

# ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 3 2023

## LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thanks is extended to our Parent Network Committee and all volunteers who assisted in some way at the Mother's Day stall last Friday. The array of gifts students could purchase for their special person was greatly appreciated by all. Approximately \$6,800.00 was spent on the day by students which is an incredible amount. I hope all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunties and significant female carers were spoilt on Mother's Day.

This week, our Year 6 students have experienced a three-day camp at Mylor and I had the opportunity of spending some time at the site on Tuesday afternoon / night. This campsite hosts the ultimate outdoor adventure experiences including archery, flying fox, giant swing and a heated indoor swimming pool for aquatics activities. Students were challenged by an array of activities each day and although very tired upon returning to school this afternoon, they will have lasting memories, lifetime lessons and skills from a wonderful camp.

Phonics is a fundamental building block of literacy, and success in phonics instruction requires a combination of effective teaching, a strong foundation in phonemic awareness and ample opportunities for practice and application.

On behalf of Catholic Education, our school was very fortunate to have an international phonics expert visit today. Dr Wiley Blevins (from New York) has been at the heart of international conversation around the Science of Reading. He is a highly respected author and educator who has written numerous books on phonics and reading instruction. As a sought-after consultant, he works with teachers and students worldwide to improve literacy instruction.



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Today, Wiley demonstrated a variety of phonics activities and techniques with a Reception class, a Year 1 class and a Year 2 class, showcasing his research-based and practical approach to teaching phonics. Educators from various Catholic Schools attended one of his sessions to see his teaching strategies in action and learn firsthand how to implement effective phonics instruction in their own classrooms. It was a wonderful opportunity to have a renowned international expert visit St Martin's and showcase our school to Catholic Educators.

A huge bouquet of thanks is extended to our Reception teachers who hosted two Reading Workshops last week for our Reception parents. Although not many parents availed themselves of the opportunity to hear about reading strategies to help their child read and spell, those who attended were very appreciative of the session.

Over the past week, we have had both the police and Port Adelaide Enfield Council inspectors patrol the school perimeter and in turn fine parents for not obeying the road rules. Please note that making a right-hand turn into the Princes Road Crescent between 8:00am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm is illegal and the fine is over \$400.00 and three demerit points. I ask that you take great care when driving around the school and adhere to the signage for parking times to avoid receiving a fine.

Thank you to all parents who have ensured that their children are in the correct winter uniform this week. At last week's assembly, the following points were mentioned:

- Pinafore is worn from Reception to Year 3
- Skirt is worn in Years 3 – 6
- Navy slacks for girls or navy pants for boys
- Long-sleeved Chambray shirt with waistband and school name to be worn by all students
- Navy tights or navy socks are to be worn by girls – not white socks
- Grey ankle socks to be worn by boys – not black or white
- Hair ties need to be navy or scrunchies in school fabric

The Uniform shop is open at the following times during the school term:

Tuesday from 8:30am – 10:00am

Thursday from 2:30pm – 4:00pm.

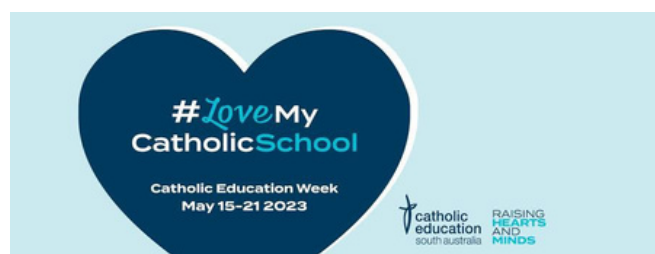
The first Saturday of the month from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight.

Christine Comas

PRINCIPAL

## APRIM NEWS



### **Reflection – The Ascension of the Lord by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This week, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension on Thursday, 18 May. This feast is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today, we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God.

Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-God, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the Church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the Church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the Church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

### **Catholic Education Week 15 May - 21 May**

This week we are celebrating Catholic Education Week. It is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about St Martin's and what makes our community special. 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.

Check out our Facebook page: St Martin's Catholic Primary School.

#### **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**

- Confirmation Retreat Day – Thursday, 24 May – 9-2:30pm – St Martin's School
- Confirmation Rehearsal – Tuesday, 6 June - 6pm - St Martin's Church
- Confirmation Celebration – Thursday, 15 June - 7pm - St Martin's Church.

### **Children's Liturgy Dates at St Monica's Church (6pm) and St Martin's Church (9:30am)**

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.

Next dates for Children's Liturgy are 3 and 4 June and 17 and 18 June.

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti

## **SPORTS NEWS**

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### **SAPSASA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - Thursday, 11 May**

St Martin's was represented by 19 students at this carnival. All participants attended running club sessions at school. The team did very well on the day.

17 x top 20 finishes

7 x top 10 finishes

2 x 4th place and qualified for State Championships

2 x 2nd place and qualified for State Championships

1 x 1st place and qualified for State Championships

Congratulations to all participants!

### **MR. GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB**

Enthusiastic runners and some staff (usually 30-40 people) continue to attend Mr George's Running Club. Running Club runs from 8:00am-8:30am on Thursday morning. Keep up the great work!

### **SAPSASA SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Years 4-6)**

Congratulations to Oliver, Tyler, Connor and Juliana who qualified and recently swam at this year's State Championships. Well done!

### **SENIOR NETBALL (All students Years 3-6)**

Senior Netball training commenced in Term 1 and is held after school on Thursday, from 3:15pm-4:00pm. Players must attend weekly training sessions if they intend to play in Saturday matches as part of the school's netball team.

### **WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – Friday, 19 May**

Students are asked to walk to school on Friday, 19 May as part of the national “Walk Safely to School Day”.

National “Walk Safely to School Day” is in its 24th year. The campaign encourages all Primary School aged children and their parents/carers to walk safely and regularly to school.

Statistics indicate Australian children are becoming less active. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight.

Walking regularly is the best exercise for your health because you can easily build it in to your daily routine.

The event seeks to promote better health, road safety, public transport, and the environment. Please consider walking to school on Friday, 19 May.

Students who do walk to school on this day will receive a raffle ticket to enter a competition that will be drawn on the day.

If you live too far to walk to school, consider parking the car a short distance from St Martin’s and continue the rest of the journey on foot. A walk can do wonders!

It is recommended that students aged ten and below hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

All students will be involved in the Jump Rope for Heart program during Term 2. Information has been sent home with students. It is not too late to register to be a part of the programme. Jumping, hopping and skipping will be a PE focus this term, particularly for Reception – Year 1.

### **SACPSSA LACROSSE CARNIVAL - Wednesday, 31 May**

St Martin's will have 6 teams represented at this year's carnival. Thank you to all who submitted their QKR! responses on time in preparation for this month's carnival.

### **SACPSSA NETBALL CARNIVAL – Monday, 3 July** **(Note: New date)**

St Martin’s will have 4 teams represented at this year’s carnival. The advertised date has changed due to nomination / programming issues with the organisers. All those attending will receive change of date forms shortly.

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

#### **July**

3 SACPSSA Netball **(Note new date)**

#### **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

### **Select Language Feature on School Website**

Our school website is now available in multiple languages. Simply click the ‘Select Language’ button on the top right of the screen to select your chosen language. We hope this feature will allow families with diverse language backgrounds access information more easily.