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Antonio Buddies Live Life in Colour

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The past fortnight has seen us gather and celebrate as a community with plenty of energy, excitement, anticipation and joy.

Since our last newsletter we have celebrated Holy Week and Easter, gathered for assembly to acknowledge achievements and thank those who helped students grow and achieve and finally enjoy our first ever Antonio Colour Run.

Thank you to Lillian Van Brussel, staff, volunteers, Year 5/6 students and the Mini-Vinnies Team who lead our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. These celebrations provided us with the opportunity to reflect on the connection between these significant events in the life of Jesus which inspire us today.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be with family and friends this Easter time to celebrate and reflect as part of a family and a faith community. It has been a humbling time for me, reflecting on the enormity of the Easter story and my role in continuing to live the good news of Easter with everyone I meet.

My experiences with our staff, our students and my family has reminded me about the wonderful contributions that everyone makes. Everyone brings and shares such wonderful gifts and understandings for the benefit of others, especially the students. Gifts and understandings that I do not always possess. **Thank you** for being there to listen, coach, lead, repair, tidy, create, empower, foster and inspire the children of Antonio.



Colour Run

Wow what a way to celebrate our first Colour Run at Antonio last Friday. The children were so excited well before the run began with a huge 'Colour Run!' chant spreading across the yard when the bell to mark the end of lunch outside learning sounded. The laughter, excitement and smiles on everyone's faces was just the way to finish our first term of school in 2021. The funds raised will help cover any additional costs for the Nature Play development with any left-over funds going towards learning resources for our students.



Thank you to Lillian Van Brussel, Jasmin Munro, Lucy and Eric Oliveira, Amanda Fairley and all of our PFC volunteers who helped to make this event so enjoyable for the children and the adults in attendance.

Thank you to the senior student buddies who supported their younger buddies.

Thank you Nic

At our final assembly of the term, we offered a big thanks to Nic Horton who is finishing up his ESO role at Antonio to focus on teaching. Nic recently completed his teaching studies and is ready to inspire students at Antonio and beyond to grow and achieve. Thank you Nic for all of your work in our classrooms, at OSHC and at all of the school events, excursions and more that you have contributed to over the past 7 years! Nic is ready to lead and ensure that everyone matters and matters absolutely!

Many blessings to Hannah and Chris

I would like to wish blessings and happiness to Hannah and her fiancé Chris on their upcoming marriage during the term break. It was wonderful to have the opportunity at our final assembly of the term to acknowledge and celebrate this special occasion and we look forward to hearing the news when the new term begins, especially photos of her real dress after her 'all weather' dress at assembly.



Playgroup for beginning of Term 2

During the first four weeks of Term 2 Jasmin Munro will be on study placement. While Jasmin is away, our Mini Explorers Playgroup will be co-ordinated by Emily Noble who is also teaching our Early Explorers Term 3 Reception group each Thursday. Emily met our Mini Explorer Playgroup children and parents while assisting Jasmin on Friday 9th April at 10.00am. We wish Jasmin and Emily all the best!

Change to Front Office Phone System for the Term Break

To enable us to provide information and assistance to you and our prospective families during the term break, we are changing the front office phone set up for the term break. When calling our school during the break you will be directed to either contact OSHC staff with any Vac Care or OSHC enquiries or leave a message that will be converted to an email and sent to our info@antonio.catholic.edu.au address. These emails will be viewed and responded to via a return email or phone call during the term break from a member of the admin team. By using this system, we aim to be in touch with you quicker in regard to any pressing matters during the break.

Attendance

Research shows that continual attendance at school supports both short term and long-term student learning achievement and wellbeing. Children are able to continue to deepen their understandings of concepts on a daily basis and build and maintain friendships more successfully.

If your child is going to be away from school, we ask you to contact the front office to inform our staff of the reason for your child's absence. This enables us to keep accurate attendance information for your child.

If you receive a text message from the school enquiring into your child's absence, please contact us immediately to inform us of the reason for your child's absence.

If your child is going to be away for a week or longer due to a family holiday you are asked to complete the family leave form available in the front office.

If your child is away for two days or more due to illness, we ask you to bring in your child's doctor's certificate.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and safe term break with your family and friends. May it be a time where you are able to enjoy each other's company more than usual and live at a steadier, smoother pace. I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 27th April after the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Kind Regards,
Anthony Garton
Principal



Justice, LENT and Easter at Antonio

This week celebrated Easter at Antonio with a liturgy in the gym. This celebration brought to a close for 2021 the discerning time of LENT. A time for reflection, growth and transformation. We listened, wondered, were kind to others, gave to others, planted seeds and watched them grow and reflected on our lives. As part of the Catholic Tradition, we spent some time contemplating with the Stations of the Cross. As we reflected at these stations, we decorated rocks with symbols of our thoughts. We will use the rocks in our redeveloped play space around a friendship seat that the Vinnie's team are planning.

Our Mini Vinnie's Social Justice Team counted the money given at our Community Breakfast, our classroom coin collection and our Cake Stall at the Welcome Night. We raised \$582.50 to send to Caritas Project Compassion which is enough to provide;

- beds in a refugee camp in Bangladesh for an entire family including the elderly grandparents, so they don't have to sleep on the floor
- fabric to make up to 1000 face masks to protect a community during a COVID 19 outbreak in the Solomon Islands
- a COVID 19 prevention kit for one family in a refugee camp
- a chicken that provides eggs for a school in the Solomon Islands.



The cake stall raised \$145 to support our local St Vincent De Paul Conference who will use the money to stock the pantry.

Thank you to the Antonio Catholic School community for supporting these worthy charities with a grand total of \$727.50. You truly have made a difference.

Next term we will be supporting the Hutt St Centre, keep an eye out for further details. Happy Holidays 😊

SPORTS REPORT

Thank you and congratulations to our two Year 3/4 and one Year 5/6 basketball teams who represented Antonio with great energy, passion, integrity, commitment and teamwork during Term One after school sports.

A special thank you to Adele, Andrew, Jeanette and Tanya who coached our teams to play in such a positive and supportive manner.

Just like ants, our students played their role to support the team and combined to achieve great things, larger than they could have achieved on their own. Well played Ants!

Amanda Fairley
PE Teacher

DIARY DATES

Term 2

Week 1

Tuesday 27th April First Day of Term 2

Thursday 29th April Early Explorers
Transition

Week 2

Monday 3rd May Pupil Free Day,
Catholic Education Week

Wednesday 5th May Principal Tour
9.30am

Thursday 6th May Early Explorers
Transition

Saturday 8th May Principal Tour
10.00am

Week 3

NAPLAN Testing this week

Friday 14th May PFC Meeting 10.00am

Week 4

NAPLAN testing this week

Wednesday 19th May National Simultaneous Storytime



Thursday 20th May Early Explorers Transition, School Finance Committee 5pm, School Board 7pm

Week 5

CESA Wellbeing Pulse Check In completed by students

Thursday 27th May Early Explorers

Week 6

Thursday 3rd June Early Explorers Transition

Week 7

Thursday 10th June Early Explorers Transition, SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival Yr. 3-6

Friday 11th June PFC 10.00am in Café Connections

Week 8

Monday 14th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 17th June Early Explorers Transition, School Finance Committee 5pm, School Board 7pm

Saturday 19th June Principal Tour 10.00am

Week 9

Wednesday 23rd June Principal Tour 9.30am

Thursday 24th June Early Explorers Transition

Week 10

Monday 28th June Semester One written reports sent home

Wednesday 30th June SACPSSA Yr. 3-6 Netball Carnival

