

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings!

As part of the process of implementing PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Support), the St. Martin's PBIS Leadership Team, comprising of Mel Jones (Well-being Co-Ordinator), Vanessa Dibbens (Reception teacher), Natasha Voiklis (Reception teacher), Tessa Bahr (Year 5 teacher), Wayne Martin (Inclusive Education Co-Ordinator), Melanie Maguire (Year 6 teacher), Nicolle D'Allocco (Year 5 teacher), Dora Bouras (ESO), Peter Pudney (OSHC Assistant Director) and myself have worked with staff and students to make our School Values more accessible.

The table below links these new values with the OLSH pillars of Education and connects them to our old values.

Respect	<i>We reverence relationships</i>	Connects with old values: <i>Respect, Acceptance</i>
Responsibility	<i>We are faith filled</i>	Connects with old values: <i>Responsibility, Safety, honesty, Pride</i>
Integrity	<i>We pursue excellence</i>	Connects with old values: <i>Pride, honesty</i>
Kindness	<i>We touch the heart of others</i>	Connects with old values: <i>Friendliness, Acceptance, Service</i>

At our recent School Board meeting, these 4 new values were approved. You should hear your child starting to talk about these new values and we encourage you to explore what they might look like in your home as well.

One of these values is **Responsibility**. I would like to talk about this value as we might see it play out on our roads around our school at drop off and pick up time. Our school has enlisted the support of SAPOL in trying to make the streets around our school safer.



SAPOL has been a presence in our area at drop-off and pick-up times over the last few weeks and several of our parents have received fines as a consequence of ignoring street signs, or dangerous behaviour on the road (sadly, one of our parents received a fine of just over \$600 the week before last). Our staff are committed to keeping your children safe as well, and so, at times when the police are not present, our staff will be photographing cars whose drivers are ignoring parking signs or behaving dangerously and sending these photos to SAPOL. If you are not ignoring parking signs or driving in a manner that we deem dangerous to other members of our community, you have nothing to worry about. We are not setting out to make your life difficult, just your child's safer, and so if you feel that you have been fined inappropriately, we are happy for you to contact Christine Comas or myself. We have a **responsibility** to each other to be **kind**, **respectful** and courteous. I do after school duty most afternoons and I worry each time that I am going to witness a member of our community being injured. After school duty concludes at 3:20pm. If you wait and come at 3:10pm, we will still be looking after your child, and you will not need to deal with the chaos that occurs from 3:00 – 3:10pm.

As promised, each month I will include an area of education regarding road rules that apply around our school. This month, **it is turning right into the crescent Kiss and Drop area, off Princes Road during times that are not permitted.** Do not turn right in this area between 8.00 and 9.00am or in the afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm. Two signs are clearly marked. This is a safety issue for the children, parents and staff walking along the pathway.



On a happier note, next Friday night (22nd March) we are invited to attend a Quiz Night being held in our school Community Centre from 7:00pm. This Quiz Night is being hosted by our parish St. Vinnie's group and so all proceeds are going to a very good cause, supporting those in need in our local community. Tickets are \$20 per person and drinks and supper are BYO. You might like to organise a table of 10 people, or you might like to come and join a table with some others. Organisers of Tables of 10 are asked to advise Nadia (in our front office) of numbers by Monday 18th March and collect cash payment from their team members and pay her prior to the event.

*** BYO supper and drinks**

***Tea and Coffee supplied**

***\$5 Pick a Box * 20c Heads and tails**

***\$1 Coin Toss for Whiskey**

*** Door Prize * Winning and Last Table Prizes**

All expenses will have been covered by supporters prior to the event

Book single tickets by 15th March with Kaye PH: 82610549

These may be collected and paid in cash prior to then or on the night.

EFTPOS facilities will be available on the night. Walk-ins on the night are welcome!

Children who can sit at the table and join in the Quiz for the whole evening are welcome at no cost. If your child is unable to do this, please do not bring them as this will just make the night difficult for others.

We have a staff table and so we are looking forward to some healthy competition for the winning table prize!

I hope to see you there!

Susanne Harding
Deputy Principal



APRIM NEWS



8 Ways to Pray During Lent

What do we do when we are facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are “big events” in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent.

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you are giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action.

2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press’s popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ guided meditation or try the prayer reflections offered by the Irish Jesuit site Sacred Space.

3. Pray the Stations of the Cross. T

This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration.

4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina.

This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases.

5. Reflect Deeper on your Liturgical Prayer.

When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the highlight of each Mass, has special significance during Lent.

6. Join or start a prayer group.

In group prayer you’re able to offer and experience a positive example, needed support and encouragement, different perspectives, and the inspiration to grow in the Christian life.

7. Pray with children or as a family.

Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together.

8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.

Ecological Sustainability

Commingled Recycling

Dry and clean recyclables such as rigid plastics, paper, cardboard, steel and aluminium can be collected for Commingled recycling. Commingled recycling refers to mixed recycling.

Items that can be recycled in Commingled bins include:

- glass bottles and jars (unbroken)
- aluminium and steel cans and foil
- hard plastic items with a recycling symbol 1-7 (bottles, containers, cups, plates)
- paper (newspapers, brochures, hand towels (unsoiled), magazines, books, envelopes)
- small cardboard items (empty pizza boxes, cereal boxes, folders)

Commingled recycling must not include plastic bags or soft plastic items, coffee cups or polystyrene.

Recycled items should be free of bulk food or liquids (no need to rinse) and lids should be separated from bottles before disposal.

Diary Dates

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
7	Friday 15 March	2:20pm Assembly Student Leaders
8	Friday 22 March	9am Assembly Year 1's
9	Thursday 28 March	9am Liturgy of Eucharist – Holy Thursday Year 2M & 2P
10	Tuesday 2 April	9am Liturgy of Eucharist – Easter Season Justice Group
11	Friday 12 April	Sports Day - no Mass, Liturgy or Assembly

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

Sacramental Program 2023/2024

The Enrolment Masses for Confirmation and Eucharist will be held on Saturday, 6 April (St Monica’s Church 6pm) and Sunday, 7 April (St Martin’s Church 9:30am). Please bring your enrolment form to one of these Masses.

Confirmation Session 1 will be held on Sunday, 5 May after Mass at 10:30am at St Martin’s Church. Please join us for Mass before the session at 9:30am to celebrate Palm Sunday!

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



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The annual school Sports Day will be at St Martin's on **Friday, 12 April**.

Sports Captains are elected by their peers following candidate presentations and were announced at a recent school assembly. Congratulations to:

Jack and Noah -	HARTZER (Blue)
Ashlyn and Ayan -	CHEVALIER (Red)
Dhiya and Charlie -	MACKILLOP (Green)
Aiyana and Francesco	SWEENEY (Yellow)

Information pamphlets outlining the details and programming of this year's event will be distributed to all students via their classrooms.

Reception - Year 2 Events – 9:30am-11:00am

Year 3-6 Events – 11:30am-1:10pm

Captains Event – 2:00pm

Presentations – 2:10pm

This year, only Year 3-6 classes will require parent helpers to aid with scoring at activities.

If you are able to help with scoring at this year's Sports Day, please inform your child's class teacher.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS (Years 3-6)

Congratulations to the SAPSASA Swimmers who swam at last week's carnival. St Martin's had some good results with the team accumulating enough points to finish second.

Congratulations to Noah, Tristan, Mae-Lyn, Juliana, Yicheng, Jack and Elijah who qualified for the SAPSASA State Championships which will be held later in the term.

UP COMING SWIMMING CARNIVALS

SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Carnival – **April 2** (Years 3-6)

SAPSASA State Day Carnival – **April 9** (qualified students only)

CRICKET (Years 4-6)

This term, St Martin's has one B Grade (Year 4-6) cricket team competing on Saturday mornings.

The draw has been finalised by SACA and is available to view at

<https://www.adelaidestrikersprimarieschoolcricket.com>

All games commence at 8:30am. Please arrive at the venue at 8:00am so that games can start on time. If you are unable to make a fixture, please contact the team manager.

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.

Senior Netball training will be held after school from 3:15pm -4:00pm and will commence 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 Friday,

March 20. Without sufficient registered player interest, teams cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

SAPSASA NETBALL – Come and TRY – NETBALL CARNIVAL (Years 3-6)

This carnival is open to all students in Years 3-6. It is a participation-based carnival for local schools affiliated with SAPSASA.

The carnival is to be held on Wednesday, 27 March.

All SAPSASA Netball Carnival registrations are due via the QKR App by Friday, March 20.

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.

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.*

2024 Sports Dates

Term 1

March 6 (Wednesday) SAPSASA District Swimming Carnival -

Norwood Pool, 12-2:45pm

March 27 (Wednesday) SAPSASA Come and Try Netball Carnival

April 2 (Tuesday) SAPSASA 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



SIMPLY SPORTS

WHO: St Martin's school Rec to Yr 2's
WHAT: **NETstarted** beginner netball program
WHERE: School courts
WHEN: Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm
from May 9th to June 13th
COST: **FREE** if using \$100 SPORTS VOUCHER
or **\$100** without it.
REGISTER: simplysports.com.au/schools/greenacres
CONTACT Ph: Adrian 0402 418 580
Email: info@simplysports.com.au

NETstarted
NETBALL

SPORTS VOUCHERS

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 9 - June 13

COST:

\$100 (inc GST) per student for 6 Sessions

Or

FREE if you use your SPORTS VOUCHER

HOW TO REGISTER

Please visit the school's page on the following website:

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

Fill in your child's details. You will 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 will 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