

# ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

Last Sunday, Mark Roberts and Christine Comas attended the 2023 **Arch D Radio Primary Podcasting Awards Ceremony** at Sacred Heart College.

We had students nominated for awards in the following categories:

Podcaster of the Year – Hugh Mander

Student Voice – Ethan Pryce

Most Creative Podcast – Mia Reilly, Baylea Honson, Dylan Jonas, and Aarav Katiyar

Principal's Choice – Sui Mangpa, Jasmin Scott, Milena Sabatino

Mia, Baylea, Dylan, and Aarav were successful in winning their category for their Podcast titled 'CCC'.

A big congratulations to all our nominees as well as all other Year 6 students involved in the Arch D Radio Podcast Program for 2023. See below for photos of the evening.

This Friday we have our school **Christmas Concert**. All students are expected to attend this concert, unless you have notified their class teacher that they will be absent. Gates will be open from 5:00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle (with vegetarian option) for dinner and the canteen will be open for drinks, chips, and snacks. There will also be a coffee van on site. Your children will be your responsibility except when they are to meet their teacher to perform on stage.





An announcement will be made to let you know when they are to meet their teacher in the Community Centre.

Our **End of Year Mass and Graduation Ceremony** will be held on Wednesday 13 December at 1:00pm in the Community Centre. We look forward to you being able to join us at this conclusion to our school year.

**Holidays** can take students away from friends and their usual school supports. Changes to routine can cause some children to feel stressed, isolated, and alone. Parent/carer support is very important.

#### **Tips for adults supporting children.**

- Encourage them to stay connected: Social relationships are an important aspect of children's general wellbeing. Friends can provide both play and support, and spending time with friends is also important for keeping and building existing friendships.
- Encourage them to stay involved: Whether it is hobbies, clubs, or sports – involvement with these can help a child feel connected to their wider community.
- Partake in physical activity: If your child is feeling down or finding things difficult, physical activities such as walking around the block can help relieve stress and frustration.
- Keeping to a regular routine: Getting a good sleep each night helps children feel energised, focused, and motivated. Getting up and going to bed at the same time each day can help normalise their body clock.

As this is my last newsletter for 2023, I would like to thank you for the contribution you have made this year to making St. Martin's Catholic Primary School the vibrant, engaging, caring community that it is.

I wish you a happy and safe summer holiday and pray that the Spirit of Christmas finds its way into your heart and the hearts of those you love.

Susanne Harding  
Deputy Principal

## APRIM NEWS



#### **Advent**

Advent means 'Coming'. Before Christmas we have time to wait, prepare and hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. By using an Advent wreath, we can focus on this preparation in a visual and prayerful way. The wreath itself is filled with symbolism. Each part of the wreath reminds us of an important truth about God.

- The circle shape symbolizes the unending love of God for his people a love which has no beginning or end.
- The evergreens which cover the wreath suggest life, growth and hope.
- The light that the candles give remind us of Jesus, the light of the world.
- The colour of the candles is significant: purple, the Church's colour of repentance and reflected in the vestments worn by the Priest and deacon throughout Advent; and pink, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, a colour of joy and expectation to remind us that Christ's coming is imminent.

As a family you may wish to use the Advent wreath in prayer in your home settings to prepare for the coming of the Lord this Christmas. The season of Advent begins on Sunday 3 December 2023.

**Outreach - St Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023**

Please support St Vinnies this Christmas by donating non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to school by **Tuesday, 5 December**.

Some ideas include:

Tins of ham or turkey, peas, beetroot, potatoes, bean mix or corn, long life custard, Christmas puddings, long life cream/milk, tins of fruit, jelly, sweet biscuits, savoury biscuits, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, jam, vegemite, milo, toiletries, soft drinks, Christmas lollies, tea/coffee, wrapping paper, new toys.

**Upcoming Diary Dates**

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
7	Friday, 1 December	No Liturgy or Assembly 6:30pm Whole School Concert (gates open 5:30pm)
8	Friday, 8 December	9am Assembly Year 1B hosting
9	Wednesday 13, December	1pm End of Year Mass and Graduation Ceremony Year 6 hosting

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

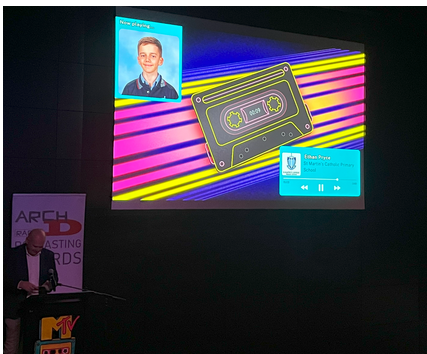
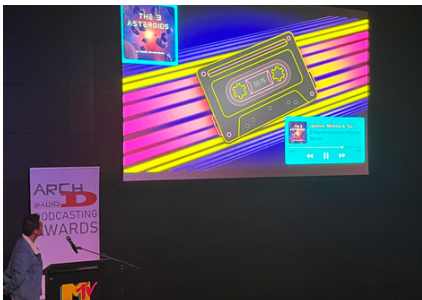
**Thank you to the Parent Network**

Thank you so much for your kind donation towards our mini whiteboards. We were very excited to get hold of them as they were selling out fast in SA. These are going to support all our students from Reception to Year 3 as they use them in their literacy lessons. We have purchased over 450 boards at the value of just over \$2000. The teachers are so keen to use them with their students and we know that the students love working on the mini whiteboards.

With so much appreciation - Helen Young and all the Reception - Year 3 teachers



**ARCH D RADIO PODCAST PROGRAM 2023**





## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK!**

Week 5 was PE Week which highlighted the importance of Health and PE, and the opportunity for movement for all students in Australian schools.

At St Martin's, students were allowed to wear PE uniform all week.

Throughout the week, some students attended "Mr George's Running Club" every day and others were regularly involved in playtime activities, including:

- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Archery
- Tag Rugby
- Handstand competitions.

Thank you to all who actively participated and supported the success of PE Week at St Martin's in 2023.

## **THANK YOU SPORTS-VOLUNTEERS!**

A sincere thank you again, to all the volunteers who have helped this year with sports teams and 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.

## **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. All welcome!

## **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 Tuesday after school training. Please contact your child's coach if they are unable to play on Friday evening.

Thank you to the enthusiastic groups of coaches, managers, players and parents who have contributed to the ongoing success of netball this year.

## **ST MARTIN'S SPORTS UNIFORM AMNESTY**

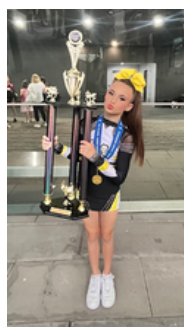
All borrowed St Martin's sports uniforms, including running singlets, football jumpers, swimming towels, tennis shirts and netball uniforms must be returned to school immediately.

These items need to be accounted for and are needed for next term's athletes.

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

## **CONGRATULATIONS Elijah, Vansh and Milena**

Elijah and Vansh (Year 5) - SAPSASA District Tennis Team



Milena (Year 6) – National Cheer Leading Champion in Level 1

## **Upcoming Sports Dates (2024)**

### **Term 1**

April 2 SACPSASA Athletics Carnival (Section 3) - SA Aquatic Centre, 10.00am

April 12 St Martin's Sports Day

### **Term 2**

May 20-24 SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival

July 1-4 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

### **Term 3**

August 7 SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival

September 4 SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival

September 19-20 SACPSSA Cricket Carnival

### **Term 4**

October 16 SACPSSA Tennis Carnival

November 4 SACPSASA Athletics Carnival (Section 4)

Week 5 PE Week

## **SAPSASA, Basketball and Volleyball carnivals TBC**