

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to the Parent Network for hosting a wonderful Harmony Day Picnic last Friday evening. It was wonderful to see so many families avail themselves of the opportunity to celebrate Harmony Day and join in with the dancing and congenial atmosphere of our community event. Thank you to all volunteers who assisted with helping serve food and the clean-up as many hands make light work.

Students have been entertained over the past fortnight watching the demolition of the school's old Maintenance shed, house and Mud Garden, along with seeing the Tinker Shed being lifted by a huge crane and placed near the playground. Various machinery and trucks have been on the building site removing all sorts of materials and preparing the grounds for the foundation of our Stage 4 Project. Something interesting is occurring every day to amuse our students – they are experiencing firsthand how classrooms and school facilities are erected on our grounds.

Excitement is brewing as all students prepare for our annual Sports Day on Friday, April 4th. In their PE lessons, they are practising / rehearsing various skills required for all activities and whole School Chant practices are occurring each week in readiness for the Opening Ceremony. Information has been sent home about the day highlighting that we are offsite this year at Greenacres Reserve. It is asked that every student returns their permission slip to their teacher for Sports Day no later than Thursday, 27 March. A Sports Day timetable will be sent home soon highlighting the different Junior Primary and Primary events scheduled throughout the day.

Next week (Monday, March 31st to Thursday, April 3rd), Learning Conversations will be occurring throughout the school. A Learning Conversation is an opportunity for parents to hear from their child and their child's teacher(s) about their learning and gain some insight into how their child is progressing this year – what have been the highlights and / or challenges this term. It is important that every parent avails themselves of the opportunity to book a 15-minute appointment time to chat with their child's teacher(s) and hear what the highlights have been this term and what the goals and challenges are for their child for the remainder of this year.



Parents who do not book an appointment time will be contacted by their child's teacher to do so at another time.

As we come to the end of Term 1 and the cooler weather sets in, students can wear either their winter or summer uniform in the final two weeks of the term. The formal winter uniform is to be worn next term with the proviso that during the first two weeks of the term, students may continue wearing their summer uniform if there is warm weather. By **Monday, May 12th**, all students need to be in their formal winter uniform.

Next term, I will be on leave for four weeks (Monday April 28th to Friday May 23rd) and the Director of Catholic Education has appointed Susanne Harding as Acting Principal, Vanessa Dibbens as Acting Deputy Principal and Katie Downie as Acting APRIM.

Please note that Term 1 **concludes on Friday April 11th and Term 2 commences on Tuesday April 29th** at 8.45am due to staff attending a PD Day on Monday April 28th. Our OSHC facility is available for students who need care on this day.

Positive Behaviour Intervention Support (PBIS) Student and & Family Handbook

Last year, St. Martin's embarked on our journey with Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports (PBIS). In 2025, we have commenced rolling out weekly lessons covering important topics such as Attending Masses and Assemblies, Being Ready to Learn, We Show Respect, Accepting the Needs of Others, Following Instructions, and more.

Additionally, the PBIS team has created a Student and Family Handbook, which will be distributed in the next week to each family in hard copy form. The handbook will also be available on our website for easy access.

We encourage you to review the handbook thoroughly to familiarise yourself with the behaviour expectations and core values that guide our school community.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful fortnight ahead. Enjoy the Easter break with your loved ones.

Christine Comas
PRINCIPAL

APRIM NEWS

Welcome to Week 9. As we enter the third week of Lent, we are reminded of the important messages in *Luke 13:1-9*. In this passage, Jesus teaches us two key lessons. First, he explains that suffering is not a punishment for sin but a reminder for everyone to turn back to God. Then, through the Parable of the Fig Tree, he shows us God's patience and mercy, just as the gardener gives the tree more time to grow, God gives us chances to strengthen our faith and change our hearts. Lent is a time to reflect on our lives, seek renewal, and grow closer to God through prayer, repentance, and acts of kindness.

Each week, our classes engage in thoughtful reflection on the week's Gospel, exploring its meaning and relevance in our daily lives. I invite families to take the time to engage in conversation at home by reflecting on the following questions together:

- What do you enjoy doing on weekends?
- What responsibilities or tasks do you have?
- Sundays are God's holy day. How can we honour and celebrate this day?
- God helps us grow in love for him. How can we express our love for God and others?

These conversations provide a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith as a family and strengthen our connection to God in our everyday lives.

CESA Celebrating 10 Years of Laudato Si

This May will be the 10th anniversary of the publishing of *Laudato Si*. Pope Francis' wrote a letter to the world about caring for our common home. It reminds us that we all have a responsibility to protect the environment, care for creation, and ensure a sustainable future for our children. At our school, we are committed to living out the message of *Laudato Si* by teaching students about environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the importance of looking after the world around us. Through daily actions—such as reducing waste, recycling, and caring for nature—our students are learning how they can make a difference. To celebrate this and the ecological conversion work that has happened in CESA schools over the last decade, a video resource is being prepared to highlight some of the projects that have been undertaken. St Martin's has been invited to contribute to this video which will give our students, the Creation Carers and Justice Group the opportunity to showcase our hopes and actions.



Outreach – Project Compassion

The Year 4 students have been actively leading fundraising initiatives to support *Project Compassion* and a school in Samoa. They have organised a variety of fun and engaging activities, including the *Change for Change Challenge*, *Fight Against Poverty* colouring competition, *Basketball Shootout*, and *Guess the Number of Lollies in the Jar*. All fundraising activities will conclude by the end of Week 10. Thank you to everyone who has participated and contributed to these important causes! By the end of term, we should have a final figure of how much money we have raised for Project Compassion.



Diary Dates – Term 1

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
10	Friday 4 th April	Sports Day
11	Friday 11 th April	Liturgy of the Word: Justice Group Pre- Holy Week

Diary Dates – Term 2

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
1	Friday 2 nd May	9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist – 4T & 4M Hosting
2	Friday 9 th May	9.00am Assembly – Hosted by Reception Unit
3	Friday 16 th May	Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist – 1SP and 1R Hosting
4	Friday 23 rd May	2.15pm Assembly – Hosted by Justice Group
5	Friday 30 th May	9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist – 5BV & 5R Hosting

Sustainability

Next term, St Martin's will be revamping our bin system to align our rubbish disposal with Port Adelaide, Enfield Council. The school will see the introduction of a new red bin called Waste to Fuel. This bin is treated as dry waste. Any waste in this bin is repurposed into Processed Engineered Fuel (PEF), a fuel used as replacement for natural gas in cement kilns. Materials like soft plastic and wrappers (e.g. chip packets, chocolate wrappers, other soft plastics and films), general non-recyclable waste goes into the bin. To help students learn how to use this bin, a new waste warrior character will be introduced. Stay tune to our next newsletter for the announcement.



Our next Sustainability Committee meeting is **Term 2, Wednesday 7th May at 3.20pm** in the staffroom. All welcome!

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

2024/2025 Sacramental Program: Enrolment Mass for Confirmation and Eucharist (Family Mass & Children's Liturgy); Saturday 5th April at 6pm, St Monica's Church or Sunday 6th April at 9.30am at St Martin's Catholic Church.

Youth Mass:

Youth Mass Saturday 5 April 2025 at 6pm at St Monicas Church.

Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy provides a meaningful opportunity for young learners to deepen their understanding of the Gospel and engage more fully with the structure and significance of the first part of the Mass. Through this special program, children grow in their appreciation of the liturgy and its rich teachings. Children's Liturgy takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during both Masses.

- During Masses Saturday 3rd May at St Monica's Church and Sunday 4th May at St Martin's Church
- During Masses Saturday 17th May at St Monica's Church and Sunday 18th May at St Martin's Church

What's On in the Archdiocese:

For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

On Good Friday, there is an invitation to join a pilgrimage of reflection and hope, inspired by the 2025 Jubilee Year – *Pilgrims of Hope*. This walk offers a unique opportunity to step away from daily life and reflect on the meaning of Easter. It is a chance to connect with the Easter story, with one another, and with the deeper themes of resilience, forgiveness, and hope.

Designed with young people in mind by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), this event is open to all ages. The journey begins at The Monastery in Urrbrae at 7:30pm, with a walk toward the city. Along the way, you will pause for reflection at St Raphael's in Parkside, before continuing to the final destination, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The walk covers approximately 6.5 km in total.

To participate, please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHVW> to secure your spot and indicate if you require transportation back to The Monastery from the Cathedral. For more details, visit <https://www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/liftup2025>.

God's blessings,
Vanessa Dibbens



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The annual school Sports Day will be at Greenacres Reserve on **Friday, 4 April**.

Classes will walk to the venue from 10:30am. Once assembled, the official opening will commence at 11:00am. The Sports Day events will begin at 11:20am and classes will continue a rotation of activities until 1:50pm.

A Captain's Event will be held at 2:00pm.

Sports Day will conclude with presentation of Awards at 2:10pm, with dismissal from the oval between 2:20pm and 2:30pm.

Classes will require parent helpers to aid with scoring at their activities. Ideally each class requires 4 parent volunteers – 1 for each team. Parent volunteers must be currently registered as a volunteer at the Front Office.

If you are able to help with scoring or supervision of your child's class as they walk to Greenacres Reserve, please inform your child's class teacher.

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

Please ensure that ALL students return the Sports Day reply slip to their class teachers.

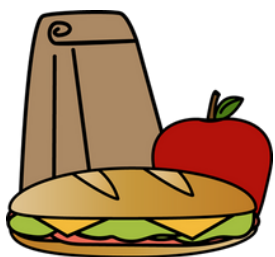
SPORTS DAY FOOD

Students will have recess at school.

Please provide your child with a nutritious snack including fruit.

Students will enjoy lunch at Greenacres Reserve.

Kindly pack your child's lunch in a named plastic or paper bag that can be disposed of after use.



Students should bring a drink bottle filled with water. Water refill stations will be available throughout the day.

Refreshments will be available for purchase by spectators

Students WILL NOT have access to canteen facilities.

UP COMING SWIMMING CARNIVALS (Years 3-6)

Good luck to the swimmers representing St Martin's at next week's SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Swimming Carnival.

Good luck to Mae-Lyn, Noah, Tristan (Year 5) and Roger (Year 4) who will swim at the SAPSASA State Championships. The championships are to be held at the State Aquatic Centre in April.

SENIOR NETBALL (Years 3-6)

Thank you to all those who timely registered via the QKR app. Winter Season Netball Teams have been nominated.

Netball training times will be after school from 3:15pm - 4:00pm and will commence soon. Details will be distributed to those involved shortly. These sessions are for the school netball teams only. Players who intend to play on Saturday mornings must attend weekly trainings.

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 practice running for fun or in preparation for the first Cross Country Carnival held early in Term 2.

SAPSASA / SA School Sport District Teams

Good luck to those students who are participating in trials for the SAPSASA District AFL Team. Trials commenced last week.

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.

Congratulations to *Connor and Oscar* (Year 6). Following SAPSASA District Softball Trials earlier in the term, both have been selected to the SAPSASA District Softball team. They will represent the District at the State Softball Carnival next week.

We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:



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Parents & Carers



Why?



1 in 4
adolescents have a
mental illness.



65%
of adolescents do
not seek help.



1 in 7
primary school children
have a mental illness.



1 in 5
adults will experience
mental illness.



Over 50%
of students are at risk of a **poor learning
mindset** (anxiety + disengagement).

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare,
Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

About the program

TRP is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.**

We're proud to be implementing TRP's **evidence-based whole school wellbeing program** to support positive mental health in the classroom, staffroom and wider community.

Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**, with regular opportunity for parent/carer involvement.



Get involved with TRP@HOME

Scan the QR code
or [click here](#) to
find **activities
and resources** to
implement the GEM+EL
principles at home.



Evidence-based

TRP's School Partnership Program
has been independently evaluated
by [The University of Adelaide](#) and
[The University of Melbourne](#).



Scan the QR code to learn more about how the program
is **significantly lowering the risk of mental illness.**

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and Josh van Cuylenburg



The imperfects podcast

The imperfects is hosted by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg. **celebrates just how imperfectly perfect we all are.** Together, they chat to a variety of **people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections alongside valuable learnings we can apply to our own lives and use to support the teachings of TRP in the classroom.** Guests include Nathan Buckley, Grace Tame, Jack Steele, Zan Rowe, Michael Klim, Billy Slater, Lael Stone, Pat Cummins, Tim Minchin and many more.



MARTY'S PLAY FOREVER PLAYGROUP

Join us for a fantastic weekly program bringing together parents, children, and seniors in a fun and creative way!

Marty's Play Forever Playgroup is an intergenerational practice program purposefully bringing together different generations. Held every Friday from 9:00am to 10:30am during school terms, Playgroup is open to children aged 0-5 years and allows both adults and children to interact and share experiences that are mutually beneficial. Children will learn through activities that are child-centred and are designed to get them to experiment and experience learning through play.

Each session is \$4 per child, \$5 for more than 1 child, and FREE for our older friends. For all playgroup enquiries, contact Dora Bouras at dbouras@smg.catholic.edu.au or call 8211 2400.



St MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Marty's Play Forever Playgroup
at
St Martin's Catholic Primary School
56-80 Princes Rd, Greenacres
8211 2400

Open to children 0-5 years
Fridays 9-10:30am during school term

Week 1
31/1
Let's Play Forever!

Week 2
7/2
Make a Splash

Week 3
14/2
Love Bugs

Week 4
21/2
Community Heroes

Week 5
28/2
Nature Nurturers

Week 6
7/3
Pupil Free Day
NO PLAYGROUP

Week 7
14/3
St. Patrick's Craft

Week 8
21/3
Harmony Day & School Values

Week 9
28/3
Minibeasts

Week 10
4/4
School Sports Day
NO PLAYGROUP

Week 11
11/4
Egg-citing Easter

TERM 1, 2025
*subject to change

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ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Marty's Play Forever Playgroup

Calling all those aged 50 and above!

Join us for a fantastic, free weekly program that is all about bringing parents, children, and seniors together in a fun and creative way.

Let's build amazing connections and have a blast while doing it!

Frídáys 9am - 10:30am
(during school terms only)

St. Martin's Catholic Primary School
80 Princes Rd, Greenacres 5086

Program starts 31st Jan. 2025
Email: dbouras@smg.catholic.edu.au

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2027 RECEPTION INTAKE

Do you have a child aged 0-4 years who is yet to be enrolled for school? St Martin's Catholic Primary School is finalising enrolments for children starting Reception in 2027.

To obtain an Application for Enrolment form, please contact our Enrolment Registrar, Natalie Tompkins, on 8211 2400 or email ntompkins@smg.catholic.edu.au

Interviews for the 2027 Reception intake will be conducted in August this year.



2027 Reception Intake

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Do you have a child aged 0-4 years who is yet to be enrolled for school?

APPLICATIONS ARE CLOSING SOON!

St Martin's Catholic Primary School is finalising enrolments for children starting Reception in 2027. Interviews will be conducted in August this year for 2027 Reception placements.

- If your child turns 5 between 1 May 2026 and 30 April 2027, they are eligible to start school in Term 1, 2027.
- If your child turns 5 between 1 May 2027 and 31 October 2027, they are eligible to start school in Term 3, 2027.

Applications are also being accepted for children starting school from 2028 to 2029.

If you are yet to submit an Application for Enrolment, please contact Natalie Tompkins, Enrolment Registrar, as soon as possible:

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- Drums
- Flute
- Guitar
- Piano
- Singing
- Violin

TO MAKE A BOOKING: Tutor contact details are provided in the link below, including the protocols for booking a lesson and fees. **PLEASE CONTACT THE TUTOR DIRECTLY** to make your booking 🙌
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- ✓ Our Preschool program is led by our two Bachelor qualified Teachers, ensuring your child is prepared for a smooth transition to school.
- ✓ Large natural play areas with hands-on activities to connect children with nature and promote physical development.
- ✓ Nut and egg-free menu with vegetarian options, catering to all dietary needs to ensure every child enjoys nutritious, delicious meals every day.
- ✓ Extended opening hours with a 6:30pm close to meet the needs of working families.



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Term 2 *School Tours*

WED 7 MAY 9:15AM

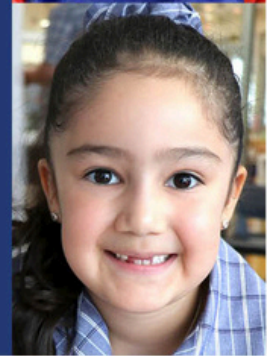
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MON 2 JUNE 11:30AM

WED 18 JUNE 9:15AM

TUES 1 JULY 9:15AM

For Tour Bookings:
www.smg.catholic.edu.au



**ST PAUL'S
COLLEGE**

REMINDER

Year 7 in 2027
Applications Close:
Friday 11 April
stpauls.sa.edu.au/enrol



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