

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

We are now well on our way into winter and the halfway mark of the 2023 academic year.

Your child's teachers are working especially hard to produce a report for you on your child's learning throughout this semester. It is particularly challenging this year as we are required by Catholic Education SA to use a new reporting program. For any of you who have tried to understand a new computing system or have had to change the way you do something that you are familiar with, you will understand the effort and persistence that is required. You might like to consider sending a little message in to your child's teachers to let them know you are thinking of them and appreciate their extra effort, either now or when you receive your child's report in Week 10. Whilst we acknowledge that report writing is part of a teacher's work, but it is nice to be appreciated.

This week, we are having a week of celebrations. Tuesday night we welcomed the parents of students who will begin their school journey next term in our transition class (TP) and we welcomed these students to their first Transitions session on Thursday morning. Our 2023 Reception students joined them in a Welcome Liturgy at 9:00am in the Community Centre to start their time with us.



TERM 2, WEEK 7

On Thursday evening some of our students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Martin's Church as part of their journey to full Initiation in the Catholic Church. We congratulate them and their families on taking this next step.

Friday is the Feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is one of the days we celebrate as our Feast Days, the other being the Feast of St. Martin De Tours on November 11. Our School was founded by the OLSH Sisters (The Daughters of Our Lady of The Sacred Heart) and so it is their Charism that we embrace here at St. Martin's. The word charism, in the tradition of the Church, refers to spiritual gifts used for the service of the whole community. These gifts or graces of the Holy Spirit are given to individuals and groups for the sake of others.

The charism of Fr Jules Chevalier, the founder of The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, was that 'God is love'. He was driven to tell the world the truth that God loves you unconditionally. This charism, which is expressed as a 'Spirituality of the Heart', is important for the school community. It was and remains today, the driving force behind The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the sisters who founded our school.

Understanding that God is love, and the depth of God's love, is a beautiful and simple concept for students and adults to grasp. Expressing our charism provides a pathway through which our school community can interpret and give voice to the centrality of Jesus Christ. We draw inspiration and direction from the stories and spirituality of Fr Jules Chevalier and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. It provides a spiritual energy which aims to permeate our staff, students, families, values, and stories.

Next Friday we celebrate Cultural Day. On this day we celebrate the fact that our St Martin's Community is comprised of people from 49 different cultural backgrounds. How Blessed we are! Everyone is invited to wear their cultural dress on this day which is always a colourful highlight of the school calendar. Don't forget to order a gelato for your child on the Qkr! app for this day. Keep warm and dry.

Susanne Harding
Deputy Principal

APRIM NEWS



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) Tradition and Feast Day – Friday 16 June 2023

At St Martin's, we foster a heart spirituality as we were established based on the values of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart sisters. This charism and the way it is expressed enriches the Church, the people to whom it is given, and those with whom they work. The gift given to Fr Jules Chevalier and through him to us, is to see that in Jesus, God loves people with a human heart, and that he is the answer to their hopes, their questionings, their every need. Fr Chevalier wrote that 'gentleness and strength appear in Jesus in an incomparably striking way'.

Our heart spirituality calls us to imitate Jesus, so that everyone we encounter will discover through us, the strength of his love to support them in their fragility, and the gentleness of his love to bring them the compassion and understanding for which they long. We are the hands and feet, and especially the heart of Jesus in our world.

The four Our Lady of Sacred Heart Pillars are central to everything we do and say at St Martin's – they include being faith filled, reverencing relationships, touching the heart of others and pursuing excellence.

We work in partnership with OLSH College, St Gabriel's School, St Brigid's School, Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School in making our OLSH tradition come alive and to be big part of our everyday living. That is why on our Feast Day OLSH College sends student representatives to all four OLSH Parish schools in the region, to celebrate in the sacred celebration of the Mass and in class activities allowing us to embrace our shared charism.

Our celebration this year was held at the St Martin's Community Centre at 9:30am on Friday 16 June 2023. We had approximately 120 students and 10 staff members from OLSH College on our site from 9:15-12pm.

Outreach

Thank you so very much for all your generous donations for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We had an overwhelmingly positive response from our school families. Thank you also to our Year 3 Unit for organising this faith in action event.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
7	Fri 16 June	9:30am Mass Year 4Ma hosting Sacred Heart Feast Day
8	Fri 23 June	9am Assembly Year 3J hosting Cultural Day
9	Fri 30 June	9am Liturgy Year 1B & 1S hosting
10	Fri 7 July	9am Assembly Year 3RM hosting

All families are welcome to stay for a cuppa and a biscuit in the Boardroom after these events.

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

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: 17 & 18 June.

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti

SPORTS NEWS

SAPSASA BASKETBALLERS

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Basketball Team who recently competed at the North East Catholic Schools Basketball Carnival. The team won all their games in the lead up to the Sem-Final but went down by three points against the overall Runners Up. Special mention to Jay who won the events, Three Point Competition.

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Leo, Hayden, Aiyana, Taksheel and Tyler who competed last week, in this year's SAPSASA Cross Country State Championships held at Oakbank Racecourse. Special mention to Leo who completed his 2 km race in 8:51 and Tyler who finished 29 out of approximately 200 runners competing his 3km run in 12:21.

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!

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Attendance at the morning running club is a must for students who wish to attend the upcoming SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Cross Country carnival early next term (August 10). Details available shortly on the QKR app.

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOCCER TEAMS

Year 5 and 6 students interested in trialling for the SAPSASA District Soccer Teams are urged to follow the registration link - <https://forms.office.com/r/V3kHL8DKqT> and attend trial dates.

Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online by no later than Friday June 23.

GIRLS TRIAL DATES: Monday June 26 and Tuesday June 27 at Northfield Primary School 3:45pm-5:00pm

BOYS TRIAL DATES: Monday June 26 and Tuesday June 27 at Hilcrest Primary School 4:00pm-5:00pm

SENIOR NETBALL (All students Years 3-6)

Thursday, after school (3:15pm-4:00pm) netball training is for senior netballers only. Netballers who play in Saturday matches as part of the school's netball teams must attend.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This term's Jump Rope for Heart programme is still in operation. It is not too late to register to be a part of the programme. - www.jumprope.org.au then click on the "Register" tab

SACPSSA NETBALL CARNIVAL - July 3

St Martin's will have 4 teams represented at this year's carnival. The advertised date has changed because of nomination/programming issues at the organisers end. The new date is July 3. All those attending must return their "Change of Date Forms" as soon as possible.

KICKstart Soccer program for Reception to Year 2 students

Simply Sports is excited to be returning to St Martin's Greenacres in Term 3 to run KICKstart Soccer

The sessions are run by coaches with a strong sports and Physical Education background and offer children of all abilities, an opportunity to experience playing soccer in a safe, challenging and most importantly FUN environment.

WHO: St Martin's students from Reception to Year 2

WHERE: School oval

WHEN: Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm from August 3 to September 7

COST: \$90 (inc GST) per student (6 Sessions) / FREE with your SPORTS VOUCHER

Please note, if you have not yet used it in 2023, you may use your \$100 SPORTS VOUCHER to pay for this program! ALL primary school aged children in SA are entitled to a sports voucher.

If you would like to use your voucher, please go to <https://simplysports.com.au/sports-vouchers/> to fill in your child's details. You will then receive a code that can be used at checkout to pay for this program. You will also have a \$10 credit to use on any other subsequent Simply Sports programs this year.

If your child participates in KICKstart soccer, you will receive a 10% discount on any other programs during 2023! This includes our weekend Futsal or Soccer programs or NEWball Cricket at St Martin's inTennis SA Super 10's

Well done Vansh! Vansh (Year 4) is one of 16 players, chosen from 90 competitors, to be selected for this season's Tennis SA Super 10's competition. Good luck!

Upcoming Term 2 Sports Dates

July

3 SACPSSA Netball **NOTE NEW DATE - JULY 3**

August

Reception Year 2 Simply Football (Soccer) after school sessions begin

10 SACPSSA Cross Country