

NEWSLETTER



Vac Care

Lots of fun had by all!
Craft, AFL Max, Movies,
cooking & water Play



Principal - Anthony Garton

Welcome everyone to a new year full of opportunity and learning at Antonio.

A special welcome to our new students and families who have brought wonderful ideas, energy and friendship to share.

I am filled with excitement as I walk through the outside and inside learning spaces seeing staff and students learning together, playing games, helping each other, exploring challenging problems and sharing their discoveries.

Today we celebrated our first liturgy for the year with a theme of welcome. Our Gospel reading included Jesus words he said to his disciples, 'Let the children come to me.' Jesus welcomed all who were less powerful and living on the margins. We are called to be mindful of those who are less powerful, to listen and welcome them.

Reading Focus in 2023 - Everyone's reading for homework

This year at Antonio we aim to be a reading powerhouse school where we are **all reading** with growing confidence, understanding and skill. We will be achieving this through our teaching and learning programs that explicitly teach reading skills, capture the joy of reading and inspire everyone to read a little each day.

Our homework will simply focus on every student engaging in reading for at least 10 minutes for Reception - Year 2 students and at least 20 minutes for Year 3 - 6 students. This reading time can include students reading independently, reading together with siblings/yourself or being read to.

The infographic on this pages provides a great summary of the benefits of reading on your child's learning and wellbeing. It is never too late to start reading and benefitting from it.

Hoskin Building Redevelopment Update

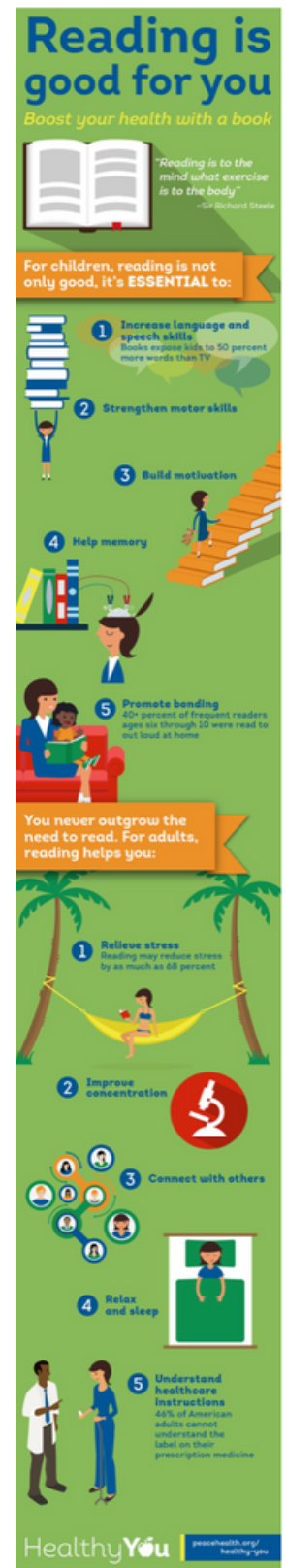
We are looking forward to the new building development creating 8 classrooms, breakout spaces for technology, science and cooking, small group work rooms, staff preparation rooms and new toilets starting later this year around October.

Prior to this starting, possibly in April, we will have transportable classrooms delivered to the Antonio oval (along the fence adjacent to the gym) for classes currently in the Hoskin building to move into. The Green Doors room will also move to be situated between the music room and the gym. This move will take place in the April term break while everyone is offsite to reduce disruption and keep everyone safe.

I look forward to meeting you all at our upcoming Community Welcome Night on Wednesday 1st March from 5.30pm.

Warm regards and happy reading,

Anthony Garton
Principal



Acting APRIM - Bec Hall

Bringing the Bible to Life at School

Antonio school staff were very fortunate during the staff days before school began to learn with Robyn Mercer, a teacher and expert in using the method of Godly Play to bring to life the message and relevance of stories from the Bible.

Robyn uses a range of materials including simple wooden figures to retell scripture stories in a way that is engaging and relevant. The script used and simple actions involved help to create a reflective and thought-provoking space for children and adults alike.



The day with Robyn was inspiring and while we continue to add to our Godly Play resources, we are eager to help our students make sense of the stories they hear and the invaluable messages they discover for everyday life today.

At the conclusion of the story, the storyteller asks some open-ended questions to encourage the children to reflect on the story help us think about the meaning in our own lives.

“I wonder...are you in the story or which part of the story is about you?”

“I wonder...what do you think Jesus trying to teach about children through his words and actions?”

Finance - Jodie Veldhoen

Welcome to the new school year. School Fees statements will be posted out in week three. If you do not receive it by 17th February please let me know and I can check the address we have on file and reprint it for you. Many people completed payment option forms at the end of last year but if you require new authority forms or help to calculate the payment amounts please send me an email.

The payment in full date to ensure a 5% discount is set for 28th February which is in week 5 and the first instalment due date is 3rd March if paying each term. There are many payment options being: payment in full; in three or four instalments Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4; by regular payments to the office; or by setting up a Direct Debit or Credit Card Authority. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, direct debit, Bpay or via the Qkr phone application. (Qkr installation instructions will be attached to this newsletter). You can send noncash payments through your child's classroom communication box or drop off payments direct to myself in the office. Receipts will be sent back to you via your child's communication box for cash, cheque or manual credit card payments.

Enclosed with the fees for new families will be Direct Debit form for those who wish to use this service. I recommend the Direct Debit as an easy way to set up regular payments that can be spread weekly, fortnightly or monthly throughout the year. Please remember I need a few days notice for a Direct Debit to be set up, but once it is set up your details are kept on file and you can amend the amounts each year without the need to fill in a new form, you just need to advise me of the new amount. You can even leave it open ended so that payments will continue into the next year to help keep the regular amounts lower. Keep in mind if you set up a payment straight away there would be 40 weeks, 20 fortnights or 10 months left for these payments. If you wait until later then there will be less payments so they will have to be higher amounts. If you need some help to calculate how much each payment should be please call me or email me at accounts@antonio.catholic.edu.au and I will email you back the recommended amount.

Breakfast Home Packages

If your family would like a package of breakfast spreads (jam & vegemite), milk, bread & cereal for home use – you are welcome to contact the Front Office here at school by email or phone, and we will liaise with you regarding pick-up arrangements.



Foodbank Vouchers

We also have available 'Customer Pays Vouchers' from Foodbank who sponsor our Breakfast Club program at Antonio School. With the voucher, clients are able to access the Foodbank Hub four times, no more than once per week. With each individual shop, clients are able to spend up to the amount stipulated on the voucher. A lesser amount is able to be spent. Payment can be made using EFPTOS or Basics Card. Fruit, vegetables and bread are free. Grocery items are vastly cheaper than found in supermarkets. Please contact the school by email or phone if you would like to access this assistance.

Music and Performances

Welcome to a new school year and plenty of music making!

There are some opportunities for students to be involved in extracurricular activities at Antonio, and if your child is interested in any of the following ensembles, they can see me at school.

Choir – open to grades 3-6, with rehearsals during school hours.

Band – open to grades 5-6, with rehearsals during school hours.

Drum corps – open to grade 6 only, with rehearsals during lunch time.

Wakakirri – open to grades 3-6, with rehearsals after school in Term 2 and early Term 3 only. A fee is charged to cover costs. Further information about Wakakirri will be forthcoming later this term.

We also offer instrumental music tuition via Pathways Music School.



There is a prospectus and enrolment form available on request at the front office. Currently, we offer tuition in voice, drums, guitar and piano. Students participate in an evening concert towards the end of the year, and there is the option of either individual or small group lessons, which take place during school hours.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year of music at Antonio!

Lisa Cannizzaro, Music Teacher.

Your individual Bpay code will be printed on the bottom of your statement, which is also a quick way to make a bulk or regular payment direct through your bank or financial institution.

Don't forget for those families, single parents, or businesses on a low income of around \$66,412 School Card can be applied for via the following links.

These must be completed each school year on the below links.

[Form A \(Income Assessment\)](#)

[Form B \(hardship, change of circumstances or self-employed\)](#)

If accepted, this will allow us to reduce your tuition fees by 40%, so please apply and let me know you have done so ASAP. If you do not qualify for School Card but are experiencing trouble making payments, please contact me so we can work out a solution.

Due Dates – reminder statements will be posted each term if a balance exists.

Payment in full to receive 5% discount: 28th February

Term 1 instalment: 3rd March

Term 2 instalment: 2nd June

Term 3 instalment: 25th August

Term 4 instalment: 17th November

If you have any queries, please email me on accounts@antonio.catholic.edu.au, phone me on 83254500 extension 3 or come in and see me Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Jodie Veldhoen

School Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club Volunteers

Our daily school Breakfast Club program is supported by Foodbank SA.

We are 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

Email: info@antonio.catholic.edu.au



Please note that all volunteers need to comply with volunteer guidelines:- holding a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), completing the RAN training and a quick WH&S induction. There is no cost to parents. Please see the Front Office for a volunteer package should you need this information.

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Book Club

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 class 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 classroom, 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.

REC/HALL REC/M REC/ZAN

1/2J 1/2JF 1/2NM 1/2P

3/4AB 3/4OR 3/4SS

5/6BL 5/6MF 5/6MI

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Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
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Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

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The graphic includes a 'BONUS!' starburst and an illustration of two children reading.

[Parent Guide \(click here\)](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 3

Wednesday 15th February - School Tour
Thursday 16th February – Basketball R -2 After School
Friday 17th February – Year 5/6 Assembly
Saturday 18th February – School Tour

Week 4

Tuesday 21st February – Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 21st February - Basketball R -2 After School
Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday
Thursday 23rd February - Basketball R -2 After School

Week 5

Tuesday 28th February – Naplan Practice Test
Tuesday 28th February - Basketball R -2 After School
Wednesday 1st March – Family Welcome Night
Thursday 2nd March – No Session for After School Sport
Friday 3rd March – Reception Assembly

Week 6

Tuesday 7th March - Basketball R -2 After School
Thursday 9th March - Basketball R -2 After School
Thursday 9th March – Early Explorers

Week 7

Monday 13th March – Public Holiday Adelaide Cup
Tuesday 14th March - Basketball R -2 After School
Wednesday 15th March to Friday 17th March – Naplan
Thursday 16th March - Basketball R -2 After School
Thursday 16th March – Early Explorers
Friday 17th March – Year 1 /2 Assembly

Week 8

Monday 20th March to 23rd March – Naplan
Tuesday 21st March - Basketball R -2 After School
Thursday 23rd March - Basketball R -2 After School
Thursday 23rd March – Early Explorers

Week 9

Tuesday 28th March - Basketball R -2 After School
Wednesday 29th March – School Tour
Thursday 30th March - Basketball R -2 After School
Thursday 30th March – Early Explorers
Friday 31st March – Year 3 / 4 Assembly
Saturday 1st April – School Tour



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10

Thursday 6th April – Early Explorers

Friday 7th April – Good Friday

Week 11

Monday 10th April – Easter Monday

Thursday 13th April – Early Explorers

Friday 14th April - Specialist Assembly



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