



Newsletter

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3!

I hope that you were all able to find a moment or two for yourself over the term break and that you enjoyed the respite from organising school uniforms and lunches. The winter holidays are a lovely time to cuddle up on the couch in front of a movie or spend time just being present with each other.

As always, in Term 3 we invite you to participate in the **Living Learning Leading Survey**.

To participate in this Parent and Caregiver Survey at St Martin's Catholic Primary School, Greenacres in 2025: go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code SMLLLP in the 'Start Questionnaire' field.

The survey takes between three and five minutes and is to find out about the performance of St. Martin's Catholic Primary School. This is an important opportunity for parents and caregivers to tell the school staff how things are going for you and your children. We value your feedback and will try to respond to the information that you provide.

Feedback we receive does NOT include the data of individuals; rather, feedback involves graphs based on feedback from all parents and caregivers. To ensure anonymity, aggregated scores are not provided for groups of less than four parents or caregivers. There are no right or wrong answers, but we value your opinions and are grateful for the few minutes you will give to doing this to help us improve our practices. If you have more than one child at St. Martin's, respond based on the experience of your oldest child at the school.

The response format requires parents and caregivers to consider the school's performance for each statement on a scale from 1 to 6 (with 1 being the lowest or worst score and 6 being the highest or best score).

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Recently we had the privilege of **Madhavi Nawana Parker** speaking to us about **Strategies to Managing Bullying for Families**. This informative session was funded by our Parent Network (of which you are a member) and included ideas for supporting your child if they are being bullied as well as if they are the bully.

**Term 3
School Tours**

WED 30 JULY	9:15AM
THURS 7 AUG	9:15AM
Catholic Schools Open Week	
FRI 15 AUG	9:15AM
MON 18 AUG	9:15AM
WED 27 AUG	9:15AM
TUES 2 SEPT	9:15AM
FRI 12 SEPT	10:00AM
THURS 18 SEPT	9:15AM

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

APRIM NEWS

Madhavi has very generously allowed us to share this link to the recording of her workshop with you.

I encourage everyone who was unable to attend this session to make some time to watch this session at this link.

I attended this workshop and found it very valuable, even after 40 years of working in education.

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A reminder that students are wearing **winter uniform** again this term. Please ensure that your child is dressed correctly for school. One of our school values is **Integrity**. At St. Martin's, this aligns with the OLSH pillar of **pursuing excellence**. Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; fundamental beliefs and standards about what is right and wrong that guide a person's behaviour and decision-making.

We ask that you talk to your child about wearing their uniform with integrity, that is every day, not just when they think there might be a uniform inspection!

On Friday we celebrate **Grandparents' Day**. This date was chosen to coincide with 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' on Sunday, 27th July 2025. Grandparents' Day is always one of the most exciting days of our school year; we open our doors and our hearts to some of the most loved people in our community. We hope that you have been able to extend our invitation to the Grandparents and special 'Grandparent like' people in your child's life, to join us for Assembly at 9:00am, followed by classroom visits at 10:00am and Morning Tea at 11:00am.

We ask any parents who are here on Friday to volunteer to help the Parent Network set up and prepare morning tea while Grandparents visit classes.

We also need **donations of food that we can offer at morning tea**. These donations can be dropped into the front office at any time this week.

Have a gentle first week back ...
Looking forward to celebrating our Grandparents Day with you on Friday!

Susanne Harding
Deputy Principal

Welcome to Term 3 and like Jesus we are inspired by Luke 10:38-42.

"But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'"

In this week's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Martha and Mary, two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home. While Martha busies herself with preparing and serving, Mary sits with Jesus, listening closely to his words. Martha becomes frustrated, feeling overwhelmed and unnoticed. But Jesus gently reminds her and us that sometimes the most important thing is simply to be present, to listen, and to make space for others in a way that makes them feel truly seen and valued.

This Gospel reminds us that welcoming others is not just about doing it is about being with a kind smile, an open heart and a patient ear. These are all ways we can reflect the love of Jesus in our homes, classrooms and wider community.

As we welcome our new Transition class this term, this message feels especially important. Each new face brings an unique story, a new beginning, and a chance to grow together in faith and friendship. Let us extend the kind of welcome we would offer to Jesus himself — warm, joyful and full of kindness.

Questions to Talk About at Home:

- Who do you like to visit you, and why?
- How do you make people feel welcome when they come to your home or classroom?
- What are some things that could make someone feel left out or unwelcome?
- How can we welcome others the way Jesus welcomes us — with love, patience, and joy?

Prayer:

Loving God,

You teach us through Jesus how to welcome others with kindness and care.

Help us to be like Mary, taking time to listen, to be present, and to share love with those who come into our lives.

Bless our new Transition students and their families. May they feel a deep sense of belonging here in our school.

Teach us to open our hearts to everyone, just as we would open them to You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Outreach

On the final day of Term 2, our students came to school dressed in their pyjamas to support Backpacks 4 SA Kids. The school was filled with colour, creativity and comfort from bright patterns to cuddly Oodies!

Thanks to the generous support of our families, we raised over \$740 and received a wonderful collection of donated items for children's backpacks. These contributions will make a meaningful difference to children in crisis or emergency care across South Australia.

A special thank you to our Reception Unit for leading this important outreach initiative.

This term, our school community continues its strong commitment to outreach and social justice through a number of meaningful projects:

- Year 6 students will be preparing and donating soup for Moore Street, supporting those experiencing homelessness in our wider community.
- The Year 1 Unit will be leading our efforts to raise awareness and funds for Catholic Charities, helping to support vital services across South Australia.
- Our Justice Group will focus on supporting the Mary MacKillop Foundation, continuing the mission of Saint Mary MacKillop by helping those in need through education and empowerment.

We look forward to sharing more about these initiatives as the term progresses.

Diary Dates – Term 3

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
1	Friday 25 th July	Whole School Assembly 9:00am Hosted by Year 3 Unit
2	Friday 1 st August	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm Commissioning for Student Voice and Creation Carers Semester 2 Hosted by Student Voice
3	Friday 8 th August	Mary MacKillop Mass 11.30am Hosted by 1BM & 1SO
4	Friday 15 th August	Fallow Week
5	Friday 22 nd August	Whole School Assembly 9:00am Hosted by Year 6 Unit

Sustainability

School Grants:

Our Sustainability Committee has been actively exploring grant opportunities to support and expand our environmental initiatives at school. Last term, two grant applications were submitted:

- A \$500 CESA Laudato Si' Grant, aimed at supporting small-scale projects that reflect our commitment to caring for creation.
- A larger grant through Credit Union SA, with the potential to receive up to \$20,000 to significantly enhance sustainability efforts across the school.

These funding opportunities would help bring to life a number of exciting projects that promote environmental stewardship, student engagement and outdoor learning. We remain hopeful and have our fingers crossed for a successful outcome for St Martin's!

School Frog Pond:

We are excited to share that Peter Kuerschner and Steve Walker from Green Adelaide have been working closely with our students to enhance our Sensory Garden through the development of a new pond and bog system being developed this term.

This hands-on project will offer students a unique opportunity to engage with sustainable design, environmental care, and biodiversity. Under Peter and Steve's expert guidance, students will be involved in every step from planning and preparing the space to learning about native water plants, habitats, and the role wetland systems play in supporting healthy ecosystems.

The addition of a pond and bog area will not only increase the sensory experiences available in the garden with sound, texture and movement but will also support local insect and frog populations, creating a living, learning environment right here at St Martin's.



Next Sustainability Meeting: Wednesday, 6th August at 3:20 PM in the Staffroom.

APRIM NEWS

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

Children's liturgy is a wonderful way for the students 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 each month at both Masses.

Children Liturgy Dates:

During Masses Saturday 2nd August (St Monica's Church 6pm) and Sunday 3rd August (St Martin's Church 9.30am).

During Masses Saturday 16th August (St Monica's Church 6pm) and Sunday 17th August (St Martin's Church 9.30am).

2024 / 2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Eucharist School Sessions:

Students are to nominate a day and time to attend the First Eucharist school session this week.

Parish – Tuesday 22nd July (3.45pm – 4.45pm)

St Martin's School: Wednesday 23rd July (3.20pm - 4.20pm in Boardroom)

St Monica's School: Thursday 24th July (3.20pm – 4.20pm)

First Eucharist Celebrations:

The following students will be celebrating their First Eucharist in August. Please keep Matthew, Prominent, Claire, Akein, Emelia, Madeline, Zachary, India, Piper, Aiden, Isabella, Mylah, Noah, Brianna, Patrick and Erin in your prayers.

Dates:

Saturday 16th August (St Monica's Church 6pm) and

Sunday 17th August (St Martin's Church 9.30am).

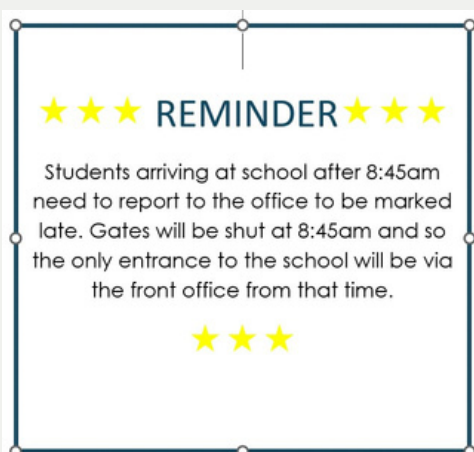
Sunday 24th August (St Martin's Church 9.30am).

Sunday 31st August (St Martin's Church 9.30am)

Baptism Preparation Meeting

Monday 4th August at 7pm at St Martin's Church Hall.

God's blessings,
Vanessa Dibbens
Acting APRIM



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The 2025 Jump Rope for Heart programme has been finalised.

St Martin's students have jointly raised in excess of \$2,000 for the Heart Foundation this year!

Congratulations to all those who participated in this event. Thank you prizes will be distributed once they arrive at school.

SAPSASA SOCCER

Congratulations Caterina and Madison (Year 5), who have been selected as part of the SAPSASA District Soccer Team. In the coming weeks, they compete at the SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival. Good luck!

SACPSSA (Catholic School's) NETBALL CARNIVAL (2 July)

In the last week of Term 2, 31 students from Years 3-6 represented St Martin's at the SACPSSA Netball Carnival. Our teams performed "really well" (Ms Downie) at this participation-based Carnival. Well done to the four teams who played and won the majority of their matches.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who supervised the teams and contributed to another successful sports outing. Your help is always appreciated!

All borrowed netball uniforms must now be returned to school washed and clean as soon as possible.

SENIOR NETBALL (Years 3-6)

St Martin's Winter Season Netball Teams continue playing Saturday games this term.

Netballers are reminded to attend after school training sessions and to check with your coaches for the most up to date details of games and training sessions.

Alternatively, schedules can be found on the Eastern Districts Netball Association (EDNA) website.

Please remember to arrive at the venue 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. This will ensure you are prepared and ready to start on time. If you cannot make a game, please advise the team's coach in advance.

SAPSASA BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Students who registered their interest in forming a team at the start of the year, continue to train before school on Wednesdays in preparation for the SAPSASA Basketball Carnival later this term. If you are involved with this training group, please ensure you attend training sessions. The SAPSASA Basketball Carnival is fast approaching!

MR. GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB and Athletic "Track and Field" Trials

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.

Reminder: **Mr George's Running Club is for those wishing to run before school.** Students not intending to run before school are not permitted inside the school gates until 8:20am.

Before school running is a great opportunity to practise for next the Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival held early in August. Students who can comfortably run 2km and wish to attend the Carnival should register via the QKR App.

In the coming weeks, before school running club is the only time students born in 2015, 2014, and 2013 will be able to trial for some track and field events in preparation for this term's SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival.

ST MARTIN'S SPORTS UNIFORMS

All borrowed St Martin's sports uniforms, Swimming Team towels, running singlets, cricket shirts, etc, should be returned to school, washed and clean, as soon as possible.

St Martin's Cricket shirts – Term 1 Cricket Teams

Swimming towels – Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival (31 March)

Netball singlets and dress – SAPSASA Netball Carnival (5 May)

Cross Country singlets – SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival (9 May)

St Martin's football jumpers – Catholic Schools' Lacrosse Carnival (21 May)

Thank you to those who have returned borrowed uniforms, this is greatly appreciated!

Please check at home, in school bags, in classrooms and the car for any unreturned sports uniforms and return as soon as possible as they are required by others attending Carnivals later this term.

Kick Start Soccer (Reception - Year 2)

After school Soccer clinics will be running on Thursdays after school. This programme is run through an external provider and registration is completed online – not through the QKR app.

WHO: St Martin's students from Reception to Year 2

WHERE: St Martin's School oval

WHEN: Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm from July 31st to September 4th

COST: \$100 (inc GST) per student or Or FREE if you use your SPORTS VOUCHER

REGISTER:

simplysports.com.au/schools/greenacres

SPORTS VOUCHER INFO –
sportsvouchers@sa.gov.au

ON QKR NOW...!

Year 3-6 Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival (6 Aug) - Due: 28 Jul

This is a participation-based carnival for all students in Years 3-6

Year 3-6 Catholic Schools Touch Football Carnival (3 Sep) - Due: 28 Jul

This is a participation-based carnival for all students in Years 3-6

Year 5-6 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival (13 Aug)

- Due: 5 Aug

This is an invitation only event

Year 5-6 "Roosters Cup" AFL Carnival (10 Sep) - Due: 6 Aug

This is a participation-based carnival for all students in Years 5-6

Year 5-6 Catholic Schools Cricket Carnival (18 Sep) - Due: 29 Aug

This is a participation-based carnival for all students in Years 5-6

Year 3-4 Catholic School's "HotShots" Tennis Carnival (21 Oct) - Due: 26 Sep

This is a participation-based carnival for all students in Years 3-4

Students intending to attend Carnivals must register via the QKR app before the due dates. Timely registration ensures maximum participation for all and that appropriate arrangements can be made in advance.

COMING SOON TO QKR...

Year 3-6 SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival (22 Aug)

This is an invitation only event



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NSI
Partnerships

LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey (Available from 21 July to 22 August 2025)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

You are invited to participate in a short (3 to 5 minute) survey about your school's performance. Similar surveys will be administered to staff and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot.

All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes.

Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis.

Your confidentiality

To protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to National School Improvement Partnerships, where the results are analysed for your school. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to the school. National School Improvement Partnerships staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct. To protect your anonymity, we do not report scores for groups of less than four parents or caregivers.

Use of the data

National School Improvement Partnerships will report the results to the school in an aggregated format. To enable drill-down reporting, the information provided to the school will contain data based on background information. This anonymous data will be provided to CESA for reporting and consideration of support for schools.

How to complete the survey

- For each statement, you are asked to rate how well you think the school is performing by selecting one of six responses. The responses are numbered 1 to 6, with number 1 being the lowest or worst rating and number 6 being the highest or best rating.
- If you have more than one child at the school, and your perceptions differ for each child, please respond with respect to your perceptions related to the oldest child enrolled at the school.
- There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Your opinion is what is wanted.
- Please answer all questions.
- Some statements may be fairly similar to other statements. Don't worry about this. Simply give your opinion about all statements.

To get started, use the QR code (located at the top of the page) or go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the access code provided above.

If you require more information or have any feedback, please contact our friendly team.

Email: LLL@NSIPartnerships.com.au

Your time and consideration are appreciated.



ST MARTIN'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Marty's Play Forever Playgroup

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



TERM 3, 2025

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

25/7 - Week 1 - School Tree Day

1/8 - Week 2 - Friendship Day

8/8 - Week 3 - Nature Play

15/8 - Week 4 - On Safari

22/8 - Week 5 - Book Week

29/8 - Week 6 - Under The Sea

5/9 - Week 7 - Father's Day

12/9 - Week 8 - Little Chefs

19/9 - Week 9 - Talk Like a Pirate Day

26/9 - Week 10 - End of Term Party

MARTY'S PLAY FOREVER PLAYGROUP

JOIN PLAYGROUP IN TERM 3!

Come along to a fantastic weekly program bringing together parents, children, and seniors in a fun and creative way! Our Marty's Play Forever Playgroup is a vibrant program nurturing children's development and building bonds between families and the community.

Held every Friday from 9-10:30am during the school terms, the intergenerational practice program is open to children aged 0-5 years, their families, and 'older friends', allowing all to interact and share experiences.

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





SCHOOL REWARDS

THE ATHLETE'S FOOT - TTP

St Martin's Catholic Primary School Greenacres has partnered with The Athlete's Foot in Westfield Tea Tree Plaza and are on their **School Rewards** program.

If you would like your child fitted into the correct school and sport shoes, mention St Martin's at The Athlete's Foot Tea Tree store at the time of your shoe purchase and they will donate \$5 for every pair back to the school.

Purchases include any parents or caregivers purchasing for themselves from the Tea Tree store – just mention St Martin's Catholic Primary School!



PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION REGISTRATION

Private Instrumental Tuition during school hours is available for all ages in piano, guitar, drum kit, flute, recorder, singing and violin.

Music tutors work with students in every year level on specific days. Private fees for individual tuition start from \$25 for 20 minutes. We encourage parents/caregivers to hire the instruments their children require.

To enrol your child in Private Instrumental Tuition, please click on the following link to download and complete the Registration Form, and to contact tutors directly to book a lesson: **[PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION REGISTRATION](#)**

Once form is complete, please email your registration to info@smg.catholic.edu.au

Alternatively, a hard copy form can be obtained from the Front Office.



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