

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

Last Friday, we celebrated National Grandparents' Day (which was on Sunday, 29 October) and World Educators' Day. Our staff was gifted with this magnificent sign by our Parent Network to say 'Thank you' for all the work we do to support your children to learn. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and appreciation.



As always, Grandparents' Day was a huge success. Apart from all the Grandparents and special visitors who were able to join us on site, we were joined by several Grandparents who are overseas, due to the wonders of technology. Grandparents' and Special Visitors' Day is always such a joy filled and heartwarming day. Thank you to the Parent Network who coordinated the Morning Tea and the generous donations of food provided by parents. We are grateful to you.



Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Our School has begun the PBIS journey! Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) is a framework for creating safe and orderly learning environments in schools, while improving the social-emotional outcomes for students. It is a proactive approach that relies on research-based practices, including developing clear behavioural expectations, teaching these expectations, acknowledging appropriate behaviour, consistently correcting inappropriate behaviour and using data to systematically solve problems. PBIS is built on a three-tiered model that provides additional behavioural supports to students who are not responding to the tier 1 interventions.

Over the implementation phase of PBIS, you will be invited to participate through sharing your thinking, providing feedback and reading the information we will share with you.

Mel Jones (Well-being Coordinator), Peter Pudney (Assistant OSHC Director), Dora Bouras (Curriculum ESO), Nicolle D'Allocco (Year 5 Teacher), Melanie Maguire (Year 4 Teacher), Wayne Martin (Inclusive Ed Coordinator and Year 3 Teacher), Vanessa Dibbens (Numeracy Coordinator and Reception Teacher), Tessa Bahr (Year 3 Teachers), Natasha Voiklis (Reception Teacher) and Susanne Harding (Deputy Principal) are St. Martin's Catholic Primary School PBIS Leadership Team. Please feel free to contact any of these staff members if you would like to discuss anything PBIS.

This week, you would have received the following forms for 2024:

- Student Information Checklist
- Student Acceptable User Agreement
- School Fees and Charges Information Package

Please read them, complete them where necessary and return them to school no later than **FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2023**.

I would like to encourage you to start the **hunt for any library books** or other books that need to be returned to school by the end of the school year. These books make their way onto bookshelves, under beds and to the bottom of toy boxes to name a few places I have found them in my house in the past! Every year, we lose many of these resources and would appreciate your commitment to returning them.

Please do not feel embarrassed to return books, even if you do not find them until the following year. We are always grateful for returned resources.

I love this term! This is the term we get to celebrate! Some days of celebration include:

Grandparents' and Special Visitors Day

World Educators Day

Children's University Graduation (Thursday, 9 November)

St. Martin's Day (Saturday, 11 November) which we will celebrate on Friday, 10 November

Volunteers Day (Friday, 17 November)

School Concert (Friday, 1 December)

Year 6 Graduation Dinner (Thursday, 7 December)

End of Year Liturgy + Graduation Ceremony (Wednesday, 13 December)

I hope to see you at some of these events.

Let the celebrations begin!

Susanne Harding
Deputy Principal

APRIM NEWS



Feast Day of St Martin De Tours (316 – 397) - 11 November

Born in Pavia, Italy, to pagan parents, Martin became a catechumen in his early teens. At age 15, he joined the Roman army, where once on horseback he encountered a beggar.

Having nothing to give but the clothes on his back, he cut his heavy officer's cloak in half, and gave half to the beggar. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak. A hermit and monk for ten years, he was declared Bishop of Tours by popular acclamation in 371 and was the first non-martyr to be given the status of a saint.

This year, we celebrate our school feast day on Friday, 10 November. Please join us for all or some of the events below:

9am Mass hosted by 4G in the Community Centre

11:50-12:45pm St Martin’s Idol Acts – TP/RT/RP, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 acts

2-2:50pm St Martin’s Idol Acts –Year 5, Year 6 and RV/RDM acts.

Outreach

Thank you to the Year 5 classes for organising the Sockball Challenge. We raised \$583 for Catholic Mission. Each year, your support of Socktober contributes to crucial funding and promotes advocacy for people in need all around the world. This year, we are encouraging students to learn what life is like for the community in Timor-Leste. The money will support Salesian Sisters in providing milk and nutrition for babies, lifesaving medications and a community nurse.

Sustainability

Our next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 23 November at 3:20pm in the Staffroom. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News
Sacramental Program Dates

Enrolment Mass & Children’s Liturgy

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| Who: | Parent & Child |
| When: | Saturday 4 November at 6pm & Sunday 5 November at 9:30am |
| Where: | St Monica’s & St Martin’s Church |

Family Mass Weekends

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| Who: | Families |
| When: | Saturday 4 November at 6pm & Sunday 5 November at 9:30am and Saturday 2 December at 6pm & Sunday 3 December at 9:30am |
| Where: | St Monica’s & St Martin’s Church |

Reconciliation School Session

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| Who: | Team Leaders & Child (Parents’ Invitational) |
| When: | 6 or 7 November from 3:20-4:20pm or 8 November from 3:45-4:45pm |
| Where: | At School & Parish (Monday – St Martin’s School, Tuesday – St Monica’s School, Wednesday – Parish) |

Reconciliation Home Based Session

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| Who: | Families |
| When: | 6 November – 14 November 2023 |
| Where: | At Home |

Reconciliation Family Church Session (Rehearsal)

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| Who: | Team Leaders, Parent & Child |
| When: | Tuesday, 14 November 2023, 6pm |
| Where: | St Martin’s Church |

Reconciliation Liturgy & Celebration

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| Who | Parents & Child + 4 Priests |
| When | Thursday 23 November 2023, 6pm |
| Where | St Martin’s Church |

Upcoming Diary Dates

| Week | Date | Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level |
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| 3 | Friday 3 November | 9am Liturgy of the Eucharist Reception P & Reception T hosting |
| 4 | Friday 10 November | 9am Mass – St Martin’s Feast Day Celebrations 4G hosting |
| 5 | Friday 17 November | 9am – Assembly – Volunteers Day Years 4Mi & 4R hosting |
| 6 | Friday 24 November | 9am Assembly Year 3G hosting |
| 7 | Friday | 1 December No Liturgy or Assembly 5:30pm Whole School Concert |

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

With God’s Blessings over the coming term – Rose Valenti

Congratulations

Congratulations to Shamsieh Rezai, a former St Martin’s Catholic Primary School student, who has been chosen as one of the 2024 Kildare College Prefects.

We are so proud of her remarkable achievement!



THANKS PARENT NETWORK!

Earlier in the year, the Parent Network contributed funds for the purchase of sturdy basketball rings that could be placed in outdoor play spaces. The basketball rings have arrived, been assembled, and erected around the school. The additional outdoor basketball rings allows more students the opportunity to play and practise basketball more often - a great addition to the playing spaces and opportunities at St Martin's. Thank you Parent Network!



THANK YOU, SPORTS-VOLUNTEERS!

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who have helped this year with sports teams and at Sports Carnivals. Without your help, many of the opportunities afforded to the students at St Martin's would not be possible. Your contributions are always appreciated.

SUMMER NETBALL

St Martin's has two Summer Netball Teams competing in this year's EDNA Summer Competition. Games are held on Friday evenings and training is held after school on Tuesdays. All players are expected to attend this after school training session. If your child is unable to play on Friday evening, please contact their coach. Thank you to the enthusiastic groups of coaches, managers, players and parents who have contributed to the ongoing success of netball teams this year.

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - NOVEMBER 7

Year 3-6 students who have been invited to attend this Carnival will be required to register via the QKR App. QKR replies were due 1 November and will close this Friday, 3 November. Invited students not attending must inform Mr Woods so that the team can be reshuffled to accommodate non-attendees.

Date: Tuesday, November 7

Time: 8:20am - 4:00pm

Venue: Santos Stadium - Marjorie Jackson Nelson Drive, Mile End

Transport: Students will travel by bus, leaving St Martin's at 8:20am

(every effort will be made to return to school by 4:00pm but this is reliant on afternoon traffic)

Cost: \$20.00

Dress: Students will be issued with a St Martin's Athletics Top

School sports uniform including hat and labelled school track suit to be worn

Extras: Packed lunch, filled drink bottle, sunscreen, and any required medication

Physical Education Week

Physical Education Week is held in Week 5 of Term 4 every year and:

- is organised by the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)
- promotes that Health & Physical Education is integral to the learning and development of children and young people, and that all students have a right to receive quality Physical Education teaching and learning programs
- advocates that being physically active is good for health and that opportunity must be provided to all boys and all girls in Australian schools.

Being physically active is good for health, wellbeing, and creates opportunities for making new friends and developing physical and social skills.

To celebrate, all students will be permitted to wear their school PE uniform all week!

MR. GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB

Enthusiastic runners and some staff (usually 30-40 people) continue to attend Mr George's Running Club. Running Club is held from 8:00am-8:30am on Thursday morning.

ST MARTIN'S SPORTS UNIFORM RETURNS

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 clean.

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

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

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

Currently on QKR! (Please note due dates)

Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival **Due: 1 November**

Upcoming Sports Dates

November

7 SACPSSA Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6)

13 Start of PE Week (all students are permitted to wear PE all week)