

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

It is always such a privilege to step into the role of Acting Principal at St. Martin's. It gives me the opportunity to see our community with a bird's eye view rather than the often messy, mucky role of the Deputy Principal. While I would never want to change my role permanently, as I love working in the messiness of life, the conversations I am privy to, the acts of love and care I experience and the opportunity to look at things differently is an honour. We have so much to celebrate here at St. Martin's.

Two weeks ago, on Sunday 10th September, I attended the Tournament of Minds, in which we had two teams competing. Both teams exhibited strong teamwork, respect for each other and an enormous amount of independence.

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a program for primary and secondary students providing the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence, and teamwork. Challenges are set in the following disciplines... The Arts, Language Literature, Social Sciences and STEM. Our two teams competed in The Arts challenges. While TOM is all about developing students' independence, we know that such endeavors do not occur without the support and encouragement of significant adults.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our TOM team members: Livia, Yicheng, Naysha, Lucy, Ellie, Taksheel, Dhairya, Claire, Oliver, Siri, Jasmin, Hugh, Connor, and Shrey, the two staff members who supported them, Wayne Martin and Nicolle D'Allocco and the students' parents, who gave them the creative space and the support they needed to participate in this event.



Next Wednesday evening, Rose Valenti and I will attend the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir Performance at the Festival Theatre. We always look forward to this evening of entertainment and no doubt will be proud of the students who are representing our school. This year the members of our CSMF Choir are Kiarra, Min, Martin, Baylea, Aaron, Ethan, Mia, Penny, and Connor.

Congratulations to Jasmine Lim who has worked tirelessly to prepare these students and to teach them the skills they need to be successful. Another big thank you to the parents of these students. As with TOM, we know that behind every successful student are parents who encourage, support, cajole, chauffeur, and are present. We are grateful to be working in partnership with you.

This Friday evening, we will be having the second of our school Discos for the year in our Community Centre. The Reception – Year 2 disco is from 5:30 -6:45pm and the Years 3 – 6 Disco from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Entry is from Whysall St (yellow gate) and exit from Princes Rd through the foyer. I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to our Parent Network Committee, the parents who volunteered to be on the disco organising committee and the parents who are volunteering on the night.

Parents who are dropping off and picking up students, please be courteous and patient with other parents, neighbours, and road users. Whilst the students were well behaved and respectful at our last disco, unfortunately some of our parents were less so. We will have staff available to help you with logistics and there will be a police presence on the roads around our school on the night.

This week we welcome 75 new students who will begin their school journey with us next year. This process starts with a ‘Come & Try’ session. Two of these will be held on Saturday with another three next week. This is always an exciting time for us as a welcoming community.

The other exciting news is that we have started planning for our 60th Birthday year. Next year St. Martin's celebrates 60 years of providing Catholic education for primary school students in Greenacres. The planning committee has had their first meeting this week and we have several key events for you to participate in next year as we celebrate being 60! We will be sending you a ‘Save the Date’ as they are confirmed.

This is our last Newsletter for the term, so I take this chance to wish you all a safe and relaxing break from the routines of school. Be grateful for each other and this time away from school which affords you the opportunity to breathe deeply, wander slowly, listen carefully, and find joy. For those who find school holidays challenging, I pray that you will at least find moments of calm and flashes of contentment.

Susanne Harding
Acting Principal

APRIM NEWS



International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace in 2023, is observed worldwide on September 21st. It is a day to promote global harmony and reconciliation. This day, established by the United Nations, aims to foster peace and unity among nations and individuals. This year's theme is Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.

In reference to the Bible, a well-known scripture that aligns with this theme is from the Book of Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 9, which states, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." This scripture reminds us of the importance of promoting peace and resolving conflicts.

In our daily life we can act and contribute to the International Day of Peace by ...

1. Participating in Peaceful Dialogue: Engage in peaceful discussions with friends, family, or colleagues about the importance of peace and conflict resolution. Encourage open communication and understanding.
2. Educate Yourself: Learn about conflicts and peace-building efforts happening globally. Understanding the issues is the first step in contributing to peace.
3. Support Peace Organisations: Contribute to or volunteer with organisations working towards peace, human rights, and conflict resolution. Your support can make a significant difference.
4. Practice Acts of Kindness: Small acts of kindness can have a ripple effect. Show compassion, empathy, and tolerance in your daily interactions.
5. Participate in Peaceful Activities: Meditate, paint, colour, draw, read a book to allow your body to slow down and have a mindful break.
6. Raise Awareness: Use social media and other platforms to raise awareness about peace and conflict issues. Share stories, quotes, or facts about peace to inspire others.
7. Organise a Peace Walk: Gather friends and family and get out into nature and embrace the peacefulness of the environment.
8. Pray for Peace: Regardless of your faith or beliefs, take a moment to pray for global peace and the well-being of all humanity.
9. Teach Peace: Share the importance of peace with young children, whether it's through books, discussions, or activities that promote understanding and empathy.
10. Promote Eco-friendly Clean Up: Gather family and friends at home, school or your local community to clean up the environment and to recycle materials.

Remember that promoting peace is an ongoing effort that starts with individuals and communities. Even small actions can contribute to a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Sustainability

Vertical Garden

Peter Kuerschner and the Year 3 students have been busy preparing the new vertical garden at the entrance of the sensory garden. Please come and have a look at the beautiful garden.



OUTREACH

Crazy Odd Sock Day

Friday, 29 September (last day of term) is Crazy Odd Sock Day. The Year One team are fundraising for Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities supports Hutt Street Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools and Centacare Catholic Family Services. **Please wear school uniform** with odd crazy socks (choose from colourful socks, pattern socks or socks with pictures on it) and bring in a gold coin donation.

Socktober Kick Off Day

On Friday 20th October (Term 4, Week 1), the Year 5 students will be hosting the Socktober Kick-off Day to raise money for Catholic Mission and the community in Timor-Leste. The money will support Salesian Sisters in providing milk and nutrition for babies, lifesaving medications and a community nurse.

All classes will have a chance to participate with shooting goals with school made sockballs. Students will be asked to donate a gold coin donation. Students in Year 5 have their own individual year group target to raise at least \$250. We look forward seeing how much the school will raise for this important course.

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

Sacramental Program

If you would like to enrol your child in the Sacramental Program for 2023/2024, please join us for a meeting on Sunday, 22 October 2023 at 10.30am (after the 9.30am Mass) at St Martin's Church.

Youth Mass

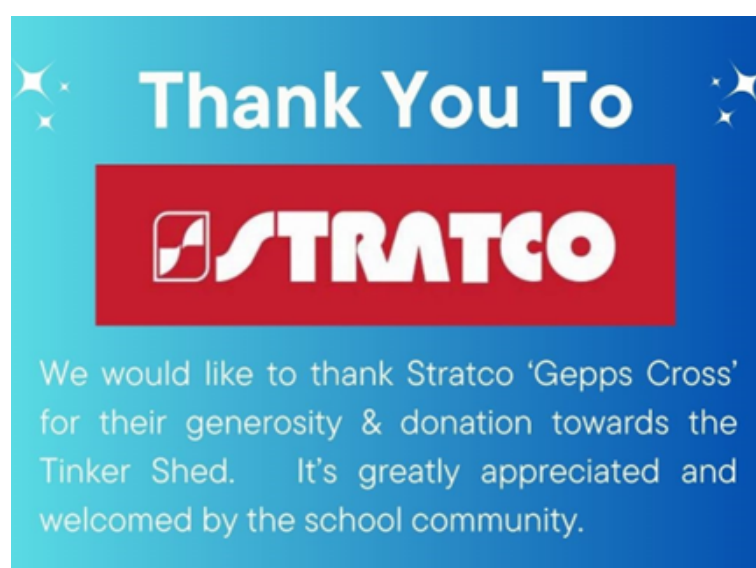
Sunday, 5 November at 9.30am at St Martin's Church.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
9	Friday, 22 September	9am Assembly Year 2I hosting
10	Friday, 29 September	9am Assembly Year 1S hosting
Term 4 1	Friday, 20 October	9am Liturgy of the Eucharist RDM and RV hosting

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

Thank you!



With God's Blessings – Vanessa Dibbens (Acting APRIM)



PRIMARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 8

Well done to everyone who participated so exceptionally well at this year's event. This was the first time in some years that St Martin's has been represented at this carnival. Our teams, with very limited experience, did a fantastic job.

Thank you to all the volunteers and spectators that supported and aided out teams on the day. Your help is always appreciated.

VOLLEYBALL OPPRTUNITIES

Please be aware that upcoming volleyball opportunities are being advertised on the sports notice boards.

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY VOLLEYALL CLINICS - NOMINATIONS OPEN

Tuesday, 3 October at the Lights Community and Sports Centre

12:30pm - 3:30pm: Ages 5-11

One, 3-hour session clinic: \$50

Register at

<https://www.volleyballsas.com.au/holidayclinics>

For any queries, please email Madeeha, the Events Coordinator, at madeeha.s@volleyballsas.com.au

SAPSASA STATE DAY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 19

Congratulations to the students, who on Tuesday, represented St Martin's and our SAPSASA District at the SAPSASA State Day Athletics Carnival. To qualify for this competition, competitors must have performed well at SAPSASA District Athletics Carnivals. The State Day competition showcased the best primary school athletes from across the state.

Saraid (Year 4) Under 10 200m High Jump, Relay

Lilly (Year 5) Under 11 Shot Put

James (Year 6) Under 11 Shot Put

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) CRICKET CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 21

This week two teams represented St Martin's at the SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Cricket Carnival. The competition was participation-based and our two teams performed admirably. Well done cricketers!

SENIOR NETBALL Grand Final – SEPTEMBER 23

Senior netball training has been held on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm-4:00pm. The netball season has finished – St Martin's Navy (Year 5-6 students) are playing in the grand final this weekend. The Grand Final will be held at the netball courts on Emery Road, Campbelltown, starting at 12:00pm.

SAPSASA SCHOOL'S VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 27

This carnival has been cancelled. Insufficient number of teams meant the carnival could not proceed. It is possible the organisers will reschedule the carnival for Term 4. The \$20 fee for this cancelled carnival will be returned shortly.

3 V 3 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL – SEPTEMBER 28 REGISTRATIONS NOW CLOSED.

Please note the NEW DATE - SEPTEMBER 28

All students attending this event must return their "Change of Date" form immediately. Without this signed consent students will not be able to participate.

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) HotShots Tennis Carnival – OCTOBER 18 **REGISTRATIONS NOW CLOSED**

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

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.

TERM 4 CRICKET

Students can be nominated for Term 4 Cricket teams via the QKR App.

If there is insufficient interest and parent volunteers cannot be sourced, teams will not be nominated. Fees will be refunded in the case of a team not going ahead.

The Term 4 competition will commence in Week 2 and run for 7 rounds concluding at the end of Week 8 (week finishing 9th December).

Students from Year 2 to Year 6 can be nominated for the following Term 4 competitions:

North East A Grade – Year 5/6 (Saturday mornings 8am-10:30am at local school grounds)

North East B Grade – Year 4/5 (Saturday mornings 8am-10:30am at local school grounds)

North East Cricket Blasters – Year 2/3 (Friday nights, 5:30pm-6:30pm, at Enfield United CC on Friday nights)

"Cricket Blasters" (Friday night cricket) players are also required to register with the "Cricket Blasters" program.

Once finalised by SACA, team and draw details will be distributed.

Congratulations Former St Martin's Students!

Katelyn Pope - AFLW player played in her debut game for Port Power last weekend.

Angus Tully - Pope 2023 winner of the McCallum Tomkins Medal (SANFL U18 Best and Fairest Award).

ST MARTIN'S SPORTS UNIFORMS

All borrowed St Martin's sports uniform, including running singlets, football jumpers, swimming towels, tennis shirts and netball uniforms must be returned immediately, washed and cleaned.

These items are needed for upcoming activities and are presently being accounted for.

Accounts for the replacement cost of missing garments will be issued.

Uniforms can be returned to 5R or the School Office, where they will be checked against a register.

TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Owens Tennis School and Greenacres Tennis Club
Laurie Knight Reserve, Romilly Avenue, Manningham
owenstennis@gmail.com | [0415 539 270](tel:0415539270)

SAPSASA DISTRICT TENNIS TRIALS

Trials are open to students in Year 5 and 6 who wish to be considered for selection in the district team to compete in the SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival (Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24).

Trial Date(s): Monday October 16, October 23, October 30

Time: 4pm-5pm

Venue: Prospect Tennis Club

Coach: Michael Lukacs

- Parents/Caregivers are responsible for organising transport to and from the trials
- Students must wear appropriate sporting attire (PE uniform is required), sufficient food and drink along with your Tennis racquet
- Students will be under the supervision of the teacher team official and other identified responsible persons (with appropriate WWCC) to ensure supervision ratios are met
- If unforeseen circumstances mean the trials are unable to go ahead, families and schools will be notified as soon as possible. Trials will either be rescheduled if time permits, or an alternate venue will be organised.

How to nominate

- Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online by no later than Friday, September 29
- To nominate, please complete the online form which can be accessed via <https://forms.office.com/r/V3kHL8DKqT>.

Name: Michelle Richter

Mobile: 0412270311

Email: Michelle.Richter373@schools.sa.edu.au

Currently on QKR! (Please note due dates)

Year 2-3 Cricket (Term 4) **Due: 27 September**

Year 4-6 Cricket (Term 4) **Due: 27 September**

Upcoming Sports Dates

September

21 SACPSSA Cricket Carnival (Years 5-6)

28 3 V 3 Basketball Carnival (Years 5-6)

October

18 SACPSSA Tennis Carnival (Years 3-4)

27 Start of Term 4 Cricket

PUBLIC ROSARY

JOIN US IN A NATIONWIDE ROSARY CHAIN
ASKING OUR LADY TO OBTAIN GOD'S MERCIFUL
BLESSING FOR AUSTRALIA



**Where: St Martin's Parish Church corner of
Mullers Rd and Hampstead Rd - Greenacres**

When: Saturday 14th October at 10am



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

A window into the adolescent brain

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Wednesday October 25 2023
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St Thomas School & Preschool
10 Rushton Street, Goodwood

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

The ages between 11 to 20 years are loosely considered adolescence. It is a critical time for human development and is best-known as a period of change – physically, emotionally, sexually and neurologically. Yet, adolescent behaviour can be a puzzle to many – parents included.

So, what is a parent to do...? Firstly, understand what's really happening within your teenager during this vulnerable time. Change gears and shift your parenting to embrace this new dimension .

Mark will also present some fast, practical and helpful ideas for you to work with.

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as a coach to parents.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPSA Website.