ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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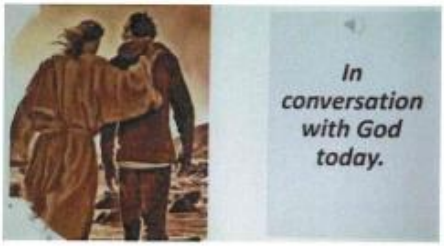
Antonio Staff Faith Formation Day

On Friday as a staff we took the time to develop inwardly and outwardly about those we serve. We went in small groups to enjoy the hospitality of a variety of recipients of Catholic Charities including the Hutt Street Centre, Our Lady of La Vang Special School, St Patricks Special School, Centacare, Ain Karim and Catherine House.

We came together to reflect on the Theology of Hospitality and how this links with the Wisdom Strand of our newly evolved Religious Education Curriculum.

As we reflected, we deepened our experience of radical hospitality as it occurs in the community as an expression of God's presence in the everyday.

The radical hospitality we speak of is that, that Jesus shared …. It was free, unexpected, touching, memorable, powerful and transformative.



Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands,
With which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth, but yours.

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

A little giving goes a long way.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is creeping up to almost a year since I began my Principal role at Antonio at the beginning of term 4 in 2018. I am constantly reminded of the privileged role that I have in this learning community and am grateful for the support and opportunity to work with such wonderful students, families and staff.

Last week I engaged in my one-year appraisal where I reflected on my leadership development and a number of students, parents, staff and Fr Roman were invited to be interviewed by Pam Ronan, my Principal Consultant, to provide detailed feedback about my impact across significant areas of the community.

Pam provided a short verbal summary of what she learned from this process before completing a written report which will be sent to me for reading, reflection and comment before being forwarded to the Director of Catholic Education SA.

I am thankful to those members of the community who provided such constructive feedback which will inform my work to be the best leader I can be for this community.

The entire process was a great reminder for me about the importance of '**listening to understand**' to learn, problem solve and improve. I am reminded that there is a difference between just hearing as opposed to listening deeply too understand. When I 'listen to understand' I ask questions to clarify what is being shared with me, I understand the perspectives of others more deeply and then understand the bigger picture and can act more effectively to improve and change.

I am extremely grateful to the **PFC members** who coordinated our 90s Quiz Night last Saturday. It was quite the evening with a great mixture of **fun**-raising and **fund**raising which will support the nature play development at our school. Thank you also to all of the wonderful sponsors who donated prizes to support our raffle and silent auction. We are thankful for the generosity and I invite you to utilize their expertise and services should the need arise.

Last Thursday we welcomed our Early Explorers who are **transitioning** to school. It was wonderful meeting Molly, Archer, Hunter, Jasmine, Caleb, Arizona, Savannah, Alex, Amaya, Astrid

and Aurora, their parents and carers today. We will soon have some more children and families joining them and we look forward to building strong relationships with them all in the weeks and months to come.

On Friday the staff engaged in our annual **faith formation day**. This year staff groups visited one of the nine Catholic Charities in the morning focusing on a theology of hospitality and service. Following these visits, staff members came together to reflect on their experiences to inspire their own and collective growth and development as people and educators in our community.

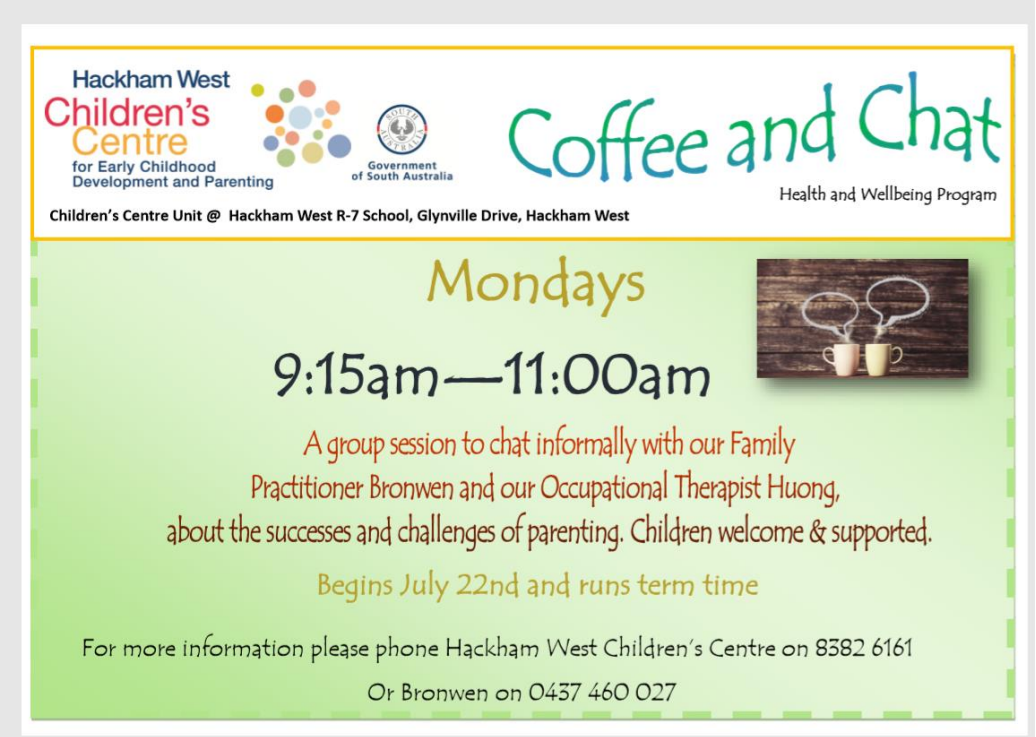
On the next two Wednesdays 11th and 18th September I invite parents to engage in a parent forum to view and provide feedback on our **Bullying and Harassment Policy** which we are currently updating. You are most welcome to join me at 2.15pm in the Board Room to help shape our updated policy that will include our rationale/philosophy, definitions of bullying and harassment, responsibilities for staff, students and parents, clear procedures for preventing and responding to bullying and harassment and resources for school and home to use. Please email me at agarton@antonio.catholic.edu.au if you are able to contribute in person or via email.

Anthony Garton
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 8	08/09 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09/09 BOOK WEEK	10/09 MV Sacrament Program Session 6.00-7.30pm PPC meeting 7.30 Emmaus	11/09 Cog. Coaching Lil and Tan	12/09 Cog. Coaching Lil and Tan	13/09 Year 2 Assembly and Book week parade	14/09
Week 9	15/09 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16/09	17/09	18/09	19/09	20/09 R/1 Assembly Disco times etc TBA	21/09
Week 10	22/09 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23/09 5/6 camp L & N Tanya	24/09 5/6 camp MV Sacrament Program Session 6.00-7.30pm	25/09 5/6 camp	26/09	27/09 3/4 Mass Feast- St Vincent de Paul	28/09

STUDENT NEWS

REMINDER: All students to wear hats as from Wednesday this week. No hat - no play.

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