



NEWSLETTER



Year 1/2 Intergrated learning



Principal – Anthony Garton

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

We are at the end of Week 6, meaning we are ever so closer to those wonderful end of year celebrations and events which bring so much joy. We look forward to seeing you at these events in the coming weeks. You can keep up with everything that is happening by checking our live calendar on the school website, reading the further information in this newsletter and checking out posts on Seesaw.

Class Structures for 2024

Next year we are introducing more single year level classes as we move towards a double stream school.

Our structure will be:

Two Reception Classes (plus one Mid-Year Reception Class)

Two Year 1 Classes

Two Year 2 Classes

Two Year 3 Classes

Two Year 4 Classes

Three Year 5/6 Classes

Our classes will have from 20 - 26 students along with a teacher and ESO to support quality teaching and learning.

Next week we will be in a position to inform the community of our teaching and non-teaching staff for 2024. We are close to finalising these roles, including some new positions that are aimed at enriching teaching and learning for all students and administering and connecting families with sports and performing arts programs across the school.

End of Year Student Reports Reminder

Please keep an eye out for a separate Seesaw post as well as a hard copy letter providing instructions on how to receive your child's report electronically in the final week of the term. As you will remember from Semester One, we introduced a new format of student report using SEQTA as did all Catholic Schools in SA. The next step now is to send your child's report electronically to you via the SEQTA Engage site. Please follow the instructions provided and if you have any queries please email these to reports@antonio.catholic.edu.au

New Year 3-6 Building Development Update

You may have noticed the temporary fencing and work huts set up in the front of the school by the current Hoskin building now. The site for the new building has been handed over to Cook Build who have commenced preparing the site for the works to take place. Thank you for supporting your children to be ready to enter and leave the front of the school in a slightly different way and for using our front car park safely. While there will be some inconvenience, there will be such great rewards with our new building to work and learn together in, by the end of next year.



On 8th January two more transportable classrooms will be placed at either end of the row of five currently on the oval. All the transportable classrooms will host our Years 3/4 and 5/6 classes during 2024 before they move into the new building, upon its completion.

On January 9th and 10th our school will be without power as the current switchboard at the base of the Hoskin building is replaced by a new switchboard in a new location nearby. This power outage will occur before our great VacCare program starts for the new year in the following week.



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YOU

I would like to say a big thanks to all our volunteers who are supporting our sports teams at Antonio at the moment. Thank you for your time, your positive approach and your leadership which provides such a positive example of how to approach a challenge, work as a team, accept a loss and play with integrity. These are valuable lessons for our children to learn now as they engage increasingly with others beyond our families and school.

APRIM and Leader of Wellbeing – Kerry Cornelius

Dear Families,

As we find ourselves in the spirited last part of Term 4, our school is buzzing with excitement and accomplishment. From academic achievements to creative endeavours, our students continue to shine brightly, making these final weeks of the school year truly special.

Advent

Next week at Antonio, we will begin celebrating Advent. On this First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope. We have hope because God is ever faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. Advent holds profound significance in our Catholic community as it marks the beginning of the liturgical year and a period of joyful anticipation leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. This sacred season encourages students to reflect on the virtues of hope, love, joy, and peace, fostering a sense of spiritual preparation and gratitude. Through daily prayers, Scripture readings, and meaningful activities, we aim to instil the values of patience and mindfulness, nurturing a deeper connection to the Christian faith. As we light the Advent candles and engage in prayer, we strive to create an atmosphere of unity and shared purpose, reminding our students of the true meaning of Christmas.

End of Year Mass

Due to the refurbishment of the Mary Help of Christians Church, our End of Year Mass will be held on Tuesday 5th December in the Antonio Gym, beginning at 11:45am. All families welcome!



Mini Vinnies Christmas Hampers

The festive season is upon us, and our Mini Vinnies are once again gearing up for a heart-warming initiative to spread joy and kindness. This year, we are again proudly supporting St Vincent de Paul by assembling Christmas Hampers filled with love, laughter, and essential goodies for families facing challenging times. It's our chance to make a real difference and ensure that everyone can experience the magic of Christmas. Below is a list of preferred items for the hampers. Let's make this season extra special by coming together as a school community to fill those collection boxes in each class. All donations are due by Thursday, 14th December. Your continued support means the world to those less fortunate during this special time of the year. Together, we can make this Christmas truly magical! 🎄🌟❤️



Mini Vinnies

ANTONIO SCHOOL

2023 CHRISTMAS
HAMPER
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HELPS PEOPLE

Mini Vinnies

We invite you to share in the spirit of
Christmas by donating non-perishable items
to make up Christmas Hampers. Let's help all
families to experience the joy of Christmas!

WE INVITE YOU TO SEND IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
OVER THE COMING WEEKS:

RECEPTION:
Puddings, Fruit Mince Pies, Sweet Biscuits

1/2F AND 1/2P:
Christmas Crackers, Bon Bons, Decorations and Serviettes

1/2J AND 1/2M:
Sweets, Lollies and Chocolates

YEAR 3/4:
Canned Vegetables, Pasta, Pasta Sauce and Rice

YEAR 5/6:
Canned Fruit, Jelly, Custard and Cordial

On Thursday 14th December, each class will
bring their goods to the gym to reflect
creatively on what it means to help people in
need. Thank you for your generosity.



Volunteering for St Vincent de Paul Society

During our PFC meeting this Wednesday afternoon, we were privileged to welcome Tony and Brenda, dynamic representatives from St Vincent de Paul, who commended our Antonio school community and particularly our Mini Vinnies for their unwavering support. Tony and Brenda passionately shared insights into the impactful work carried out by St Vincent de Paul, emphasising the increasing demand for assistance, with them currently averaging around 20 calls per week from families and individuals at their nearby Morphet Vale site. Acknowledging the invaluable contribution of their dedicated volunteers, they extended a heartfelt invitation for new members to join them, stressing that even a commitment of just a few hours a month can make a meaningful impact. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference and can volunteer your time, please don't hesitate to reach out and I'll connect you with Tony. Your generosity can truly be a beacon of hope for those in challenging times.

Year 6 Retreat

Last Monday, our Year 6 students embarked on the annual Year 6 Retreat, centred around the compelling themes of strengths, values, and connection. The day unfolded as a unique opportunity for our soon-to-be graduating Senior Leaders of 2023 to introspectively explore their personal growth and primary school journey. We began our day with a beautiful Liturgy and later engaged in a series of thought-provoking games and activities that emphasised teamwork. Our students not only fortified their bonds but also honed essential skills. A special highlight was the presence of Year 9 Social Justice students from Cardijn College, offering insights into the exciting transition to secondary school. Together, we also crafted delicious memories by cooking up pizzas and scones together for lunch! It was a day that truly encapsulated the spirit of growth, camaraderie, and lasting joy!



Wellbeing – Character Strengths

Over the last couple of weeks, our school has continued our Character Strengths focus, this time looking at Curiosity and Fairness.



Curiosity is a strength within the virtue category of wisdom. To be curious is to explore and discover, to take an interest in ongoing experience for its own sake. Curiosity is often described as novelty-seeking and being open to experience, and it's associated with the natural desire to build knowledge. It is fulfilling to journey toward an answer, to engage in a new experience, or to learn a new fact.



Fairness

Fairness is a strength within the virtue category of justice. Fairness is treating people justly, not letting your personal feelings bias your decisions about others. You want to give everyone a fair chance, and believe there should be equal opportunity for all, though you also realise that what is fair for one person might not be fair for another.

Term 4 Classroom PULSE Check In

Our students from Reception – Year 6 have this week completed their final Catholic Education SA Classroom Pulse Check In for 2023. As many of you are aware, the Classroom Pulse Check In happens once each term and is a Wellbeing Initiative with its primary purpose being to find out how students are currently feeling about their experiences of school. The data is collected state-wide in each Catholic school and is used by school leadership and classroom teachers to plan for and make improvements in the area of wellbeing and relationships. So that you are aware, as a staff team, we analyse this data each Term, focussing on the following key questions to bring about improvements:

- Noticeable – First Glance – What do you see?
- Concerns – What is worrying about this data?
- Suggestions – What are we doing? What could we be doing?
- Questions – What are the questions we need to ask to dig deeper? What else do I need to learn?
- Celebrations!!!



Think You Know Cyber Safety Fact Sheet – Online Gaming

In an era where digital engagement is prominent, understanding the ins and outs of online gaming is essential. This fact sheet for families provides valuable insights and guidance on how to navigate this popular form of entertainment responsibly, ensuring our students and families can make informed choices in the digital landscape. Explore the facts on the next page, have fun, and game on!

Wishing you all a beautiful weekend. May you find some time in the busyness of life at the moment to switch down a gear, rest and connect with loved ones.

I look forward to seeing families at our many exciting End of Year Events!



Online gaming

i This fact sheet includes information for parents and carers about online gaming.

What is online gaming?

Online gaming includes video games played over a device connected to the internet and can range from simple text based games, to games incorporating complex graphics and virtual worlds. Games can be played either solo or by many players simultaneously.

How does it work?

Online games can be played on a range of devices, including consoles, computers, tablets and smartphones, which can have **some level of online access**. Games can also have augmented or virtual reality capabilities.

Online gaming can be a lot of fun and has many benefits for children and young people. It can help develop problem solving skills, and can encourage teamwork and creativity and creative thinking.

Many games have the ability to play single player, however **online multiplayer gaming is a popular activity** for young people.

Popular games vary across age groups and genres but can include **Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite, Final Fantasy, Call of Duty, Animal Crossing** and **Grand Theft Auto**.

What are the challenges?

Many games have 'in game' chat, including video, voice and text that allows players to directly communicate with each other. There are also separate apps or sites

specifically made for gaming that allow users to communicate with each other in real time. For example, **Discord** is a popular app that allows for voice, video and live stream among users.

It is important to remember that young people who are playing multiplayer games **could be playing with people they don't know**, and could be a lot older than they are.



Research from the eSafety Commissioner suggests that half of 8-17 year old have played an online game with someone they have not met in person

(<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/research/youth-online-gaming-state-of-play/youth-online-gaming>)

In game chat is a common method for online child sex offenders to target children. **It is important for children and young people to recognise suspicious behaviour**, which can include being asked personal questions or to move from a game to continue chatting on another app.

The best thing for children to do in these situations is to **block the person and tell a trusted adult** straight away.



When signing up for games, young people may be asked to create a profile and username. A profile or username **can give away a lot of information including your child's name, age or location**. This information can be kept private by creating smart usernames.



ThinkUKnow has created an activity for parents, carers and children to do together to learn how to create a smart username, visit thinkuknow.org.au

Tips for staying safe

- **Maintain supervision** of your child when they are playing games.
- **Consider disabling in game chat functions** if they are not critical to the game. If your child is playing games with voice chat, consider enabling the speakers so you can monitor discussions.
 - Children should only play games with **people they know and trust**. However if your child is playing multiplayer games, encourage them to keep the topic about the game only.
- To protect personal information, help your child create a smart username and **profile that gives out no personal details**. It might be a nickname or a made up name.
- Learn how to **block and report** other players and inappropriate contact.

Getting help

Online child sexual exploitation, including **grooming** and **extortion**, can be reported to the **Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation** (accce.gov.au).

The **ThinkUKnow website** (thinkuknow.org.au) has information and resources to prevent online child sexual exploitation as well as how to report and get help.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 000.

If you become aware of explicit content that has been posted online, including child sexual abuse material, report the site to the **eSafety Commissioner** (esafety.gov.au). They have a range of powers to take action to have content removed.

Kids Helpline (kidshelpline.com.au) is a free, confidential telephone and online counselling service for young people between 5 and 25 years old.

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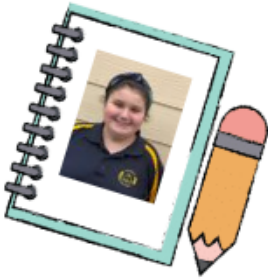
Finance - Jodie Veldhoen

School fee final payments were due last week, so please finalise any ad hoc amounts today. If you are paying by regular direct debit or credit card authority please check that your balance will be covered by the end of the year and/or before the 2024 fees are billed.

As always please come in and see me if you are having trouble making payments so we can work out a solution. My office hours are Monday to Friday between 8.00 and 4.00 or drop me an email at accounts@antonio.catholic.edu.au .

Jodie Veldhoen

Student Reporter - Leah



Wow this week is really a slow week waiting for end of year.

Carols night is coming up I hope everyone enjoys it! The Year 5/6's have been rehearsing with the Year 3/4's which we are performing with. We have been rehearsing our song and starting to learn our dance.

In Year 5/6 we have finished reading Harry Potter No 2 The Chamber of Secrets which means this Friday the Year 5/6's will be enjoying the movie.

You can tell the weather is getting hotter as you can feel the sun is hotter and when you go outside you can feel the warmth. Nature Play has been busy with people not wearing hats. Just a reminder the weather is getting hotter you need to wear hats.

The Year 6's are Graduating, and the rest of the school are moving up to different year levels. Year six's are going to the Beach House the day before graduation for our end of year excursion. I think it is a great way to end off the year for the Year 6's.

Minnie Vinnies has now handed out the Christmas Hamper baskets to each class for donations for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. At the front of the Christmas Hamper baskets there is a sign saying what that class / year level can bring in. You don't have to bring in all the items but if you did it would be really appreciated because all of these go to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society as a donation to help the less fortunate.

School News

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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)

