leonie Boulden and I am the current Auslan teacher. I am very excited about continuing the Auslan journey at Antonio. I have a long involvement with the Antonio community and have been appreciative of the welcome given to me by everyone. I am looking forward to meeting families at the Community Night.

Across the school, we have been learning about Auslan etiquette as well as many everyday signs. Younger students have already learned the signs for please, thankyou, school, teacher, play, friends and practice. Older students have built on their prior knowledge and have been practicing their fingerspelling as well as refreshing their knowledge of colours.

We have been discussing the philosophy of "We listen with our eyes, and talk with our hands." The students have learned the reason why interpreters and Auslan users often wear plain clothes. Ask your children to share their Auslan learning with you.

Listen with
our eyes

Talk with
our hands



Music and Performing Arts - Lisa Cannizzaro

Welcome to 2024! The students at Antonio come to the Music room once per week for a whole-class music lesson.

In addition, there are many opportunities for extra-curricular Music and Performing Arts activities at Antonio in 2024.

Below is a description of each activity, and how students can be involved.

Show Choir

- Year 3 and 4
- Weekly commitment to rehearsals during school hours, for the whole year.
- Local performance opportunities
- No cost to join

Festival Choir – Catholic Schools Music Festival

- Year 5 and 6
- Weekly commitment to rehearsals during school hours, to the end of Term 3 and 3 offsite rehearsals.
- Combined Choir performance at the Festival Theatre in Week 10, Term 3.
- There is a cost involved to join, to cover resources and bus fees.
- Applications have now closed for Festival Choir.

Antonio Band

- Year 5 and 6, with an expectation of some proficiency on your chosen instrument
- Weekly commitment to rehearsals during school hours, for the whole year.
- Local performance opportunities
- No cost to join.



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- Year 3-6
- Weekly commitment to rehearsals on Thursday afternoons after school, from Term 2- early Term 3.
- Performance at Norwood Concert Hall on one date between August 5th -13th
- There is a cost to join, to cover resources and bus fees.
- Notes will come out mid- Term 1.

Drum Corps

- Year 6 only
- Weekly commitment to rehearsals on Tuesdays at lunchtimes.
- Local performance opportunities
- No cost to join.



Pathways Instrumental Music Program

- Available to all grade levels
- Drums, Guitar, Voice, Piano individual or small group lessons, commencing Week 2 Term 1.
- Tutors are:
 - o Jake (Mondays)
 - o Ally (Tuesdays)
 - o David (Wednesdays)
- Enrolment forms and prospectus are available via the Front Office; please note there is currently a small wait list for lessons.
- Payment is via Pathways Music School, information available at time of enrolment.

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.

We are currently looking for community volunteers who may like to become part of this great program.

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 pack should you wish to become a volunteer at Antonio Catholic School



Resource Centre

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school,, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Antonio Catholic School

Scholastic Information for ordering Online

The following codes are your children's class groups that you use the Scholastic Website when using the LOOP option.

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2/EG
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3/CJ
4/BR
4/OR
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5/6MF
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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 13th February - Shrove Tuesday
Pancakes available from 8am - 8.40am

Tuesday 20th February
Community Welcome Night
5.30pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 22nd February
ThinkUKnow Parent / Caregiver Education Session
Antonio Gym
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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

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

 **Monday April 29th**
Pupil Free Day
No OSHC available

