

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

What an exciting year we have planned to celebrate our 60th Birthday! We know that we have many families who have parents and grandparents who have been involved in our community for many of these 60 years. If anyone has any photos or memorabilia from St Martin's Catholic Primary School, we would love to borrow them for the year.

Please ensure that your name is on them so that we can return them to you.

You can send memorabilia to sharding@smg.catholic.edu.au or drop it into the school office.

We are looking forward to celebrating this significant year with you.

We have already had our Beginning of Year Liturgy in which we gave thanks to God for the gift of educating thousands of students in the OLSH tradition in Greenacres over the last 60 years.

Our next event is our Birthday Party. Please see your invitation below:



At this time each year we bring the following documents to your attention

[Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)
[\(Archdiocese of Adelaide\)](#).

[Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum information for parents and carers](#)

Please take time to read them and familiarise yourself with them. Keeping our students safe is of the utmost importance to us.

One of the other areas of student safety that we are concerned with is regarding the **traffic around St Martin's CPS**. To support our families' understanding and compliance in this area, each month in our newsletter, we will include information on an area of concern regarding the use of the roads around our school. This month we are focussing on parking over driveways.

Parents are waiting in the car for their children or just parking their cars and walking off. This shows no respect for the neighbours and is a safety issue for the children as well. For example, we have seen this occur over driveways on Sutcliffe Road, opposite the school. For the small number of parents who do this, please find a parking spot further away. It takes only a few seconds to park your car and walk up to the school. Otherwise use the kiss and drop pickup area to collect your child.

PARENTS PLEASE DO NOT STOP OR PARK OVER DRIVEWAYS.

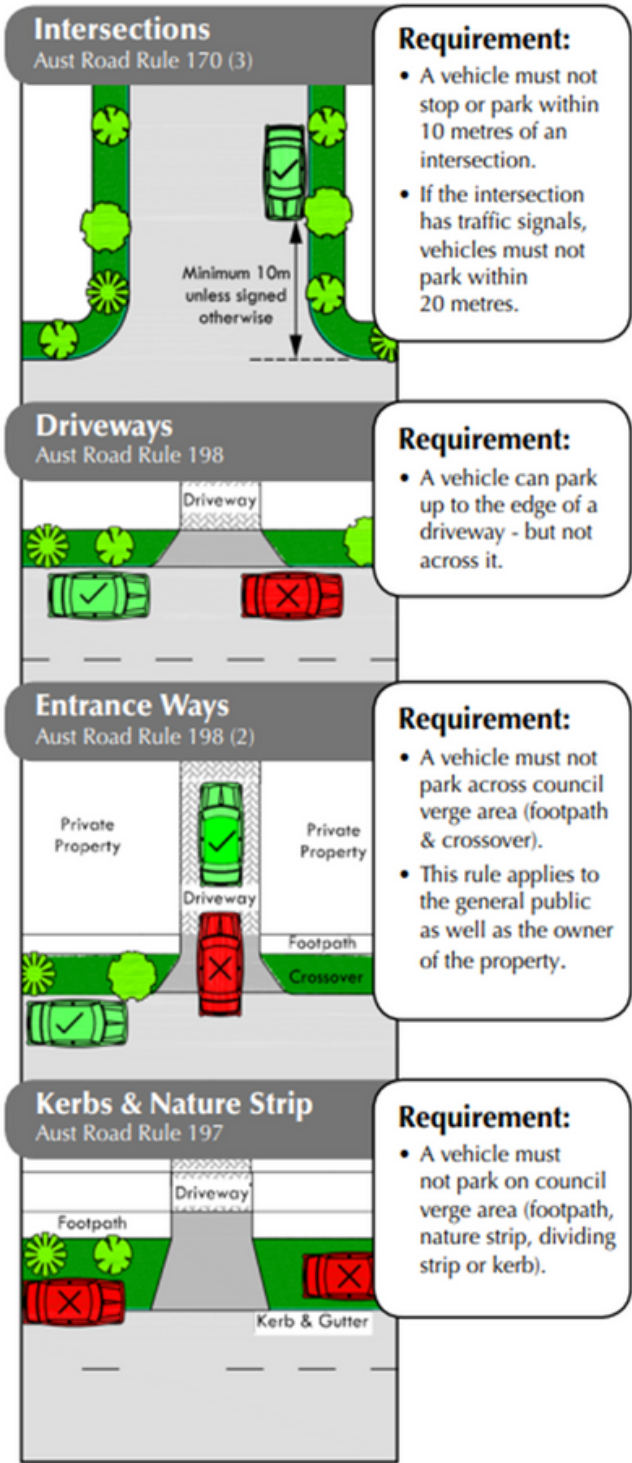
It is offence to park over someone's driveway. The diagram below will help you with understanding this.

Please note the change of date regarding our School Concert.

Our End of Year Concert will be held on Thursday 28th November, this year. Gates open at 5:00pm. Concert starts at 6:00pm and will conclude around 7:00pm. Last year we were missing many students due to Friday night sporting commitments. To alleviate this clash, we are holding our concert on a Thursday night this year. Please put this date in your diary now.

Madhavi Nawana Parker is the Director of Positive Minds Australia and an informative and engaging speaker.

Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present: Middle to High School Cool presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker Tuesday March 12, 2024, 6pm - 8pm (in person or online) Nazareth Catholic Community 344 Findon Road, Kidman Park (see flyer below for details).



Susanne Harding
Deputy Principal

APRIM NEWS



Ash Wednesday Reflection - taken from the Project Compassion website

It is curious that this year Ash Wednesday happens to fall on the same day as St Valentine's Day. This does not happen very often. St Valentine's Day is a great occasion for florists and restaurants. Some people get carried away and arrange to propose marriage in hot air balloons and beside beautiful waterfalls. This is all great fun, and it is delightful to see people dizzy with love.

We all know that real love is about more than the good times. It is a commitment to grow together and encounter each other more and more deeply, even when the going is tough. There are legends about St Valentine but it is not clear who he may have been. The chances are, however, that he was a martyr in the early period of the Christian story. He knew that love meant sacrifice. Love lays down its own life to give life to others.

Ash Wednesday is the perfect day to think about love. We begin our journey towards our observance and celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The cross of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of how profoundly God loves the world.

Lent is a time when we are also asked to consider how authentically we make God's love visible to others. Each year, through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia offers us a significant opportunity to become ambassadors for Christ. The prophet Joel says, 'Why should it be said among nations, "where is their God?"' In other words, we must try to live the message of Jesus, which is one of justice, compassion, inclusion and extravagant love.

More details will follow as we support Caritas Australia through Project Compassion later this term.

Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to the Parent Network and all our volunteers for providing pancakes for all the students and staff at St Martin's. Over 800 pancakes were cooked and enjoyed by all! The students made mention of how fluffy and delicious they tasted.

Thank you is also extended to Coles Greenacres, Drakes Lightview, Woolworths Northpark and Woolworths Northgate for donating many of our pancake 'shake and bakes'.

Diary Dates

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
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

St Vinnies Thank You - Christmas Appeal 2023

Thank you for your support for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Your generosity has made Christmas special for many families in your local community.

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!

Children's Liturgy at St Monica's and St Martin's Church

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. Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at both Masses.

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti

Congratulations

We are thrilled to share that two of our former students, Megha Ratti and Chloe Torchio achieved exceptional results in their 2023 Year 12 SACE Studies with respective ATARS of 91.05 (Megha) and 91.20 (Chloe). We are very proud of their achievements.

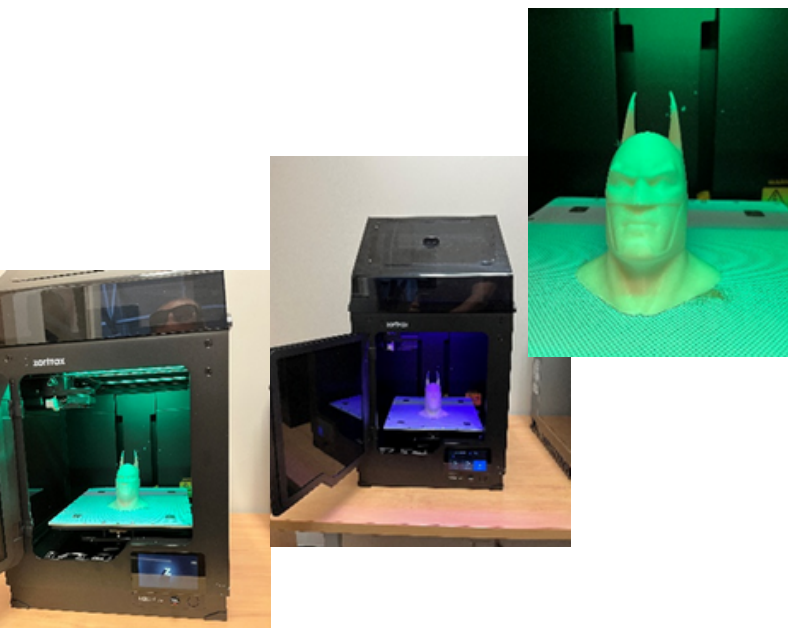
We attribute this outstanding achievement to the commitment and hard work of the dedicated teaching staff, who have played a vital role in Megha and Chloe's education in their primary school years.

Megha plans to study a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Nuclear Medicine) at the University of South Australia.

Chloe plans to study a Bachelor of Paramedicine at Flinders University.

Thank You to the Parent Network – from Mark Roberts (STEM Coordinator)

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the funds made available to purchase a new 3D printer for our STEM program. Last week I took part in an hour of training in setting up and using the printer. The features are amazing and the prints it can produce are of a high quality. I am looking forward to working with the students this year in computer aided design.



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 afterschool 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.

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. **Registrations for cricket in Term 1 close 16 February.**

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)

St Martin's enters two swimming carnivals annually. All Year 3-6 students interested in participating in this year's swimming team must attend the St Martin's Swimming Trials

SWIMMING CARNIVAL Trial no.1

Date: Thursday 22 February

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Venue: Norwood Swimming Centre, Phillips Street, Kensington.

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

Cost: \$20

Dress: Black, navy or dark blue swimming apparel, complete PE uniform including hat.

Extras: Packed lunch, drink, and any medication required, towel and sunscreen.

Parent assistance is required on the day and always appreciated. If you are able to help at the swimming trials please indicate this on the Qkr! reply slip.

Additionally, all students must return a completed "Appendix G". These will be distributed once QKR replies are finalised.

All swimming trials and carnivals will run during school time;

- St Martin's Swimming Trials No. 1 – February 22
- St Martin's Swimming Trials No. 2 – February 28
- SAPSASA District Carnival – March 6
- SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Carnival – April 2
- SAPSASA Carnival – April 9

SENIOR NETBALL (All students Years 3-6)

All Year 3-6 students interested in participating in St Martin's Netball teams this year are invited to register through the Qkr! App.

Afterschool (3:15-4:00pm), Senior Netball trainings will begin at the end of this term. These sessions will be for senior netballers only. Players who intend to play on Saturday mornings must attend weekly trainings.

Year 3-6 St Martin's Netball teams play on Saturdays at venues in surrounding suburbs.

Information concerning senior netball teams and registrations are open now on the QKR App.

All Year 3-6 Netball registrations are due by March 29.

Without sufficient registered player interest, teams cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

JUNIOR NETBALL CLINICS (Reception Year 2)

Simply Sports is excited to be returning to St Martin's school in Term 2 to run our NETstarted Netball beginner program for Reception to Year 2 students!

These sessions are run by coaches with a strong sports and Physical Education background and offer children of all abilities, an opportunity to experience playing netball in a safe, challenging and most importantly FUN environment.



DETAILS

WHO:

ST MARTIN'S STUDENTS FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

WHERE:

SCHOOL COURTS

WHEN:

THURSDAYS 3:15PM TO 4:15PM

MAY 9TH TO JUNE 13TH

COST:

\$100 (INC GST) PER STUDENT FOR 6 SESSIONS
OR

FREE IF YOU USE YOUR SPORTS VOUCHER

HOW TO REGISTER

Please visit your school's page on our website:

<https://simplysports.com.au/schools/greenacres>

Fill in your child's details. You'll then be able to make the \$100 payment from the confirmation page.

Please note, if you have not yet used it in 2024, you may use your \$100 SPORTS VOUCHER to pay for this program! ALL primary school aged children in SA are entitled to a sports voucher

If you would like to use your voucher, please go to <https://simplysports.com.au/sports-vouchers/> to fill in your child's details. You'll then receive a code that can be used at checkout to pay \$100 for this program.

ALL participants MUST be REGISTERED before participating.

ALL payments must be made before the second week of the program.

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

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.

School Sports SA (SAPSASA) Basketball CARNIVAL (Year 5-6)

All interested basketballers are invited to register their interest in forming a competitive School Sports SA Basketball team for a carnival in Term 3.

Being part of this team will require a commitment to lunchtime training sessions. Preference will be given to students in Year 6 and competitive Year 5 students will be considered.

All Basketball registrations are due via the Qkr! App by March 15. Without sufficient registered player interest, a team cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

School Sports SA (SAPSASA) VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL (Year 4-6)

All interested volleyballers are invited to register their interest in forming a competitive School Sports SA Volleyball Team for a carnival in Term 3.

Being part of this team will require a commitment to lunchtime training sessions.

All volleyball registrations are due via the Qkr! App by March 15. Without sufficient registered player interest, teams cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

SAPSASA / SA School Sport District Teams (Years 3-6)

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 or...

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.

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

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOFTBALL TEAM TRIALS (YEAR 5-6) There is no cost to trial.

Softball trials commence on Wednesday Feb 21.

Trials: Wednesdays Feb 21ST, 28th, March 6, 13 (and training March 20)

TIME: 4 PM-5 PM

Venue: Walkerville softball club, 35 church Terrace Walkerville

How to nominate

Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online prior to the first trial.

Students who have not nominated online before the trials will not be eligible to attend trials. This is to ensure supervision ratios are maintained for a safe environment.

If you require support in completing the form please contact Mr Woods. To nominate, please complete the online form which can be accessed below:

Adelaide North East:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wBwPbchaG>

Once you have submitted the form you will receive a confirmation email, a copy of the form will also be sent to the school as confirmation that you are nominating your child and will be retained by the school as a record of their involvement as per department records management policy and procedure.



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 22 (Thursday):St Martin's Swimming Trial No. 1 - Norwood Pool, 11-2:00pm
- February 28 (Wednesday) St Martin's Swimming Trial No. 2 - Norwood Pool, 12-3:00pm
- 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) - SA Aquatic Centre, 10.00am
- April 9 (Tuesday) SAPSASA State Day Swimming Carnival – 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
- Julu 1-4 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

Term 3

- August 6-9 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival – Lightsview, 8:20am-2:30pm (date TBC)
- 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 – TBC
- September 5 (Thursday) SAPSASA Come and Try Carnival – TBC
- 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...

- Crows Cup Knockout Football (usually Term 2)
- SAPSASA / SA School Sport Tennis (usually Term 3)
- NE Catholic School Basketball Carnival (usually Term 3)

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.



Congratulations Harsimrat Singh

St Paul's College is delighted to share that former St Martin's College student Harsimrat Singh is the 2023 College Dux.

His academic achievements are impressive. Harsimrat achieved an outstanding 99.25 ATAR with A+ Merits in Accounting (Year 11, 2022) and Chemistry and A+ grades in Mathematical Methods and Integrated Learning: Religion and an A in English Literary Studies. Merit Certificates are only awarded to students who finish in the top 1% or 2% in the state. Last week, he received his Merit award for Chemistry at the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House and was also recognized at the Royal Australian Chemical Institute awards ceremony at Flinders University. Beyond the classroom, Harsimrat was an active participant in co-curricular program, playing badminton and as a member of the Social Justice committee. Harsimrat's exemplary conduct and commitment make him an outstanding role model for our younger students.

This year Harsimrat is studying Dentistry at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.

Harsimrat is a credit to St Martin's, St Paul's and his family and we wish him every success in the future.





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SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Middle to High School Cool

presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker

Tuesday March 12 2024
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

Nazareth Catholic Community
344 Findon Road, Kidman Park

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

During this period of psychological change and growth, pre-teens and teenagers want to fit in. This practical workshop will give you an insight into the minds of this age group and how best to respond to their social and emotional needs to prepare them for the next stage of their education.

Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of Positive Minds Australia is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Register via the CESA Registration Centre or go to the Events page on the Catholic School Parents SA Website.

cspsa.catholic.edu.au