

# ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2024 academic year at St Martin's Catholic Primary School. This year marks our 60th anniversary of providing quality Catholic education to thousands of students in the local area who have graduated with our school motto at the forefront of everything they undertook - 'Loving to Learn Learning to Love'. Throughout the year, there will be a variety of ways that the school will celebrate this milestone in the school's history. Dates of some significant events are noted in a flyer attached to this newsletter.

A very warm welcome is extended to the following staff members who are joining our wonderful community – namely Alyce Magliaro (Year 1 teacher / Early Years Coordinator), Alessandra Dichiera (Year 3 teacher), Sarah O'Driscoll (Year 3 teacher), Kasey Ton (Year 4 teacher), Michelle Lind (Auslan Teacher), Sr Brenda Balingasa (Chaplain commencing later in the term) and Curriculum ESOs – Cathy Agostino and Angela Duncan.

A special welcome is extended to all of our new students and their families namely -

**RD**  
Muhammad, Ayla, Ethan, Aanav, Janayna, Heitor, Easton, Zane, Ares, Amrit, Chloe, Stella, Matteo, Dhanvin, Shivay, Bessie, Amaya, Roohi, Ariadna.

#### **RP**

Prisha, Armaan, Easton, Abrik, Zara, Leon, Xavier, Jaxon, Willow, Jewel, Kiara, Tanasvi, Musa, Laya, Sophie, Jack, Ojas, Samuel.

#### **RT**

Vikram, Bostan, Adaline, Sarah, Olive, Zayd, Abby, Matthias, Elsa, Rudar, Laura, Liam, Aarushi, Freny, Siya, Ziva, Syana, Aarush, Pearl, Murphy.



**RV**

Kivenya, Mira, Franklin, Amroze, Jiyana, Sifth, Amaira, Nash, Nathan, Thea, Flynn, Noah, Granth, Kriyansh, Osandi, Nancy, Pasha, Sage.

**1B** Aarav **1BM** Anaya **1S** Anika, Chloe **2I** Silas

**2M** Martina, Sophia, Nirgun, Zahra.

**2P** Chali, Deng **2SW** Dhruv Jine, Kiaan, Arshavin

**3D** Parv **3O** Damanpreet, Tanvi, Kavish, Krisha, Jainil, Claire

**4G** Japleen Kaur **4M** Peter **5D** Isabella **6M** Eshraj

Many thanks to all families who availed themselves of the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher/s last Tuesday afternoon despite the extreme heat. Our teachers truly appreciated and treasured meeting with you to gain some insight into your perspective of what you desire for your child this year. Thanks is also extended to all staff members who assisted in providing parents and students with a sausage sizzle or a samosa throughout the afternoon.

Enclosed in this newsletter are **2024 Important Dates** and we ask that you record these significant dates in your diary. The **2024 Staff List** is also enclosed for your perusal.

All students are required to be in their full summer uniform this term – a hard copy of what constitutes St Martin’s summer uniform was sent home to families at the end of last year. This week, staff have noticed that many of our students are not wearing the correct uniform.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct summer uniform and sports uniform on their class’s designated days. All items need to be clearly labelled with your child’s name in case they are misplaced around the school. Your child must have a monogrammed school hat at school every day as it is to be worn at break times and at PE lessons. The St Martin’s monogrammed sports socks are to be worn with the Sports uniform which are sold at the Uniform Shop. Students wearing the incorrect summer / sports uniform, socks and footwear have been issued with an ‘Incorrect Uniform Note’ and it is asked that the matter is addressed by next week.

The Uniform Shop is open Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:00pm and Tuesday mornings from 8:30-10:00am. It is also open on the first Saturday of the month from 9.00am-12.00pm which is this Saturday, 3 February.

This term, **Independence Days** are Mondays and Wednesdays which will commence next Monday, February 5. For new parents, Independence Days are days you farewelling your child at the gate and leave them to walk into school, unpack their bags and get ready for the day independently. We believe that all our students are capable and want to give them the opportunity to demonstrate this. This will start in Week 2 for all students in Years 1 – 6 and in Week 5 for our Reception students.

A reminder to all parents to be considerate when **parking** around the school as Port Adelaide / Enfield Council traffic inspectors regularly monitor the surrounding streets. By adhering to parking signs and Australian Road Rules, it will assist in improving traffic flow around the school and provide a safe environment for our families. It is the responsibility of the driver to read the parking signs each time they park in the area and before leaving their vehicle. Please obey all the parking signs around the school as well as ensuring driveways are not blocked as it is important that we show respect to our neighbours and their property.

As we commence the new school year, it is wonderful to see students enthusiastic and eager to take on a myriad of challenges and set goals for themselves of what they hope to achieve over the coming months. Hopefully over the next few weeks, they will share their goals with you as it is in partnership with home and school that students thrive in their educational environment. Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Christine Comas

PRINCIPAL

# APRIM NEWS



Welcome back to the beginning of another school year. The excitement in our school community this week, has brought a sense of love and hope as we move forward in what will be an exciting year of loving to learn and learning to love.

Our theme for this year is **#heartpeople**, as we celebrate and embrace the religious dimension of our school. We celebrate some important milestones in 2024 of our rich history and tradition, with 60 years of St Martin's, 150 years of OLSH Sisters in Australia and 200 years of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Our OLSH Pillar focus this term is **Reverencing Relationships**, in particular highlighting the beginning of the school year, the school values and the importance of nurturing and building solid relationships as the foreground for a successful 2024.

### Changes in 2024

Our Masses, Liturgies of the Eucharist and Assemblies will look a bit different this year. They are going to vary from week to week, so keep a close eye on our **Diary Dates** section for dates and times. Families are invited to Assemblies, Masses and Liturgies. The Wellbeing session is a class activity for teachers and students only.

### Some of the variations will include:

- 2:20pm Friday Assembly – Student leaders hosting – Birthday/ Awards / Other Certificates.
- 9am Friday Assembly – Whole Unit hosting – Prayer / Acknowledgement of Country / Unit Presentation / Leadership Talk.
- 9am Friday Liturgy of Eucharist or Mass – various classes hosting.
- Wellbeing Session – facilitated by Year 6 students across Reception-Year 5 groups.
- Fallow Week – no Mass, Liturgy, Assembly or Wellbeing Session.

### Year 6 Justice Group

Congratulations to the students who will be part of the **Year 6 Justice Group** this year. This group will support, lead and nurture the faith life in our school community.

Well done and thank you to Zalia, Juliana, Patterson, Shivani, Arya, Anhad, Lily T, Lily S, Reeve, Peyton and Jake.

### Ecological Sustainability

At St Martin's, we are reducing our landfill to become even more sustainable. We ask that you make a mindful effort in not using any packaging in your child's lunch boxes and if you do, we will ask students to take home any food wrappers that they bring to school. Remember that reducing the amount of landfill, reusing containers, recycling, and repairing are the keys to preserving God's gift of creation and our wonder of Earth.

This year we are proud to introduce the role of **Creation Carer** to the school. Like a Student Voice representative, each class will have a Creation Carer that will be voted in for each semester. The Creation Carers will have regular meetings with Mr Kuerschner and Mr Bolding in developing ways that we can make our school even more environmentally friendly.

### Outreach

More details to follow as we support Caritas Australia through Project Compassion later this term. The Year 4 Unit will be organising this fundraising event.

### Diary Dates

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
1	Friday 2 Feb	9am Beginning of Year Liturgy of Eucharist Year 5's
2	Friday 9 Feb	2:20pm Assembly -Justice Group, Student Voice & Creation Carers Commissioning
3	Wednesday 14 Feb	9am Ash Wednesday Mass Year 3D & 3J
4	Friday 23 Feb	9am Assembly Year 4's
5	Friday 1 March	Wellbeing Class Session
6	Friday 8 March	Fallow Week – no Mass, Liturgy or Assembly
7	Friday 15 March	2:20pm Assembly
8	Friday 22 March	9am Assembly Year 1's
9	Thursday 28 March	9am Liturgy of Eucharist Year 2M & 2P
10	Tuesday 2 April	9am Liturgy of Eucharist Justice Group
11	Friday 12 April	Sports Day - no Mass, Liturgy or Assembly

### Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent at 6:30pm St Martin's Church (starting on 16 February). Everyone is welcome!

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti





PE and Sport at St Martin's is varied and busy.

There are numerous opportunities for all students to be involved in physical activity at school.

PE and Sport at St Martin's consists broadly of two parts;

1. Class-based activities
2. Elective sport activities

**CLASS-BASED ACTIVITIES** occur during school hours.

**A. PE Lessons** (1 x 45 minutes / week)

PE lessons cover the "Movement and Physical Activity" strand of the Health and PE curriculum, with work generally aligning to the sequence of annual SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Carnivals.

*PE uniform required on class PE days including school HAT.*

**B. Be Active Sessions** (approximately 5 x 30 minutes sessions / term, in Term 1, 2 and 3 only)

*"Be Active" sessions are usually programmed for Mondays. PE uniform, including HAT, is required on "Be Active" days.*

**C. Outdoor Ed' Sessions** (1 x Year level specific activity, approximately 120-180 minutes / term)

*Class teachers will distribute information concerning these activities when appropriate.*

**ELECTIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**A. Sports Carnivals**

Sports carnivals occur during school hours and sometimes require attendance at before school and lunchtime clubs. Participation at these carnivals also requires a timely response and payment via the school's QKR App.

**i. South Australian Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association (SACPSSA) Carnivals**

Cricket, Swimming, Lacrosse, Netball, Cross Country, Tennis, Touch, Athletics (Years 3-6)

\* Please note: students at Catholic Schools (SACPSSA) carnivals participate according to their school year level.

**ii. SAPSASA / SA School Sport Carnivals** (Years 3-6)  
Swimming, Cross Country, Basketball (Years 5-6 only), and Athletics

\* Please note: students at SAPSASA / SA School Sport events compete according to their year of birth not school year level.

**B. Sports Teams**

**i. St Martin's School Sports Teams** (Years 2-6)  
Cricket, Football, Netball

- St Martin's sports teams compete on weekends and participation involves one or two terms commitment including after school training sessions.
- After hours school sports teams are not possible without the generosity of parent volunteers and the timely return of electronic registrations via the QKR App.

**ii. SAPSASA / SA School Sport State Day District Teams** (Years 3-6)

Athletics, Cross Country, and Swimming

- To be selected for SAPSASA State Day District Teams, students must be part of the school team that attends qualifying events at the SAPSASA Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics carnivals.
- Students who qualify at these carnivals will be invited to State Day competitions.
- Parents of qualifying students must register online with SA School Sports confirming attendance at SAPSASA State Days and are responsible for their child's transport and participation at SAPSASA State Days.

\* Please note: students at SAPSASA / SA School Sports events compete according to their year of birth not school year level.

**iii. SAPSASA / SA School District Teams** (Years 5-6)  
Softball, Football, Hockey, Golf, Cricket, Tennis

- To be selected for SAPSASA District Teams, students must register online with SA School Sport and attend trial dates.
- Successful students will be notified of their selection to a District team following trial sessions.
- Parents are responsible for their child's transport and participation in SAPSASA District Teams and at State SAPSASA Carnivals.

### **C. JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

This school-based, participation programme has been running for over 40 years and aims to promote regular physical activity and healthy food choices. Students are encouraged to be involved in the programme, particularly the online skipping challenge.



### **MR GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB**

All enthusiastic runners are invited to attend Mr George's Running Club. This term, Running Club will run from 8:00am-8:30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please wear PE uniform. This is a great opportunity to practise running for fun or in preparation for the first Cross Country Carnival held early in Term 2.

### **CRICKET (Years 2-6)**

All Year 2-6 boys and girls interested in playing in a school cricket team outside of school hours are urged to sign up via the QKR App as soon as possible.

Cricket teams require a minimum of 8 players. Sufficient interest and at least one registered parent volunteer per team is required for that team to be nominated.

The draw will be distributed as soon as it is finalised by SACA. The draw will also be made available on the Primary School Competition website.

### **SWIMMING TEAM and CARNIVALS (Years 3-6)**

All Year 3-6 students interested in participating in this year's swimming team must attend the St Martin's Swimming Trials – dates to be confirmed.

Once confirmed, registering for the trial days will be through the QKR App.

All swimming trials and carnivals will run during school time;

- St Martin's Swimming Trials - (To be confirmed)
- SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Carnival – **April 2**
- SAPSASA Carnival – **April 9**

### **ST MARTIN'S AUSKICK (Reception – Year 3)**

- Starts Wednesday February 21 at 3:15pm
- St Martins School Oval
- **Questions and information...** contact Josh – 0466521042 –Joshua.Ladegourdie@sanfl.com.au
- **Register** via play.afl/auskick

NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without.

1) Enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the comment box at payment.

2) Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0.

### **SCHOOL SPORT SA – STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2024**

#### **Program of Events for Primary Students (Years 5-6):**

1. Ten Pin Bowling
2. Basketball
3. 5-a-side Soccer
4. Tennis
5. Regional events - (date to be confirmed). These events are open to primary schools.

#### **Important Information:**

- Nominations are due 2 weeks prior to the event date.
- The program of events, along with links to nomination forms, can be found on our website:

**School Sport SA Students with Disability Program 2024**

#### **2024 Sports Dates (to date)**

##### **Term 1**

February 1 (Thursday) Mr George's Running Club starts on school oval, 8-8:30am

February 21 (Wednesday) St Martin's Auskick starts on school oval at 3.15pm

March 6 (Wednesday) SAPSASA District Swimming Carnival - Norwood Pool, 12-2:45pm

March 27 (Wednesday) SAPSASA Come and Try Netball Carnival

April 2 (Tuesday) SACPSASA Swimming Carnival (Section 3) at SA Aquatic Centre, 10.00am

April 9 (Tuesday) SAPSASA State Day Swimming Carnival at SA Aquatic Centre, Marion

April 12 (Friday) **St Martin's Sports Day**

##### **Term 2**

All Term Jump Rope for Heart

May 16 (Thursday) SAPSASA District Cross Country Carnival – Park 9, 12-2:45pm

May 20-24 SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival

July 1-4 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

### **Term 3**

August 6-9 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival – Lightsview, 8:20am-2:30pm (date to be confirmed)

August 7 (Wednesday) SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival

August 29 (Thursday) SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival – Bridgestone Stadium, 8:20am-3:00pm

September 4 (Wednesday) SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival

September 4 (Wednesday) SAPSASA Come and Try Carnival – (to be confirmed)

September 5 (Thursday) SAPSASA Come and Try Carnival – (to be confirmed)

September 19-20 SACPSSA Cricket Carnival

### **Term 4**

October 16 (Wednesday) SACPSASA Tennis Carnival

November 4 (Monday) SACPSASA Athletics Carnival (Section 4)

Week 5 **PE Week**

### **Dates to be confirmed**

St Martin's Swimming Trials No. 1

St Martin's Swimming Trials No. 2

Crows Cup Knockout Football (usually Term 2)

SAPSASA / SA School Sport Tennis (usually Term 3)

NE Catholic School Basketball Carnival (usually Term 3)

### **REMINDERS:**

- The school has and enforces a **NO HAT – NO PLAY** sun protection policy
- Please return any St Martin's athletics tops, netball dresses, cricket shirts etc. as soon as possible. Our teams require these garments for upcoming competitions.



In 2024, St Martin's is excited to announce we will be implementing The Resilience Project. Our school is grateful to the State Government's Student Wellbeing Boost funding that has enabled us to trial this well-known and researched Social and Emotional Curriculum.

**Please read the attached flyer for more information.** The Resilience Project has a wealth of resources including a wonderful podcast, The Imperfects.

Watch this space for more parent information in the coming weeks.

# 60TH BIRTHDAY EVENTS | 2024

**FEB  
23**

**BIRTHDAY  
PARTY 5 - 8PM**

**QUIZ NIGHT  
7PM**

**MAR  
22**

**MAY  
25**

**60'S NIGHT  
7:30PM**

**A CLASS ACT  
(PRESENT & PAST STAFF)**

**JUNE  
28**

**AUG  
25**

**MASS/MORNING  
TEA/OPEN DAY**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.SMG.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](http://WWW.SMG.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)**



**IMPORTANT DATES – 2024**

<b>TERM DATES</b>	
Term 1	Monday, 29 January to Friday 12 April
Term 2	Tuesday 30 April to Friday, 5 July
Term 3	Tuesday, 23 July to Friday, 27 September
Term 4	Tuesday, 15 October to Wednesday, 11 December

<b>LENT   EASTER DATES</b>	
14 February	Ash Wednesday
28 March	Holy Thursday
29 March	Good Friday
31 March	Easter Sunday

<b>PUPIL FREE DAYS (SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS)</b>	
Term 1	Tuesday 12 March   Restorative Practices - all employees
Term 2	Monday 29 April   Moderation with St Monica's Staff – all teachers
Term 3	Monday, 22 July   Whole School Staff Retreat – all employees
Term 4	Monday, 14 October   Reflective Practice Day - all teachers

<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b>	
Friday, 2 February	Beginning of Year Mass
Friday, 12 April	Sports Day
Monday, 13 May to Sunday, 19 May	Catholic Education Week
Friday, 7 June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Friday, 21 June	Cultural Day
Thursday, 8 August	Mary MacKillop Feast Day
Monday 19 August to Friday 23 August	Catholic Schools Open Week
Saturday, 17 August to Friday, 23 August	Book Week
Sunday 1 September to Saturday September 7	Child Protection Week
Friday, 25 October	Grandparents' Day and World's Teachers Day
Monday, 11 November	St Martin's Feast Day
Friday, 29 November	School Concert
Wednesday, 11 December	End of Year Mass   Graduation Ceremony





## STAFF LIST 2024

LEADERSHIP TEAM		SPECIALIST TEACHERS	
Principal	Christine Comas	Art	Helen Williams
Deputy Principal	Susanne Harding	Auslan	Michelle Lind
APRIM	Rose Valenti	Music	Jasmine Lim
		Physical Education	Michael Woods
TEACHING STAFF		EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS	
Reception Unit		Business Manager	Luke Healey
RD	Vanessa Dibbens	Receptionist	Nadia Udina
RP	Katia Pedersen	Enrolment Registrar	Mandy Goodfellow
RT	Coreen Taylor	Payroll Officer	Terina Elphick
RV	Natasha Voiklis	Admin Officer	Angela Norton
		Library Assistant	Michele Dick
			Wendy Hill
Year 1 Unit		Curriculum	Bobby Rodgers
1A	Alexandra Appelbee		Dora Bouras
1B	Alicia Bolzon		Sharon Prior
1BM	Katherine Belperio		Kelly Jones
	Alyce Magliaro		Elizabeth Ciano
1S	Rachel Spry		Emma De Ron
			Reine Bolding
Year 2 Unit			Jasmine Jenkins
2I	Maria Iannotti		Felicia Tsialafos
2M	Marnie Moss		Jenushair Fernando
2P	Stephanie Patching		Cathy Agostino
2SW	Sue Schmick		Angela Duncan
	Helen Williams		Allison Krause
			Kat Hope
Year 3 Unit			Stella Ross
3D	Alessandra Dichiera		Alice Harding
3G	Dylan George		Lauren Howes
3J	Jasmina Jukic		Louis Hutchinson
3O	Sarah O'Driscoll		Kimberley Butcher
			Rina Willmore
Year 4 Unit			Elish Doyle
4G	Linda Gentilcore	WHS Coordinator	Michele Dick
4M	Daniel Milford	Canteen	Nives Grgic
4R	Karolina Radomanski	Sustainability Officer	Peter Kuerschner
4T	Kasey Ton	Chaplain	Sr Brenda Balingasa
		Groundsman	Jason Bielak
Year 5 Unit		School Nurse	Emma Kondrat
5B	Tessa Bahr	WHS	Michele Dick
5D	Nicolle D'Allocco	OSHC Director	Steve Clark
5R	Vincent Rignanesi	OSHC Assistant Director	Peter Pudney
		QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE TEAM	
Year 6 Unit		Principal	Christine Comas
6GM	Louise Gellard	Deputy Principal	Susanne Harding
	Wayne Martin	APRIM	Rose Valenti
6M	Melanie Maguire	Leader of Learning	Helen Young
6RK	Mark Roberts	STEM	Mark Roberts
	Olivia Kropinski	SETQA Coordinator	Louise Gellard
		Wellbeing Coordinator	Mel Jones
Network Technician		Inclusive Ed Coordinator	Wayne Martin
	Alex Klajn	EALD Coordinator	Olivia Kropinski
Counsellor		Early Years Coordinator	Alyce Magliaro
	Christopher Franz		
	Ruby Lai		

# Welcome to The Resilience Project

## PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

### WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on **TRP@HOME.**

### EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The University of Adelaide and The University of Melbourne. Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioral changes**.



The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.

