



# NEWSLETTER





## Principal – Anthony Garton

Greetings Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and perhaps a little more colourful after today's Colour Run.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, encouragement and partnership throughout the first term of this year. There have been many highlights for individuals and groups of students as well as across the entire community that we can be proud of.

I would like to acknowledge the great work of our staff in school and OSHC for their commitment, energy, expertise and skill, our volunteers who have coached, listened to reading, assisted with community events and accompanied classes on excursions or during school events or worked in the Friday/Special lunch kitchen or garden. You have all been amazing and very generous. Our children are blessed by your presence and commitment.

I hope the next two weeks provides a great opportunity to refresh ourselves ready for the opportunities that await us in Term 2.

### **Kerry Cornelius - Acting Principal - Weeks 1 - 4 of Term 2**

For the first four weeks of Term 2, I will be on long service leave and Mrs Kerry Cornelius will be Acting Principal. During the course of this term Kerry and I have collaborated on whole school directions and projects, enabling her to continue to provide this valuable leadership while I am on leave. While on leave I will be attending a wedding in the United States and then travelling through the US and Canada with my wife Ingrid. This is our first significant trip away since our daughter Ineke was younger more than 20 years ago so we are looking forward to the experiences it will provide. Kerry will begin to exercise this leadership during the term break starting next week.

### **Building Update**

The New Year 3-6 Building is progressing well and on track to date with some aspects now being ahead of schedule. As you can see in the image, the concrete slab has been poured, the lift shaft and the retaining walls at the back of the building are currently being constructed. Over the coming weeks you will see the steel structuring starting to take shape on top of the slab.



### **Pupil Free Day Reminder**

On Friday 24th May our staff will participate in a whole school training day focusing on teaching Mathematics across the school. This will involve teachers and ESOs across the school and OSHC to enable us to implement a comprehensive program across the school benefitting every child. OSHC unfortunately will not be available on that day so please seek arrangements for the care of your children.

## **Staffing Appointments**

I would like to announce the following appointments we have made that will enhance and enrich the teaching and learning program at Antonio Catholic School during the remainder of 2024.

I have appointed **Mrs Melissa Marshall** to teach the **Mid Year Reception Class**. Melissa possesses a wealth of experience in teaching this year level and in assisting students to transition successfully to school. Mrs Nicole Hayes will continue to run the Early Explorers transition program each Thursday until handing over to Melissa later next term.

I also welcome **Mrs Clare Yeates** who will begin teaching in **Year 1 with Mrs Rebecca Hall in Term 2** for the remainder of the year. Parents of children in this class will be aware that Rebecca has been part time teaching three days per week in the class and then co-ordinating Inclusive Education across the school for two days a week. At times Rebecca's role has required her to attend to some extra professional learning days in connection with her inclusion role requiring an extra teacher to replace her and ensure the class continues to grow and learn. The appointment of Clare will provide great stability for this class as she brings extensive experience in teaching Year 1 and in the particular English and Mathematics programs we teach at Antonio. Clare will teach the class every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, while Rebecca will teach the class every Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the year. We look forward to welcoming Clare and providing the opportunities for you to establish a partnership with her.

I would like to thank Mrs Jen Van Eyk who has been teaching in the class to release Rebecca for her inclusion work each week. Jen has provided wonderful leadership in teaching and wellbeing for these students. Jen will continue to teach two days a week in our other Year One class with Mrs Hannah Naughton and will be available to replace other staff when required.

## **Keep children at home when unwell**

Please remember to keep your children at home when they are unwell to ensure you seek appropriate medical advice and they can rest and recover fully. We have experienced a growing number of students attending school quite distressed who require medical assistance or more rest to ensure they are well before being ready to undertake the demands of inside and outside learning times. Thank you.

I hope the next two weeks provides you with the opportunity and/or flexibility to spend more time with your children, family and friends who bring you life, enjoyment and joy.

Anthony Garton  
Principal

## **APRIM and Leader of Wellbeing – Kerry Cornelius**

Dear Families,

Today we celebrate the conclusion of the first term of the 2024 school year, which has been filled with great learning adventures, strengthened bonds, vibrant community engagement, and enriching activities 😊

## **Holy Week Celebrations at Antonio**

In recent weeks, Holy Week, a pinnacle in the Catholic Church calendar, has been a focal point of both learning and celebration within our school community. Our Stations of the Cross Liturgy, beautifully performed by our dedicated Student Leadership Team, provided a touching reflection on the final moments of Jesus' life. The overwhelming positive feedback from attendees highlighted the impact of this tableau performance, and we eagerly anticipate the participation of more families and community members in this moving tradition next year.



Additionally, our Holy Week stories, artfully captured with photographs of our children and shared on social media, extended the reach of our Holy Week celebrations beyond just our school walls, inviting others to join in the reflection and reverence of this sacred time.

As we came together after Easter, our community united in a heartfelt Community Prayer, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus and embracing the promise of hope and renewal that it symbolises.



### **The Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults (RCIA)**

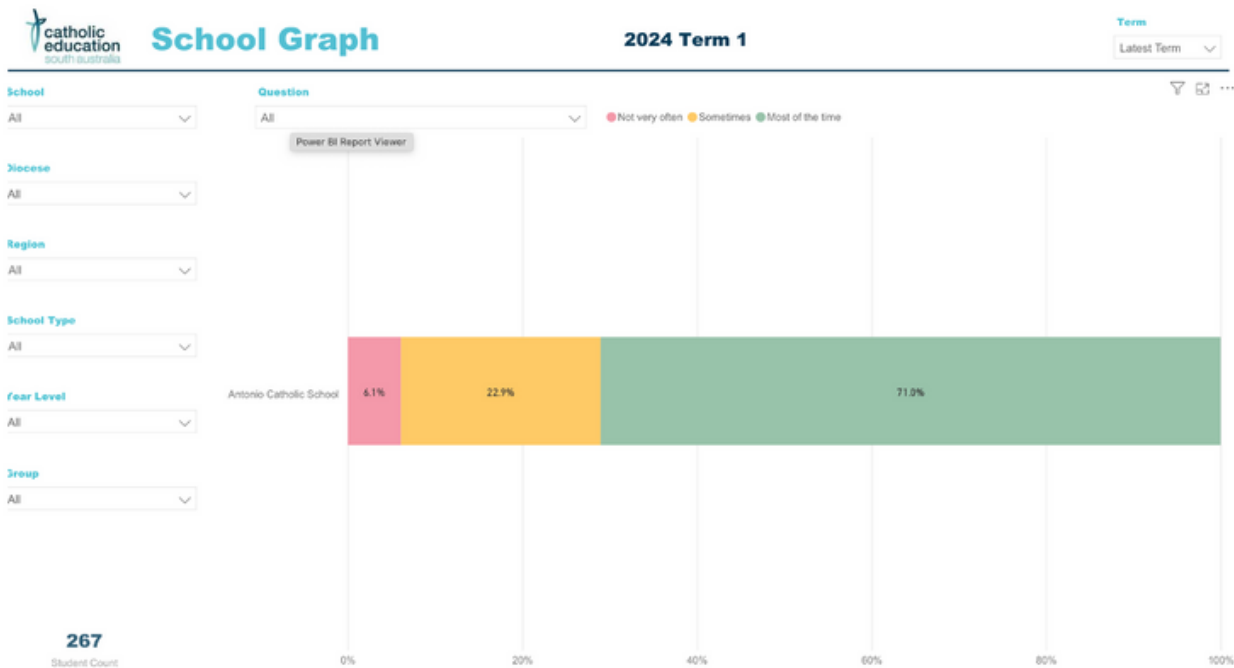
We extend our congratulations to our Reception Teacher, Jasmin Munro, and one of our Reception parents, Krystina Ebsary, who were received into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday evening at St. Luke's Church during the Easter Vigil Mass. For several months, Jasmin and Krystina have dedicated their time and effort towards preparing for this important moment, participating in weekly meetings as part of the RCIA program at their Parish. Both Jasmin and Krystina's commitment to their faith journey is inspiring and Anthony and I were grateful to be present and experience this significant milestone in their lives.





## Term 1 Classroom PULSE Surveys

We recently gathered our student PULSE data for Term 1, covering Reception to Year 6. Students provided responses ranging from 'most of the time' to 'not very often' across eight themes, including teacher-student relationships, student voice and agency in learning, and sense of belonging and safety. Our Term 1 school graph reveals that 71% of student responses fell in the 'green – most of the time' category, with only 6.1% in the 'red – not very often' category. During a recent staff meeting, teachers came together and dedicated time to analyse the data for their classes and cohorts. They identified areas for improvement, set goals, and celebrated the numerous successes observed. Together, we are committed to continuously enhancing the student experience at our school, ensuring that children thrive.



Meet our Student Representative Council – SRC!





Our Student Representative Council (SRC) met recently to embark on an exciting journey of leadership and advocacy. Together, we talked about the true essence of leadership and explored avenues through which the SRC can champion student voices and drive meaningful improvements within our Antonio Catholic School community.

Central to our discussions were the roles and responsibilities essential to representing both our individual classes and the broader school community. We strategised on how to encourage constructive discussion during class meetings, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. We also established plans for SRC members to transparently report back to their peers, fostering a culture of positivity and collaboration.

Looking ahead, we are eager to begin our fortnightly meetings starting from Week 2 next term, under the mentorship of Mr. Garton and Mrs. Cornelius. As a team, we are ready to enact positive change and elevate student engagement throughout our school!

As we prepare to say farewell to this term, I extend warm wishes to all Antonio Catholic School families for a delightful holiday break! Stay safe, enjoy the slower pace, and I eagerly anticipate the return of school on Monday, 29th April, as I step into the role of Acting Principal for the first four weeks of Term 2 while Anthony takes some well-deserved long service leave! Take care, make wonderful memories, and see you soon.

Warm Regards,

Kerry Cornelius  
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## Performing Arts

It's been a busy Term 1 in the Performing Arts Space at Antonio!

Students have been doing great work in their lessons, which in Term 1 are all built around developing rhythmic skills.

In Term 2, we have a big instrument focus, with Year 3 students working on tuned percussion instruments, Year 4 learning recorder, and Year 5/6 students studying keyboard. (A big thanks to our PFC fundraising efforts for last year, which bought us brand new keyboards for our music room!)

Our extracurricular ensembles have all been working hard. Show Choir (Year 3 and 4) has over 35 student members, Festival Choir (Year 5/6) have been busy learning songs in preparation for the Catholic Schools Music Festival, and have been visited by Musical Director Denise Rothall, Antonio Band have already learnt two songs, and our Year 6 Drum Corps performed for the first time today at the Colour Run!







Next term, we commence Wakakirri rehearsals on Thursday afternoons. We had an overwhelming response to signing up for the troupe. The students participating are listed below. I look forward to working with them all next term. Families- please keep an eye out for information coming home via Seesaw.

- 3J Tamzen, Lara, Mason, Zahlee, Isaac, Ruby, Finlay, Nova
- 3S Bowie, Mia, Amira, Evie, Malin, Joyce, Bonnie, Anastasia
- 4B Caleb, Kai, Jade, Anarchy, Lotus, Molly, Winter, Max, Annabel, Ariana, Niki
- 4OR Ethan, Astrid, Alila, Amaya, Brooklyn, Alex, Savannah, Alfie, Arizona
- 5/6F Milania, Kelsie, Blake, Armani,
- 5/6I Jacob, Belinda, Emma, Sibella, Charlotte, Taliyah, Talan, Ella, Blaire
- 5/6P Esmee, Maddi, Elena, Sophia, Annika

## Year 4 Soup making with Bob

The year 4 Students had the opportunity to cook pumpkin soup in the OSHC kitchen using produce from our veggie garden.

Working with our volunteers Bob, Chris and Alicia students embraced the challenges of cooking, finding joy in the process of creating something delicious from scratch.



**“It was fun to cook the pumpkin soup”**



**“We had to cut the pumpkin”**



**“It was good to cook something from our yard”**



**“It was really nice to try it”**



## Parents Friends and Community

### PFC Upcoming Events

Friday Lunch Orders return weekly for Term 2 – Friday May 3rd

Mother's Day Stall - Thursday May 9th

School Disco – Friday May 17th



*Girls Night In*  
*Friday April 12th*  
*7pm - 9pm*

**ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**\$10 per ticket – pay at the door!**

includes a beverage and small gift\*  
(\*First 40 people to register)

\* **Local Business Market Stalls including  
Relay Team 2nd Hand Goods & Snacks**

\* **Activities on Stage including  
Emily from Clubercise**

\* **Games, Silent Auction & Raffles  
Bring your Gold Coins!**

\* **Guest Speakers**

**ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT  
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**\*ADULT ONLY EVENT\***

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## Dates to Remember



**Friday 24th May**  
**Pupil Free Day**  
**No OSHC available**



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