



# NEWSLETTER



## COMMUNITY WELCOME NIGHT



## Principal – Anthony Garton

Dear Antonio Families,

There has been a great buzz around the school this year with plenty of excitement, focus and great learning happening.

I thank you all for your great contributions to this by attending events, supporting your students to be ready for school and supporting our staff.

### **New Year 3-6 building update**

The Year 3-6 building development is proceeding on track to date with the demolition now complete and the site preparation for the new building being worked on. This week the builders have reinforced the retaining wall in the back south-east corner of the site with further concrete being poured.

We have also had the following work completed in the last few weeks:

### **Guttering Replaced**

You may have noticed we have had guttering on the admin building being installed last week and being finished this week. Once the south-east corner of the building site has been finished, the team will return to finish the last section of guttering that is within the building site.

### **Irrigation Work**

In the coming weeks some sections of our irrigation will be repaired and updated after extensive works on the oval and in some garden beds.

### **Painting**

The gym toilets, outdoor steps, OSHC area and the front of the school have been painted recently to keep them fresh, clean and safe for everyone to use.

### **Positive Behaviour Interventions and Support (PBIS)**

This year our school is embarking on a two year journey engaging with PBIS to review and build the most effective practices and processes for developing positive behaviour and culture for our context. This will be based upon research conducted by the contributors to the program and upon the data we collect in our own community.

This week our PBIS leadership team which includes Sarah Sweeney, Nicole Hayes, Kerry Cornelius Meghan Lander, Megan Friday and myself engaged in the first day of the program designed to set up processes, structures and protocols for this work to commence and progress.

In the coming weeks the team will prepare to work with staff, students, PFC and School Board to inform everyone about the program and start this process.

We will also be using our newsletter, Seesaw, assemblies, website, workshops and other tools to keep you informed of our progress.

## **New School Board members 2024**

This year we welcome new School Board members Alicia Benz, Julie Field, Lauren Pinos and Naomi Albanos who will join Chris McInerney, Amy Davey, Lauren Lorton and Millie Marra on the School Board. I thank our new members and look forward to them contributing to the strategic discussions and decision making processes in our community. As principal I value the advice provided which informs decisions and directions for our school.

I wish to thank Andy Barca and Roger Conway for their contributions to both the Finance Committee and School Board. Andy in particular has made a significant contribution over the past 8 years that has resulted in excellent outcomes for the tracking and reporting of school finances and the recent significant reduction in school fees for families in our community.

Our first School Board meeting will be this coming Thursday 29th February at 7.00pm. We will include a summary of the work and actions from each School Board meeting in the next newsletter.

We will hold our first Finance Committee meeting following the finalising of our new Finance Officer. In the mean time we continue to be blessed with Mr. Anthony Filipi from the CESA Finance team who is our acting Finance Officer.

If you are interested in being a member of this year's Finance Committee or wish to find out more about what is involved, please see me at school and contact me via email at [agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au)

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Anthony Garton  
Principal

## **APRIM and Leader of Wellbeing – Kerry Cornelius**

Dear Families,

I hope this finds you well and you have settled into the rhythm of school life. We've had an excellent start to the 2024 school year, marked by the celebration of community events such as the Shrove Tuesday Breakfast and the Antonio Welcome Night.

### **Social Work Students**

This year, we're thrilled to welcome two Social Work Students from Flinders University to our school community. Jack and Samara have already made a positive impact in their short time here, building strong connections with both students and staff. Throughout their 500-hour placement, they'll be involved in a variety of initiatives at Antonio, including community projects like our Buddy Bench, small group activities, and one-on-one student mentoring, all aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. You'll also find them lending a hand at our Breakfast Club. We're truly fortunate to have them, so when you see them around the school, please extend a warm Antonio welcome. Be sure to check out their introduction in this newsletter to learn more about them!



## Lent

As we continue our journey through Lent, we are inspiring our students to reflect on what truly matters and how they can make a positive impact. They are discovering the joy of giving back, showing kindness, and thinking deeply about their actions. As we approach Easter, it's important for us all to remember to support one another in our spiritual growth and in spreading love to those around us.

During our Ash Wednesday Liturgies last week, our students had a special opportunity to plant Marigold Seeds, symbolising our growth throughout Lent. Each class will now nurture, water, and care for these seeds, with the hope that they will blossom into beautiful flowers by our Easter Mass at the end of the term. A big thank you to Jack and Samarah for guiding our children in this meaningful activity. We look forward to seeing our Sacred Space decorated with beautiful Marigolds in Week 11!



## Caritas Fun Run – Raising Awareness for Project Compassion

Earlier this week, our Year 5/6 Students braved the heat to head down to Seacliff Beach for the Regional Catholic Schools event – the Caritas Fun Run / Walk. Starting at Angus Neil Reserve, students could choose to participate in either a 6km run or a 3km walk with several other Catholic schools in our region. Students enjoyed the experience of challenging themselves, meeting students from other schools and importantly, raising much needed awareness for Project Compassion.

Project Compassion, an initiative championed by Caritas, holds a special place in our hearts, embodying the values of empathy and solidarity. Through events like the Fun Run/Walk, we not only raise awareness but also actively contribute to the transformative work of Caritas, empowering communities in need around the world.







### **Classroom PULSE Check In**

Throughout the next couple of weeks, all students from Reception – Year 6 will be completing the Catholic Education SA Classroom Pulse Check In. For families that are new to our school, the Classroom Pulse Check In happens once each term and is a Wellbeing Initiative with its primary purpose being to find out how students are currently feeling about their experiences of school. The data is collected State-wide in each Catholic school and is used by school leadership and classroom teachers to plan for and make improvements in the area of wellbeing and relationships. If you would like some further information about the Classroom Pulse Check In, please have a look at the link below which includes some key information, sample questions and some Parent Q&A for your perusal. If you have any further questions, you can direct these to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance or myself. [Click here for more information](#)

### **ThinkUKnow – Parent / Caregiver and Educator Information Evening**

A big thank you to the Parents /Caregivers who joined us for the ThinkUKnow Information Session last night. Your dedication to keeping our kids safe online is truly appreciated. By staying informed and involved, we're making sure our children can explore the digital world safely. Together, we're creating a better online environment for our kids. For anyone that missed the session, there are fantastic resources available on the [ThinkUKnow website](#). Please make it a priority to check it out.

### **Regional Assembly – Save the Date!**

A reminder to please save the date for our Regional Assembly, being held in March 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.



# 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](mailto:garbara@triffett.com) or phone 0402 457 948 for further information.



## Catholic School Parents Engagement Seminar – Middle to High School Cool

Date: 12 March 2024 6:00pm - 12 March 2024

Venue: Nazareth Catholic Community, 344 Findon Road, Kidman Park, South Australia, 5025

No matter what we say to young people about not caring about what others think, this is the age where they care the most. During this period of psychological change and growth, pre-teens and teenagers want to fit in. This workshop will help you understand what's going through their minds, how to help, and the importance of staying connected. This practical workshop will give you an insight into the minds of this age group, how best to respond to their social and emotional needs to prepare them for the next stage of their education. The event will have online and in person attendance options. Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of Positive Minds Australia, is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Cost: Free!

Register via the CESA [Registration Centre](#)

Wishing you all a beautiful weekend!

Warm Regards,

Kerry Cornelius

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

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Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

**Middle to High School Cool**  
*presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker*

**Tuesday March 12 2024**  
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

**Nazareth Catholic Community**  
344 Findon Road, Kidman Park

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

During this period of psychological change and growth, pre-teens and teenagers want to fit in. This practical workshop will give you an insight into the minds of this age group and how best to respond to their social and emotional needs to prepare them for the next stage of their education.

Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of Positive Minds Australia is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Register via the CESA Registration Centre or go to the Events page on the Catholic School Parents SA Website.

[cspsa.catholic.edu.au](http://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)

# **ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

## **Community Auslan Learning**



### **An introduction to Auslan**

**When:    Thursday March 21 st**

**Time:     9am - 9:45am**

**Where:   Antonio Auslan Room**

**No experience necessary!!**



## Social Work Students - Samara and Jack



Hello Antonio Community, **my name is Samarah** I am a Social Work Student at Flinders University. I am currently doing my Placement at Antonio school. My hobbies are performing arts, gymnastics, netball and arts and crafts.

One thing I am passionate about sharing is knowledge around mindfulness and how it is a good life skill. I have 2 years experience in disability support, where I have extensive training on the Autism spectrum Disorder and have often worked closely with nonverbal individuals.

I look forwards to meeting all of the young people's faces and families around the school.

G'day everyone, **my name is Jack**. I am studying Social Work at Flinders University. I am undertaking my placement here at Antonio and will be at the school from Tuesday to Friday over the next 4 months. Just a little about me, I am 22 years old and have lived in Adelaide my whole life. For the past 3 years, I have worked as a support worker, mostly working with adolescents diagnosed with Autism and/or ADHD. Although my job has its challenges, I am very passionate and find it immensely fulfilling. I am an avid cricket, basketball and Aussie rules fan (go crows!).

I help at breakfast club in the mornings, so if you see me there or just around the school, come say hi. I look forward to getting to know everyone and getting involved at the school.

## 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:

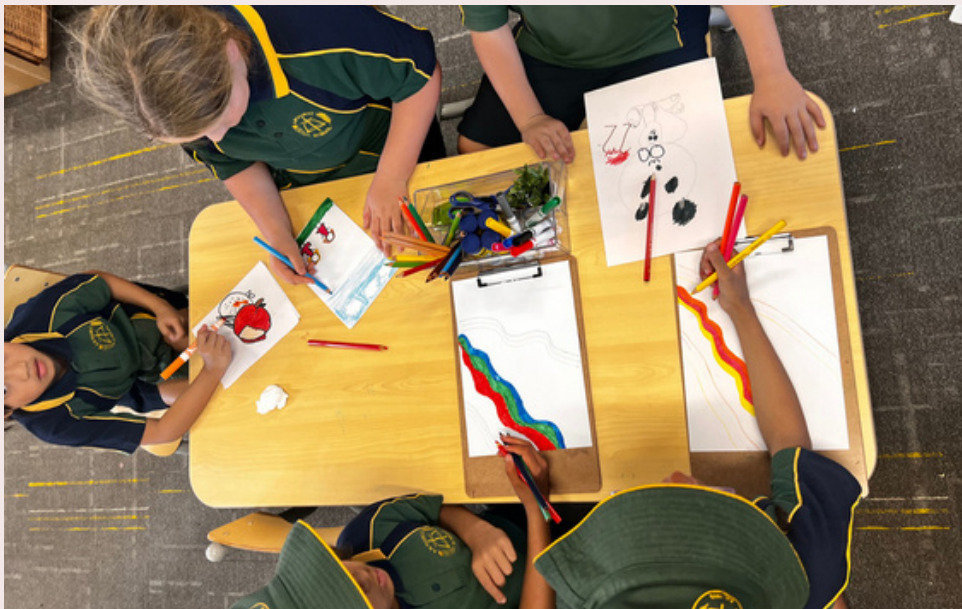
Phone: [08 8325 4500](tel:0883254500)

Email: [info@antonio.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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

# DRAWING CLUB!



**THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB**

**MRS JASMIN'S ROOM**





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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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