ANTONIO
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2018 WELCOME EVENING & ACM ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15th 6.00 – 8.30pm

The Antonio Catholic School community invites all our families, especially our new families, grandparents, extended family and friends, to share in this event to launch our school year.

Food will be served from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Cost per serve: *$5.00 per adult and $3.00 per child serve*

***ACM and Entertainment* will commence at 7.00pm**
WELCOME NIGHT ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15th 2018

- To assist in catering, we really need you to indicate you food choices on the form below and return to the school office with payment included, by February 12th, 2017.
- Beer, wine, soft drink, juices and bottled water will be available for purchase.
- Food is to ordered by Monday, February 12t

We welcome all our families to attend and meet staff

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for 2018! It's been an incredibly positive start to the school year and seeing the smiling faces of new and existing students, the staff and families has been an absolute delight. The well-known Antonio community spirit is obviously very much alive!

Your child's teachers and support staff have worked incredibly hard during the last 2-3 weeks to ensure their classrooms are organized and welcoming, and have put many hours into planning programs which will engage students and set them up for success.

In particular, we welcome the following students and their families:

Receptions	Jakub	**Year 2**
Jacob	William	Kylanna
Angus	Ashton	Aiden
Benjamin	Isabelle	Mia
Eileen	Sibella	Noah
Leianna	Summer Lee	Ryan
Dexter	Jasmine	**Year 3**
Elijah	Kaylee	Mena
Ila	Lucas	Twyla
Catelyn	Riley	**Year 4**
Aviana	Aimani	Charlie
Bryce	Aliyah	**Year 6**
Kelsie	**Year 1**	Adib
Stryder	William	Brock
Liam	Boyd	Talise
Sophia	Lily	**Year 7**
		Keisha

BEGINNING OF YEAR EVENTS

Welcome Night

We invite all families to come on Thursday February 15 at 6:00 pm to welcome in the new school year and our new community members. This has proven to be a very successful event over the past few years and promises to be a great evening that provides an opportunity for families to mix with staff socially, to re-connect with parents, grandparents and carers, and to make new friends.

Learning Plan Meetings

You may recall having Parent/Teacher meetings in early Term 1 in previous years as part of our efforts to engage you, the parents, more in your child's learning and in the life of the school. The feedback from staff and parents following these meetings has been very positive. Clearly the meetings were valued by you as we have had close to a 100% attendance rate!

On-line bookings are open for these meetings where you will be asked to share your knowledge of your child's learning with the teacher. You will also develop a plan to personalise the learning for your child with a focus for both school and home. This is also a good opportunity to share any other information which may impact on their learning. Bookings close Sunday at 8:00pm

FEES

A number of families have fees outstanding from 2017. Our financial audits have indicated that in order to provide the best education we can, our fee collection rates must improve. If you do have outstanding debts and you haven't discussed your situation with Tracy or me, it would be greatly appreciated if you contact me next week to discuss a payment plan.

I fully appreciate that managing your home budget can be stressful and difficult at times. I hope you understand that schools (in particular Catholic parish primary schools) are also under enormous pressure to 'keep our noses above water' whilst offering the best learning programs and facilities possible. We want to work with you to make arrangements which are beneficial and manageable for both school and families.

UNIFORM

Thank you to the vast majority of families for taking pride in our school by presenting your children in the correct uniform to school each day.

One of my least favourite jobs as principal is 'policing uniform' but I have a clear directive from the School Board to ensure students are in the correct uniform. This is includes wearing **predominantly white sports shoes** with the sports uniform. I will be doing 'uniform audits' over the next 2 weeks and following up with families as necessary.

All school uniform items are available from **Lowes at Colonnades, Noarlunga**. Remember to take advantage of their sales which they hold from time to time. The school also receives a rebate from them each year which is channeled straight back in to programs and resources for your children.

GIRL'S SUMMER UNIFORM

DRESS:	Antonio summer dress
JUMPER:	Antonio Green V-neck windcheater with school logo
SHOES:	Black leather school shoes with laces, black leather buckled shoes OR, black leather elastic sided boots
SOCKS:	White ankle length

BOY'S SUMMER UNIFORM

TOP:	White buttoned shirt
JUMPER:	Antonio Green V-neck windcheater with school logo
BOTTOM:	Grey school shorts
SHOES:	Black leather shoes, OR, black leather elastic sided boots
SOCKS:	Grey ankle length

BOY'S AND GIRL'S SPORTS UNIFORMS

TOP:	Polo sports shirt with school logo (note: the transition period to the new sports shirts is now finished)
BOTTOM:	Navy shorts, navy track pants with Antonio name
SHOES:	Predominantly white sports shoes
SOCKS:	White ankle length
JUMPER:	Antonio rugby top

ENROLMENTS

Our total student numbers are up significantly from last year. This is not a time to be complacent, however, as we will be farewelling both Year 6 and 7 cohorts at the end of the year. If you know of anyone considering school options for 2019 and beyond please invite them to make an appointment for a tour.

I am excited and very confident that we can all look forward to a productive, rewarding, happy and successful 2018.

Regards and blessings

Ray

STUDENT LUNCHES

BBQ LUNCHES for Term 1 2018 will be held every Friday. Orders to be returned to the school office or classroom office box on Thursdays. No late orders can be accepted.

SUBWAY LUNCHES will be available every Wednesday. Orders must be in the office by 9.30am ready for collection by the Subway staff. If you can arrange to have the correct cash with the order, which will make the office "girls" job much easier.

MUSIC LESSONS

Matthew Winter Academy of Music

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In 2018 I am offering music lessons on Mondays during school hours.

- These lessons are for half an hour once a week.
- Students will be expected to practise at home, in-between lessons, for the best results.
- Students can choose Guitar (also half price Guitar Group), Piano, Drums, Bass, Flute, Violin, Singing Etc.
- Family discounts are available as well as referral discounts.

Phone 0427 534101 for further information and to book your child's place.

GARDEN NEWS

Our garden looks absolutely amazing after the holidays with lots of produce.

Many thanks to the dedication of Bob and Peter for their generosity over the holiday break. Without their help our garden would have not been so productive.

Students are making chutneys and pickles with our vegetables. Yum!!

Term 1 2018 and classes in action

During this term we will have more class pics and information about their learning featured in our newsletters.

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ANTONIO MINI EXPLORERS PROGRAM PICTURE STORY

A big welcome back to our Playgroup families and an especially warm welcome to our new families.
As you can see from the photos Mums and grandparents were all involved in play with the children.

Jasmin Munro, our Playgroup Coordinator, will provide more information in the next newsletter

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Do you want to know how to better support the siblings of your child with a disability?

Those brothers and sisters may be the most important people in the life of your child with disability as they age, and building their resilience and relationships in a healthy way is so important to all families.

Families with a child with disability may need extra support and Siblings Australia is offering private parent consultations with the Director/Founder, Kate Strohm.

These informative and supportive sessions will help you to better understand the experience of siblings and give you some tools to support them. Each session will be tailored to your individual needs.
Siblings Australia Siblings Australia is the only organisation in Australia committed solely to addressing the unique concerns of brothers and sisters of people with special needs. The focus is on strengthening families, through provision of services and resources for families and service providers. Kate Strohm has 15 years' experience working in this field. Since establishing Siblings Australia in 1999 she has developed a national and international reputation for her work with siblings, families and professionals. She is also the author of Siblings; Brothers and Sisters of Children with Disability (revised edition released in 2014) and holds post-graduate qualifications in health education and counselling.

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Session Content Prior to the session, you will be asked to complete a simple form with information about your family and any concerns you may have.

The session will include discussion on what signs might indicate stress in your child(ren). It will also discuss how you can help your child(ren) to: • understand the disability • express their concerns • feel competent and valued • not take on too much responsibility • develop strategies to deal with difficult situations • access more social support • develop independence • + other concerns you may have

Kate brings a special understanding to her work with families – parent Session format Sessions will be one to two hours long. Ideally another session will be booked to enable follow up after a month, but this is not essential. The session location will be negotiable, depending on where you live. Alternatively, phone or Skype sessions can be arranged. Siblings Australia is a registered provider with the NDIS, in the Development of Daily Living and Life Skills Cluster (Parenting training for disability). For further information, including costs, please email or phone Kate via the contacts below.

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Tugra Shan Martial Arts offers you exciting martial arts classes where you learn Karate, Kickboxing, Self Defence, Jujitsu, Ground Defence & Weapons. Classes for Juniors, Adults, Women & Families. We help you achieve your personal best & make our classes enjoyable. We have a well rounded curriculum with a focus on street effective self defence. Your 1st Lesson is FREE & we have made our fees affordable for all with great Family Discounts.

Learn Self Defence Increase Self Respect & Respect for Others Build Confidence Self Discipline Stop Bullying

ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM Entry to Gym Via rear Car Park at 25 Stanley St Morphett Vale WEDNESDAYS: Juniors 4:30pm/ Adults 6pm

FLAXMILL SCHOOL P-7 gym 80 Flaxmill Rd, Morphett Vale TUESDAYS : Adults 6:30pm THURSDAYS: Juniors 5:30pm/ Adults 6:30pm

KARATE/ KICKBOXING/ SELF DEFENCE JUJITSU/ GROUND DEFENCE/ WEAPONS

1st Lesson Free