

ST MARTIN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 1 2023

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

After two weeks of quality time to recharge batteries, it was wonderful to see students return to school ready to take on new challenges and participate in a myriad of learning experiences.

We welcome Haanvika (3J) and Nayra (RV) and their families who join our community this term. A special welcome is extended to Eddy Jaworski, who will be teaching part-time in class 6G for the rest of the year while Louise Gellard oversees our new Student Reporting program. (As of this year, all Catholic Primary Schools will be adopting a new style of Semester Reports. Further information about the reporting format will be provided later this term).

We also welcome back Coreen Taylor, Bobby Rodgers and Katia Pedersen who have been on long service leave. Katia will be taking our Term 3 Transition class next term. This Saturday morning and next Tuesday morning, we have our new Transition students participating in 'Come and Try' sessions.

This is always a wonderful opportunity for them to come to school with a family member and have some fun. Katia will be overseeing these sessions and ensuring that our new Transition students will feel quite at home when they start school next term.



TERM 2, WEEK 1

On Monday morning, all staff members gathered with St Monica's staff at St Martin's Church for a Liturgy of the Eucharist with Deacon Andrew. This was followed by all teaching staff working with St Monica's teaching staff in the morning on 'Religious Education Moderation'. Our afternoon professional learning session was dedicated to SEQTA and the new reporting format in readiness for the new Midyear Student Reports.

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in our annual Sports Day last term, especially Mr Woods who successfully coordinated both the Junior Primary and Primary activities on the day. Well done to the **MACKILLOP TEAM** who won the Sport Day Shield and to the **HARZTER TEAM** who won the Team Spirit Trophy. Thanks is extended to the Sustainability Committee for organising the BBQ and cooking hundreds of sausages, and to Nives Grgic for providing drinks and treats throughout the day.

Winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2 and Term 3 and all students need to ensure they are wearing their correct full winter uniform. Hats are optional this term but need to be kept at school for days when the UV reading is high.

This term, Independence Days are Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing next week. We are grateful for the support of parents and caregivers as we work together to develop resilience and independence skills in our students.

A flyer advertising our annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday, 12 May was sent out last term and again earlier this week. For new families to the school, this entails students visiting the Community Centre on this day and having the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mother or special person in their life. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$15.00.

Interviews for 2025 Reception intake will be conducted early next term. If you know of any friends, relations or neighbours looking to send their child to our school in 2025 (or beyond), please ask them to contact Mandy Goodfellow (School Registrar) for a prospectus and school tour.

In conclusion, let us remember and honour mothers on Mother's Day, Sunday, 14 May – those of the students at school and all our mothers, in May, a traditional month of Mary, the Mother of God and of us all. May God's richest blessing be bestowed on all mothers and I hope they are spoilt by their loved ones on this special day.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight.

Christine Comas
PRINCIPAL

APRIM NEWS



Being in Communion

Our theme for this year is 'Being in Communion'. With this theme we are strengthening being in communion with God and with others. It is a way to think about how we can engage and 'share' with our school community and invigorate a sense of being together, as we have missed so much over the past years.

The Eucharist is God's special gift to his people. He invites us to share this special meal – the meal of his love.

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Mark 14:22-25

At the beginning of the school year, the staff explored this topic and as part of this learning, we brainstormed ideas that could bring 'community' back to St Martin's. Below is a list of the ideas that were collated. Although all of these ideas will not come to fruition this year, it is important to have them in the headlight for future community planning for St Martin's.

- Transition Picnics – Parent Representatives to organise at the beginning of the year/term
- Mother/Father Breakfasts
- Grandparents Day
- Fathering Project
- Open Night/Open Morning to showcase learning
- Colour Run
- Volunteers to help with different tasks around the school.
- Cultural celebrations celebrated/acknowledged around the school (e.g. Harmony Day, Diwali etc.)
- Bring in people from the wider community
- Wellbeing for SMG staff members
- Set aside a parent area for parents to decorate
- Language wall, bilingual displays in classrooms
- JP Teddy Bear Picnic
- More face-to-face time with parents
- Multicultural Food Day/Night (possibly linked with Cultural Day)
- Shrove Tuesday morning and invite parents
- Promoting after school sport run by parents
- Fortnightly Coffee Van
- Movie Night
- School Fete run by Parent Network
- Encouraging Class Prayer for parents
- Morning tea after Assembly for all parents not just Assembly class

OLSH Pillar Focus – Term 2

This term, our OLSH Pillar focus is Faith Filled, particularly highlighting Catholic Education Week, Mother's Day Liturgy, National Sorry Day / Reconciliation Week and the liturgical season of Pentecost. We will also celebrate World Environment Day, Cultural Day and Sacred Heart Feast Day. Throughout the term, we will collect goods for the St Vinnie's Winter Appeal and make soup for Moore Street using our own school garden produce as well as donated vegetables. The Sacramental children will participate in a Retreat Day and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in June.

Catholic Education Week 15 May - 21 May

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in South Australia from 15-21 May. Catholic Education Week is about education – celebrating quality teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA. In 2023, we have a particular focus on highlighting what students and staff love about their Catholic school. All Catholic schools are incorporating a common theme throughout 2023: Called to Community. #lovemycatholicsschool

Outreach

This term, we support Moore Street Soup Kitchen. Lisa Foti and I will be making soup with the Year 6 classes. Later in the term, we will support the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal and our Year 3 Unit will be organising this faith in action event.

Last term, we raised \$964.10 for Project Compassion. What an amazing collection of monetary donations for this part of our Outreach Program for 2023! Thank you to the Year 4 unit for organising and special thanks to our students, families and staff for all of their donations.

Ecological Sustainability

Don't forget to package your child's snack, recess and lunch without any wrappers. Use reusable plastic containers or sandwich cloths to package food. Students will be asked to take any packaging home.

Recipe of the Fortnight – Spanish Omelette
Recipe taken from: healthylittlefoodies.com

Ingredients:

500g potato
1 onion
3 tablespoons olive oil
6 eggs

Instructions:

Peel the potatoes and cut them in half. Place the potatoes cut side down and thinly slice.

Peel onion, cut in half and thinly slice.

Heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in a non-stick frying pan, over medium heat. Add the potato and onion slices, reduce heat to low and cover. Cook for 20-30 minutes until the potato slices have cooked through, giving them a gentle stir every 10 minutes.

Crack the eggs into a large mixing bowl, season and whisk.

Once the potatoes and onion have finished cooking, add them to the eggs.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil to the same pan used to cook the onions and then pour the egg mixture into the pan. Cook over medium heat for around 3 minutes, or until the bottom of the omelette is lightly golden, set and coming away from the sides. The top of the tortilla will still be a bit wet, which is fine.

Carefully place a large plate over the top of the pan, then flip the pan and the plate together. If the bottom is properly cooked, then the tortilla should end up on the plate in one piece (with a little bit of runny egg leaking out).

Return the pan to the heat and slide the tortilla back into your pan to cook the second side, cook for a further 2-3 minutes until the bottom is also lightly golden.

Diary Dates – Term 2

Week	Date	Time, Celebration and Hosting Year Level
1	Friday, 5 May	9am Assembly Year 3B hosting
2	Friday, 12 May	9am Liturgy Mother's Day Liturgy Year 1 A and 1B hosting
3	Friday, 19 May	9am Assembly Reception Patching hosting
4	Friday, 26 May	9am Liturgy Year 4R hosting
5	Friday, 2 June	9am Assembly Reception Voiklis hosting

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

Sacramental Program 2022/2023

The Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, 6 June at 6pm at St Martin's Church. The Confirmation Celebration will follow the week after on Thursday, 15 June at 7pm at St Martin's Church.

Are you interested in joining the Sacramental Program 2023/2024?

We will begin the Greenacres Walkerville Parish 2023/2024 Sacramental Preparation Program for children wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist with an Information Session around mid-October this year.

If you are considering being part of our 2023/2024 Program or have any questions, please contact:
Rebecca at the Parish Office on 8261 6200 / admin@gwparish.org.au
or Rose Valenti at St Martin's School on 8211 2400 / rvalenti@smg.catholic.edu.au
or Bronwyn Ridley at St Monica's Parish School on 8344 2384 / bridley@stmonica.catholic.edu.au

Children's Liturgy at St Monica's and St Martin's Church

Children's Liturgy is a wonderful way for the children to have a better understanding of the Gospel of the day's Liturgy and grow in appreciating the structure and the richness of the first part of the Mass. Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at both Masses.

Next dates for Children's Liturgy are the 6 and 7 May, and 20 and 21 May.

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti

SPORTS NEWS

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Congratulations MACKILLOP (Green) 2023 Sports Day Champions and Team Cheer winners!

Congratulations HARTZER (Blue) Team Spirit Award winners.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped prior to, and on the day to help make this year's event successful.

QKR APP – LAST CHANCE!

Registrations for the following events, close at the end of this week!

Further information can be found by clicking on each event in the QKR App "Sports payments" section.

Reception – Year 2 after school Netball
SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival
SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival (all students in Years 3-6)
SACPSSA Netball Carnival (all students in Years 3-6)

SAPSASA SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Years 4-6)

Congratulations Oliver, Tyler, Connor and Juliana who have qualified to swim at next term's SAPSASA State Championships. Good Luck next week!

SENIOR NETBALL (All students Years 3-6)

St Martin's has entered three teams in this year's netball competition. Thank you to those who registered via the QKR App before the due date.

Senior Netball training commenced in Term 1 and is held after school from 3:15pm-4:00pm. These sessions are for senior netballers only. Players who intend to play on Saturday mornings must attend weekly trainings.

The draws have been finalised and distributed.

MR. GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB

All enthusiastic runners are invited to attend Mr George's Running Club. Running Club runs from 8:00am-8:30am on Thursday morning. Please wear PE uniform. This is a great opportunity to practise running for fun or in preparation for the first Cross Country Carnival held in early Term 2.

Adelaide North East SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday, 11 May.

2023 Sports Dates (confirmed so far...)

May

Reception – Year 2 St Martin's after school Netball sessions begin

Reception – Year 6 Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart launch

11 SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival

31 SACPSSA Lacrosse

June

30 SACPSSA Netball

July

3-6 SACPSSA Netball

August

Reception – Year 3 Simply Football (Soccer) after school sessions begin

10 SACPSSA Cross Country

September

6 SACPSSA Touch

October

Reception – Year 3 Howzat Cricket after school sessions begin

18 SACPSSA Tennis

November

7 SACPSSA Athletics (Section 5)

13-17 PE Week

SKOOLBAG APP UPDATE

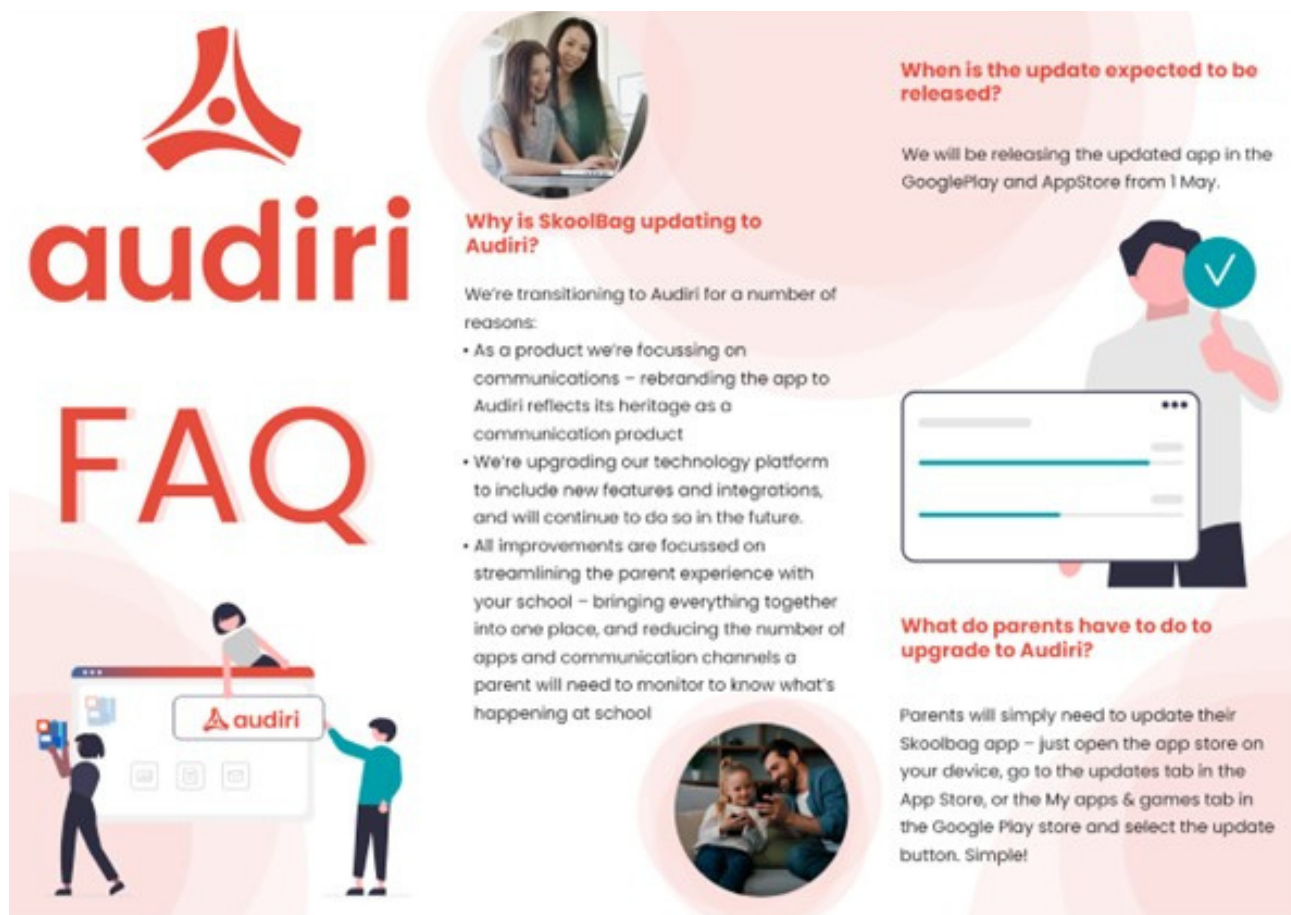
Over the term break, we have been advised that Skoolbag has moved to a new name and new brand – Audiri.

What Do Parents Need to Do?

You will simply need to update your Skoolbag app. Just open the app store on your device, go to the updates tab in the App Store, or My apps and games tab in the Google Play store and select the update button. Audiri will also publish regular in-app and email notifications to you over the coming months to confirm this change.

Parents will continue to receive updates via this platform with no changes to our usual communication channel.

Please see below the FAQ pages for parents.



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FAQ

Why is SkoolBag updating to Audiri?

We're transitioning to Audiri for a number of reasons:

- As a product we're focussing on communications – rebranding the app to Audiri reflects its heritage as a communication product
- We're upgrading our technology platform to include new features and integrations, and will continue to do so in the future.
- All improvements are focussed on streamlining the parent experience with your school – bringing everything together into one place, and reducing the number of apps and communication channels a parent will need to monitor to know what's happening at school

When is the update expected to be released?

We will be releasing the updated app in the GooglePlay and AppStore from 1 May.

What do parents have to do to upgrade to Audiri?

Parents will simply need to update their Skoolbag app – just open the app store on your device, go to the updates tab in the App Store, or the My apps & games tab in the Google Play store and select the update button. Simple!



Will I need to create a new account?

No – we have made the transition as easy as possible for you. All existing login credentials in Skoolbag will work with Audiri as well.

What should I do if I encounter any issues during the update?

We've done a lot of testing and do not expect any user issues – parents will simply need to update the app in the app store. If you do experience a problem, try restarting the device, or uninstalling and reinstalling the app. If the issue persists, contact our support team for assistance – we're here to help! support@audiri.com.au



Will I lose data or settings during the update process?

All data – groups and user settings – will be seamlessly transitioned to the Audiri platform as part of the update process. Your data will be subject to the same high security standards as you've enjoyed with Skoolbag.



Will Audiri be compatible with my device?

Audiri has been developed for both Android and iOS devices. We have focussed on improving and streamlining the experience for the end user, so it will be simpler for parents to navigate and find important information and updates. Audiri works across tablets and smartphones, optimising for different screen sizes.



How can I provide feedback on Audiri?

We'd love to hear your thoughts about Audiri – contact our customer support team through the app or the website and let us know what you think! We'll use your feedback to continually refine the app and make even more improvements to usability and features into the future.

