

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

This week marks the halfway mark of Term 3. We have already been very busy engaging in Teaching and Learning and Community celebrations with plenty more to come.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 to Year 6 students and staff engaged in Cybersafety Workshops, these workshops were enlightening, engaging, informative and at times scary. This level of awareness is essential to keep ourselves and our children safe in this space. Keep your eyes open for more information from your child's teacher and Mel Jones, our Well-Being Co-Ordinator.

Friday brings our **Book Week Assembly and Dress Up Parade**. Assembly starts at 9:00am in the Community Centre and we would love you to join us if possible. After our Assembly and Parade, we will be engaging in our **whole school Well-being Activity**. Make sure you ask your child what they did during this time.

On Friday 1st September, our Parent Network Committee will be providing our annual **Fathers' Day Gift Stall**. Gifts range from 50c through to \$12 and students will visit the stall with their class to purchase gifts for Fathers, Stepfathers, Grandpas or whoever their significant male is. Please send a bag in with your child to carry their gifts home safely.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with gift wrapping and thank you to parents who have volunteered to help with the stall next Friday.

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be **no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year**. Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.



“We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families,” says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA. “Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year’s level.” Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education. “We’re committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all.” Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education. In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact our Business Manager, Luke Healey for more information.

We have noticed that quite a few of our students are wearing incorrect shoes to school. At this time of the year, students should be wearing predominantly white sports shoes with their PE uniform and Black ‘school’ shoes with their formal uniform. School shoes are defined as enclosed black shoes made of leather or synthetic material that are not sports shoes. I have included some examples below. As you can see. These are not just black sports shoes. Teachers will be distributing ‘Incorrect Uniform Notes’ to students who are not wearing the correct shoes.



Thank you for your support in ensuring our students are always looking their best and can be proud of the uniform they wear.

Have a lovely week, with the promise of some sunshine and warmer weather on the way.

Susanne Harding
Deputy Principal

APRIM NEWS



National Child Protection Week - 3-9 September 2023

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message **‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’**. This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

In 2023, the message that ‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’ will be complemented with the theme ‘Where we start matters’. Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. Where we start as a service sector in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes. Where we start as decision makers in addressing large complex policy problems such as child abuse and neglect, also has significant personal, social and economic outcomes.

The aim of Child Protection Week is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now.

Outreach

Thank you to our generous families and staff for your gold coin donations for the Mary MacKillop Foundation. We raised \$524.65.

The Reception unit is currently in the process of organising a Crazy Hair/Hat Day on Wednesday, 30 August. Proceeds of gold coin donations collected on the day will go towards Backpacks 4 Kids.

Sustainability

Our next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 September at 3:20pm in the Staffroom. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

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: 2 & 3 September.

Week	Date	Time, Celebration and Hosting Year Level
5	Friday, 25 August	9am Assembly Year 2SW hosting Book Week Parade
6	Friday, 1 September	9am Liturgy of the Eucharist – Father's Day Year 5R hosting Father's Day Stall
7	Friday, 8 September	9am Assembly Reception DM hosting
8	Friday, 15 September	9am Liturgy of the Eucharist Year 5BW hosting
9	Friday, 22 September	9am Assembly 2I hosting
10	Friday, 29 September	9am Assembly 1S hosting

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

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti

SPORTS NEWS

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - AUGUST 10

On Thursday, August 10 approximately 30 Year 3-6 students represented St Martin's at this year's Cross Country Carnival. The 2km races of usually 200 runners were held in the East Parklands. Well done to everyone who competed this year. One third of the team finished in the top 20 of their races.

Congratulations:

Tyler (Year 6) finished Second
Brodie (Year 4) finished Sixth
Duke (Year 3) finished Seventh
Leo (Year 4) finished Seventh
Jay (Year 5) finished Tenth.

SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - AUGUST

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Following in-school trials, approximately 30 selected students from Years 4-6 attended the SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival last Thursday. The team in finished in Fourth Place with 13 separate students winning place ribbons.

Well done to all who attended for the excellent sportsmanship and competitive spirit displayed on the day.

Please return borrowed running tops washed and clean to 5R as soon as possible. Once returned, they will be checked against a register so they can be reissued for future Carnivals.

Congratulations and good luck to those who won their way to SAPSASA State Day later this year.

Saraid (Year 4) U10 200m, High Jump, Relay
Lilly (Year 5) U11 Shot Put
James (Year 6) U11 Shot Put

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) TOUCH CARNIVAL - SEPTEMBER 6

Registrations for this carnival have closed. Students in Years 3-6 who have registered to a part of this carnival are attending lunchtime practise sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Date: Wednesday, 6 September

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Venue: Park 17 - Touch SA Headquarters (corner of Greenhill Road and Beaumont Road)

Transport: Students will travel by bus to and from the venue

PRIMARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL - SEPTEMBER 8

Registrations for this carnival have closed. Students who have registered to a part of this carnival are attending lunchtime practise sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Date: Friday, 8 September

Time: 8:20am-2:30pm

Venue: The Lights Community and Sports Centre (Corner Hampstead Road and East Parkway, Lightsvue)

Transport: Students will require private transport to and from the event

(Volleyballers can arrive at the venue from 8:20am and be picked up from 2:00pm)

3 V 3 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 20

This is a participation-based carnival open to all students in Years 5 and 6. Please register via the QKR App.

Date: Wednesday, 20 September

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Venue: Vale Park Primary School

Transport: Students will travel by bus to and from the venue

Cost: \$20

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) CRICKET CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 21

This is a participation-based carnival open to all students in Years 5 and 6. Please register via the QKR App.

Date: Thursday, 21 September

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Venue: Barratt Reserve, West Beach

Transport: Students will travel by bus to and from the venue

Cost: \$20

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) HotShots Tennis Carnival – OCTOBER 18

This is a participation-based carnival open to all students in Years 3 and 4. Please register via the QKR App.

Date: Wednesday, 18 October

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Venue: Playford Tennis Centre - Spruance Road, Elizabeth East

Transport: Students will travel by coach to and from the venue

Cost: \$20.00

SENIOR NETBALL (All students Years 3-6)

Senior netball training is held on Thursdays from 3:15pm-4:00pm. Netballers who play in Saturday matches as part of the school's netball teams must attend.

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.

Currently on QKR (Please note due dates)

SACPSSA Tennis Carnival (Years 3-4) **DUE: 1 SEPTEMBER**

3 V 3 Basketball Carnival (Years 5-6) **DUE: 6 SEPTEMBER**

SACPSSA Cricket Carnival (Years 5-6) **DUE: 7 SEPTEMBER**

UPCOMING SPORTS DATES SEPTEMBER

6 SACPSSA TOUCH CARNIVAL (YEARS 3-6)

8 VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL (YEARS 4-6)

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