



NEWSLETTER



Principal – Anthony Garton

I hope this newsletter finds you well after a great sports day today. Congratulations to Murphy for winning the Perpetual Shield and McAuley for winning the Bob Nicholls Spirit Award. Thank you to Katrine Hildyard MP Sports Minister for opening our Sports Day. Thank you also to all our volunteers, staff, parents, carers, grandparents, and students for making it such a wonderful community celebration. Special thank you to Alex Field our Sports Teacher who coordinated the day.

School Board and Finance Committee Nominations for 2024

At this time each year we call for expressions of interest from across our community for parent and carer positions on firstly the School Board and secondly the Finance Committee. Both groups provide advice to the school leadership team to ensure decisions, policy and procedures reflect our Catholic identity, the needs and values of our growing school community.

The School Board will have three parent/carer positions open. We have six parent/carer positions on the Board with three people completing their two year term each year. So in 2024 three parent/carers will continue on in their second year of their two year term and three parent/carers will begin the first year of their two year term.

The Finance Committee has three parent/carer places available for 2024 with myself, a staff member and Jodie Veldhoen our finance officer to provide advice on the financial management of the school.

Both groups meet twice each term on the same Thursdays. Finance Committee meetings begin at 5.30pm and School Board meetings begin at 7.00pm.

Please click on the link provided [here](#) to register your interest. I can make contact with you to answer any questions you may have.

Living Learning Leading Framework Survey Results Summary

We have received the summary of our survey results, which was conducted early in Term 3. The purpose of the survey is to track our school improvement in the key areas of:

- Identity
- Learning and Wellbeing
- Resourcing and infrastructure
- Community

The information from this survey will be a focus for our strategic planning and will be viewed by the School Board, staff, students and our leadership team before being share across the entire community.

In this newsletter I am sharing the summary of the results before communicating the strategic actions that will be implemented to continue our school improvement in the newsletters to come this year and at the beginning of next year.

Firstly, below is a summary of the number of surveys completed across our community. Each survey was designed to gain the perceptions of each of the community groups listed below, while focusing on the same four key areas as highlighted above.

Living Learning Leading Survey	Number of surveys completed
Year 2 - 4 students	101
Year 5 and 6 students	57
Staff - Education Support Officers (ESOs)	16
Staff - Teaching and Leadership	20
Parents and Carers	67

I really appreciate having so many surveys completed by parents/carers and students so that voices beyond the leadership and staff are included.

In the interest of communicating the results using the least amount of space in the newsletter, I provide the following summary.

While overall there are many pleasing results being rated at 4 or above, we have a number of areas rated at 3.5 - 4 out of 6 which we want to improve to be 5 or more. We have high expectations of ourselves and student learning and wellbeing.

Hard copies of all the results will be available in the front office for members of the community to view.

	Noticeables	Celebrations (Rating out of 6)	Areas for Improvement (Rating out of 6)
Parents and carers survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 out of 8 areas rate 4 and above out of 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming School Infrastructure for staff and students Learning support (4.96 out of 6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Agency (4.60 out of 6) Parent School Partnerships (4.64 out of 6)
Staff ESO survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 out of 9 key areas rate 4 and above out of 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting student needs Community Partnerships Welcoming School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student reflection on growth Student agency in learning (4.18 out of 6)
Staff teaching and leadership survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 out of 10 areas rate 4 and above out of 6, the remainder are 3.49 - 3.84 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming and Inclusive School Teaching expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Agency
Ratings for Student surveys		Celebrations (Rating out of 5)	Areas of Improvement (Ratings out of 5)
Students Year 2-4 survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 out of 7 areas rate 4 and above out of 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Support (4.65 out of 5) Catholic Identity (4.65 out of 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Agency (3.71. out of 5)
Students Year 5 and 6 survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas rate 3.5 or higher out of 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Support (4.51 out of 6) Catholic Identity (3.94) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Agency (3.57)

We look forward to working closely with staff, students and parents to continue to grow and develop our strengths and also those we can improve further. Our commitment is to creating the best school we can be for all children.

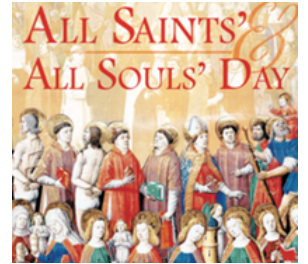
APRIM and Leader of Wellbeing – Kerry Cornelius

Dear Families,

As we dive headfirst into the bustling, yet thrilling waters of Term 4, it's not just about surviving all that is happening, it's about thriving amongst it! Our staff are committed to ensuring this term is a journey filled with kindness, purpose and growth for everyone. Let's embrace the busy with excitement 😊

Celebrating All Saints and All Souls Days

Last week, our staff and students engaged in a Liturgy for All Saints and All Souls Days. In the Church, the month of November is a time to think about our connections - not just those we are aware of right now, nearby, but the people we are connected to past, present and future.



November 1st was All Saints Day. This day is about the huge 'family' of which we are a part – the long line of people through the ages who have tried to live their lives with compassion, justice and love. We are part of what the Church calls a 'communion of saints'. This 'communion of saints' of which we are a part challenges and inspires us to find the small and large ways we can live 'goodness' in our own situations.

November 2nd was All Souls Day and is a time to remember and pray for those who have died. This is a day that reminds us, especially in the difficult times, that we have a community who prays with us, whom we can pray for, who remembers those close to them, who help us in everyday ways. When we pray for those who have died, we are joined by the whole community to support us, to hold our loved ones, and pray with us to God.

Remembrance Day

Given that Remembrance Day is on Saturday this year, it is important to note that this is a time where we would traditionally come together as a school community to honour the courageous individuals who sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace. It's a moment to reflect on the importance of love, selflessness and unity. Just as we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, let's also take the opportunity to cherish the values of peace, compassion and gratitude that unite us as a community here at Antonio.



Year 4 Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (RELAT) Results

We have recently received the results of the Year 4 Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (RELAT) results. For the parents and caregivers of children in Year 4, your child's result summary will be sent home early next week. Should you have any questions about your child's RELAT results, you are welcome to chat to your child's class teacher or myself.



Mini Vinnies Spring Tidy Initiative

As many of you may already know, our fantastic Mini Vinnies group are sparking some springtime excitement in our school community. They're leading the charge for a 'Spring Tidy' and are on a mission to collect all those good, clean clothes that you no longer need. We've got two big bins eagerly waiting to be filled – one right at the front of the school and the other near the gym. Your generosity in donating these clothes will make a huge difference. Thank you to those who can contribute. The bins will be with us until Friday 24th November.



Wellbeing – Character Strengths

Over the last couple of weeks, our school has been focusing on two important Character Strengths: Creativity and Teamwork. Creativity, a strength within the virtue of wisdom, involves generating original ideas and behaviours. To boost your creativity, consider enrolling in a class related to your interests, creating and sharing your work, or drawing inspiration from famous creative individuals. Teamwork, a vital strength within the virtue of justice, fosters collaboration, connection and support among us. To enhance your teamwork skills, try volunteering for community service, leading group discussions, organising social gatherings and being a great team player.



Teamwork



Creativity

Parents Friends Community (PFC)

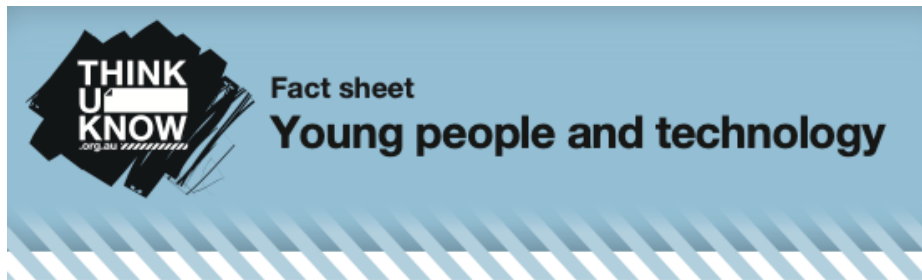
The Parents Friends and Community (PFC) plays a pivotal role in our school's vibrant community. Comprising of dedicated parents and friends, this group works together to support and enhance the school experience of our children, ensuring that there are many memories made. From organising fun-filled events and fundraisers, to providing valuable assistance in various school activities, the PFC's involvement ensures that our school remains a thriving hub of learning and connection. We are always looking to expand our PFC and all members of our community are warmly welcome to our meetings. We usually meet twice per term, with one meeting usually during the day and another in the evening to capture most family situations. We are looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair of the PFC to lead us into 2024. Should you be interested in either of these positions, please email me with a brief (100 word) expression of interest by Friday 17th November. More information on this process is available on Seesaw.



Think You Know Cyber Safety Fact Sheet – Young People and Technology

As outlined in my last correspondence, I will be sharing a fact sheet in each Newsletter this Term from the Think You Know website: <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au>

This week, we delve into young people and technology. There are many ways that our young people can connect to the internet and use the internet. It is important that we are all aware of these avenues so we can ensure that we adequately support our children to surf the internet safely.



Are you comfortable talking to your children about using the internet?
It doesn't matter if you don't know much about technology – we're here to help you learn.

How do young people connect to the internet?



How do young people use the internet?

★ Apps

Each 'app' is a program that can do different things.



★ Downloading or file sharing

Downloading is when you copy data, files or information from one device to another.



★ Social media

Social media is described as different websites and apps where you create a personal profile to communicate with others. Examples include Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.



★ Instant messaging and 'chat'

Instant messaging (IM), and 'chat' are messages sent (and received) in real time over the internet. You can also video chat if you have a computer or mobile device with a webcam/camera.



★ Gaming

Gaming can be a great way for young people to have fun. Games can help children:

- learn problem solving skills
- work with others
- grow confidence.



★ Image and video sharing

For young people, image and video sharing can be a fun way to communicate with friends.

Even though some apps may claim that content 'disappears', remind your children an image can still be copied, saved or stored.

Once an image or video is sent you can lose control over where it ends up.



How can I help my child search the internet safely?

Some content on the internet may be illegal, inappropriate or unsuitable for some age groups.

★ Children under 10

It's a good idea for adults to supervise children under 10, and explore technology with them.



You can also use filtering software, parental controls and safe searching controls.

★ Tweens

They may want more freedom to explore the internet in private. Safe searching tips and parental controls may still be useful.



Discuss safe internet use and talk to your child about what they should do if something upsets them online.

★ Teenagers

Help teenagers understand how to search safely and encourage respectful relationships.



ThinkUKnow's top tips for using technology



- Be careful accepting friend or follower requests on social media.
- Learn how to block and report.
- Know how to get help on the social media websites and apps you and your children use.
- Know what content your children are searching online.
- Talk to your children about when and how they are using the internet.

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information and tips!



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Wishing you all a fantastic weekend and an inspiring fortnight ahead! As we look forward to World Kindness Day next Monday, let's remember the enduring power of compassion and empathy. In closing, I leave you with a heartfelt sentiment: "Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give." (Author Unknown).

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Finance - Jodie Veldhoen

School fee statements were posted home this week with the final payments due by Friday 17th November, unless you are on a payment plan.

If you have not received your statement and have a balance please contact me on accounts@antonio.catholic.edu.au so I can reprint and email it to you. If you need an extension of time or are having trouble making payments, please contact me so we can work out a solution. We understand there are many cost pressures happening now and we can have a chat over the phone or you can complete a remission form so we can work out what can be done. I am here Monday to Friday so you can phone, pop in or send me an email.

Kind Regards
Jodie

Student Reporter - Leah

Last week the year 5/6 went to Cardijn to compete in Cardijn Cup. The events that we could choose from were netball or soccer.

It was a really fun and exciting although we did not win a medal, we were winners in our own way.

Sports Day was today and was an exciting time the winners of sports day were Murphy for the Perpetual Sheild and, McAuley the Bob Nicholls Spirit Award.

It was nice seeing everybody in blue, yellow, red and green colours.

I think all the teams should get the Spirit award for the chanting and team spirit.



CONGRATULATIONS



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Book Fair Commences this week



4th December to Thursday 7th - Dental Clinic



Wednesday 13th December - Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 14th December - Final Day of School for 2023

Friday 15th December - Pupil Free Day (OSHC available)



**Congratulations !
Year 5/6 Netball Team
Winning the Grand Final**

