

# NEWSLETTER



## Playgroup Sports Day



## Principal - Anthony Garton

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Sports Day

Thank you for your support and engagement at Sports Day last Friday. Thank you to the PFC members and volunteers for cooking, preparing and serving food and drink to everyone. Thank you to those who saw a need and stepped in to help carry drink bottles, help with sports equipment, pack up the sound equipment and serve others. These are the actions that remind us of how wonderful our community is and how fortunate our children are to be growing and developing in such a thoughtful community.



Congratulations to all of our students who supported each other, tried their best, challenged themselves and inspired all of the adults in attendance.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Congratulations to Lilyanna, Jakub, Catelyn and their families on the celebration of their First Holy Communion last Sunday at Mary Help of Christians Church Morphett Vale. A big thank you to the parish volunteers who conducted the program and supported the students and their families during the journey.

### End of Year Reports

Our end of year reports will be sent home to you on Monday 12th December. These reports will provide a summary of your child's achievements across the entire year at Antonio. If your child joined Antonio this term, you will receive a written summary of your child's progress this term on a school letterhead page.

### School Board, PFC and Finance Team Positions for 2023

As we come to the end of 2022, I would like to firstly acknowledge the work of our three management groups at Antonio for their wonderful support to the school leadership team, the administration and our teaching and learning program.

The Parents, Friends and Community (PFC) group have worked with both Lillian Van Brussel and Kim Calderbank this year and have facilitated the Friday BBQs, Special Lunches, the School Disco, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Sports Day food and drink. They are an amazing group of people who love to support our children.

The School Finance Committee have supported the school leadership team with advice and recommendations in regards to the school finances as we continue to provide an affordable, high quality education and also maintain staffing, resources and building spaces to ensure this can happen.

The School Board has provided valuable oversight and advice for the school leadership team to ensure we can maintain the highest quality education for every child at Antonio. They have provided valuable input into policy, procedures and development work now and moving forward.

We will have three positions opening up for parents to join the School Board for a two year term starting at the beginning of 2023.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above groups, please click on the link below and we will contact you to answer any questions you have.

[School Group Registration of Interest \(find out more\)](#)

Warm regards,

Anthony Garton  
Principal

## **APRIM - Kim Calderbank**

This week is the final week of Ordinary time in this Liturgical year, with the first Sunday of Advent being this Sunday. Advent is a time of hope and waiting as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The word ADVENT comes from the Latin word advenire meaning 'to come toward' and the word adventus which means 'arrival'.



The traditional Advent wreath contains four candles, for each of the Sunday's during Advent. The lighting of candles during Advent reminds us that Christ is the light of the world and the green reminds us that Jesus gives us eternal life through him. The first candle is lit this Sunday, which symbolises hope, followed by candles symbolising peace, joy and love.

Advent is a time of renewal and hope, when we can prepare ourselves both practically and spiritually. We are invited into a time of prayer and reflection and encouraged to engage with the Sunday Gospel to help us grow in faith and love.

During the next few weeks, students will engage with the season of Advent through prayer in their homerooms and begin celebrating the season of Christmas through their learning. We look forward to sharing the spirit of Christmas with the community through our Nativity Play and Christmas carols, at the annual Carols Night on Friday 9th December.

### **Sacramental Celebrations**

Throughout the year, several of our Antonio students have been engaging in the sacramental program, run through Mary Help of Christians parish. This is an important step in the spiritual and faith development of these students, as they commit themselves to living as Jesus taught us and becoming closer to God. We congratulate the following students:

### **Reconciliation**

- Marcus Mendoza
- Michael Mendoza

### **First Holy Communion**

- Lilyanna Fisher
- Jakub Fisher
- Catelyn Marinus



### **Youth Environment Forum**

On Tuesday 15th November, four Antonio students took part in a Youth Environment Forum Day at Emmaus College. The students presented their findings of a 'pollinator' research project they had been conducting at Antonio School these past several weeks. They were also able to learn more about the projects other schools participating in the Forum had been conducting as well. As part of the day, the students visited an area nearby to Emmaus that had been revegetated with native plants about 10 years ago to see the effects of returning areas to their more natural state. In the afternoon, people from the Warriparinga Indigenous Centre shared knowledge and introduced a hands-on creative indigenous artwork session. The four students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



**Aila-** "At the YEF I enjoyed going on the forest walk at Woodcroft Reserve. On the walk we saw a bees nest in a tree, which was exciting because we are learning about pollinators. We learnt about what the other schools have been doing for their environmental projects and we shared our own pollinator project with them."

**Gianna-** "We did some Kaurna art and learnt about the Kaurna symbols, such as the symbol for woman, man, gathering, footprints, honey-ants etc. On the way back from the walk it was very slippery and we all helped each other to cross the stream."

## Parents & Friends Committee

As we are approaching Holiday Season, the PFC would like to invite everyone to participate on our traditional Christmas Raffle, to be drawn on 09/12, at the Antonio Christmas Carols and Nativity Play. Tickets are \$1 each and all students will receive books of 5. Please return books and payment to the office by Thursday 8th December.

We would also like to thank all the amazing PFC volunteers who helped with the Sports Day Barbecue. We had more than 400 orders... so it was massive! Thank you to everyone who supported us to make this happen! We also hope the kids loved their Zooper Doopers!

On the 9th of December we be holding our last Special lunch of the year, don't forget to put your order on Qkr. It will be Subway, as it was the winner of our Survey so far.

Thank you for all people that participated in our Survey, it really help us to plan for next year!!

Thank you!

### **A Special Thankyou!**

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing Parents and Friends volunteers for all of the fundraising they have done this year. The funds have been used to purchase a new sound and lighting system for the school, which can be used for many school events. This was only possible because of the hard-work and dedication of a few people, who give up their time and energy regularly to make these events and fundraisers a reality!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Week 7

Monday 28th November - Basketball Yr 5/6 (after school)  
Tuesday 29th November AFL R-2 (after school)  
Wednesday 30th November - Basketball Yr 3/4 (after school)  
Thursday 1st December - Whole School Transition  
Thursday 1st December - Board Meeting 7.00pm  
Thursday 1st December - Early Explorers  
Thursday 1st December - AFL R-2 (after school)  
Friday 2nd December - Rec - 2 Assembly  
Friday 2nd December - PFC Meeting

## Week 8

Monday 5th December - Basketball Yr 5/6 (after school)  
Tuesday 5th December - Whole School Thanksgiving Mass  
Wednesday 7th December - Basketball Yr 3/4 (after school)  
Thursday 8th December - Early Explorers Liturgy  
Friday 9th December - Yr 6 Assembly  
Friday 9th December - Special Lunch no BBQ  
Friday 9th December - Carols Night



## Week 9

Monday 12th December - Basketball Yr 5/6 (after school)  
Tuesday 13th December - Yr 6 Graduation  
Wednesday 14th December - Basketball Yr 3/4 (after school)  
Wednesday 14th December - Yr 6 excursion  
Friday 16th December - Pupil Free Day

# 2023

Monday 30th January - Meet the Teacher Day  
Tuesday 31st January - First day of school

