



The Cloak – Edition 80

25th November 2022

Principal's Post

Jacqui Marshall



Dear Parents and Guardians

It's hard to believe there is less than 3 weeks left for the 2022 school year. It has been just wonderful to be able to connect with one another and celebrate the learning of our students. Our STEM/Art Showcase over the past 2 days was a great example of this. A big thank you Maryann Hamilton, Wonda Ball and Lisa Cherubin for their creativity, leadership and time.



We were blessed last Friday with our Sports Carnival. We thank Parade College for allowing us to use their facilities and I would like to acknowledge Dave Witchell for all the work he put into making the day a success.

We had our final Prep 2023 Orientation session on Thursday. The students were so happy to be at St Martin's and the families had great opportunities to hear all about school life as members of staff shared important information.

I would like to thank both our School Advisory Council and PFA members for all they have contributed in 2022. Please take some time to read the PFA news from the AGM this week. Also don't miss out on the opportunity to win the school fee raffle.

Planning for 2023

An important reminder as per our school calendar, we have a **school closure day on Monday 5 December** to plan for 2023. OSHClub will be open on this day for parents who would like to use this facility.

We are also currently reviewing our daily school timetable which may include starting and finishing times due to upcoming changes in staff work agreements as directed by the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools. We will advise you of the changes before the end of the school year.

I am getting closer to finalising staffing for next year. As you would be aware there is a significant shortage of teachers therefore principals are exploring all possible options.

I plan to announce the staffing schedule in our next newsletter including acknowledging those staff who will be leaving St Martin's at the end of the 2022 school year.

Out and about

Over the past few weeks there has been a lot happening in the school.

This has included; the RSL Poppy Appeal, Sports Carnival, Student Techcon Conference and Girls State Basketball final. We congratulate the team for coming third in the state. A wonderful achievement.

Our Year 6 students are currently conducting a Global Outreach project. They have chosen to provide donations to Big Group Hug, 123 Read2Me and Boots for All. Social justice and outreach opportunities are such an important part of helping our students know there are less fortunate people in our community who we can support in so many ways.

Coming up

Along with other leaders and teachers I am looking forward to supporting our Year 5 students next week as they show their interest in leadership roles for next year. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there and share your interest in leading our school. I am incredibly proud of every student for believing in themselves.

As we get closer to Christmas we look forward to celebrating our Carols night on Tuesday 6 December. Please take some time to read the attached flyer with all the details provided. No doubt our students have started sharing their songs with you at home.

We also see Christmas as a time to give back to others in the community. You would have received a compass alert about the hampers for St Vincent De Paul.

I also encourage our families to come along to the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. This is such a great night for families as they can get involved.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 30 November	Year 1 Cultural Dance Incursion
Friday 2 December	Year 6 Big Day Out at Funfields
Saturday 3 December	Year 1 Family Mass at 5:30pm
Monday 5 December	School Closure Day
Tuesday 6 December	Christmas Carols Night
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 Legoland excursion, ABC Music Concert for instrumental students
Friday 9 December	Parent Thank you Afternoon Tea

Monday 12 December	End of Year School Mass at 9:15am, Year 6 Graduation night
Tuesday 13 December	Reports released via Compass
Wednesday 14 December	Year 6 final graduation activities Meet your 2023 Teacher/Orientation at 1:15pm
Thursday 15 December	Year Prep - 5 students finish at 3:30pm

Students return to school in 2023 on either Monday 30 January or Tuesday 31 January for beginning of the year assessment sessions. These sessions are for half a day. Times will be sent out to families in the coming weeks.

All students in Years 1 - 6 commence school on Wednesday 1 February.

Prep students have a separate schedule for their first week at school.

Have a great weekend.

Jacqui Marshall
Principal

School Fee Schedule

Please refer to the Compass Newsfeed that has been sent regarding school fees for 2023. Parents are required to complete a payment plan every year, please return your payment plan by Friday 9 December.

If you have any queries regarding the school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Milione (Bursar): marym@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au



School Fees 2023

Fee Type	Amount \$	Comment
Family Fee	2160	Per Family
Capital Levy	590	Per Family
Class Curriculum Levy	540	Per Child
Excursion Levy	50	Per Child
Total School Fees	3340	One child
Year 4 Camp		190
Year 5 / Year 6 Camp		380

Payment Methods

Option 1 – Direct Debit/Credit card payments – a form must be completed each year. Credit card payments are monthly only. Please complete forms and return to office by Friday 9th December 2022

Fortnightly payments commence Thursday 2nd February til 26th October (20 fortnightly payments)

Monthly payments are deducted on the 15th day of each month from February to November 2023 inclusive (10 payments).

No of Children	Fortnightly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$167	\$334
2	\$196.50	\$393
3	\$226	\$452
4	\$255.50	\$511

Option 2 Payment of three instalment payments via EFT or EFTPOS

Remittance for payment details (bottom of fees statement) can be completed and returned to the office for processing. Payment via EFTPOS is available at the office.

Camp amount is in addition to the figures listed below and must be paid prior to your child going on camp

No of Children	Total Fees	1 st Instalment	2 nd Instalment	3 rd Instalment
1 child	3340	\$1115	\$1115	\$1110
2 children	3930	\$1310	\$1310	\$1310
3 children	4520	\$1510	\$1510	\$1500
4 children	5110	\$1705	\$1705	\$1700

Instalment dates: 1st Instalment is due on Thursday 6th April 2023
2nd Instalment is due on Friday 23rd June 2023
3rd Instalment is due on Friday 22nd September 2023

Families may wish to make a direct payment into school bank account

Bank Account Name: St Martin of Tours General Account
BSB: 083 347 **Account Number:** 65320 6057
Reference: IMPORTANT state the 6 digit family ID reference which appears at the top right corner of your statement

Families with a valid Health Care Card are eligible for CSEF. Further information will be sent directly to families. A copy of the card must be presented to the office.

St Martin of Tours Annual Sports Carnival

On Friday 18th November, the children from St Martin of Tours participated in the annual school sports carnival. This was the first time we were able to have family members and supporters since 2019 as the last 2 years we have completed the carnival at school.

We were blessed with the beautiful weather and the fantastic facilities at Parade College. The children participated in a sprint race along with relays, throwing and jumping activities. The children had been practising their skills throughout the year and it was great to see the enthusiasm and excitement in completing their activities.

A big thank you to Addi (Tours), Aiden (Xavier), Alyssia (McAuley) and Luca (Mercy) for their great leadership not only on the day but during the year in leading their respective houses.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their help and to all of the family members and friends who came to support the children.

The children had a great day and enjoyed showcasing their athletic skills.

Finals Results were:

- 1st - **TOURS**
- 2nd - **MERCY**
- 3rd - **McAULEY**
- 4th - **XAVIER**





Parent Helpers *Thank You* Afternoon Tea

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St. Martin's Staff invite you to a special afternoon tea to thank all parents across the school for your support this year- Literacy, Excursions, Parent and Friend events and the list goes on....

DATE: FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER
TIME: 2:45 TO 3:30
PLACE: THE GECCO

*Please join
us!*



Carols Night

ST MARTINS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Tuesday 6th Dec: 6 - 7:30pm

PARENTS BRING

- An outdoor chair / rug
- Food / Drinks
(Alcohol free event)
- Singing voices



STUDENTS BRING

- Cushion
- Lunchbox with snack
- Water bottle
- Hat if required
- Costumes are simply Christmas themed
- Year 2 wear painted Christmas T-Shirts decorated with X-Mas accessories

OUR WISH LIST

- No parking on Bottom Yard so we encourage families to park in nearby streets
- **Please arrive 10 min before commencement**
- Students need to eat at home prior to Carols
- Students will sit in Year Levels separate to families & therefore parents must refrain from approaching the children throughout the Carols (eg. No passing on food or drinks)
- At the conclusion of Carols parents will be invited to collect their children from their class teacher

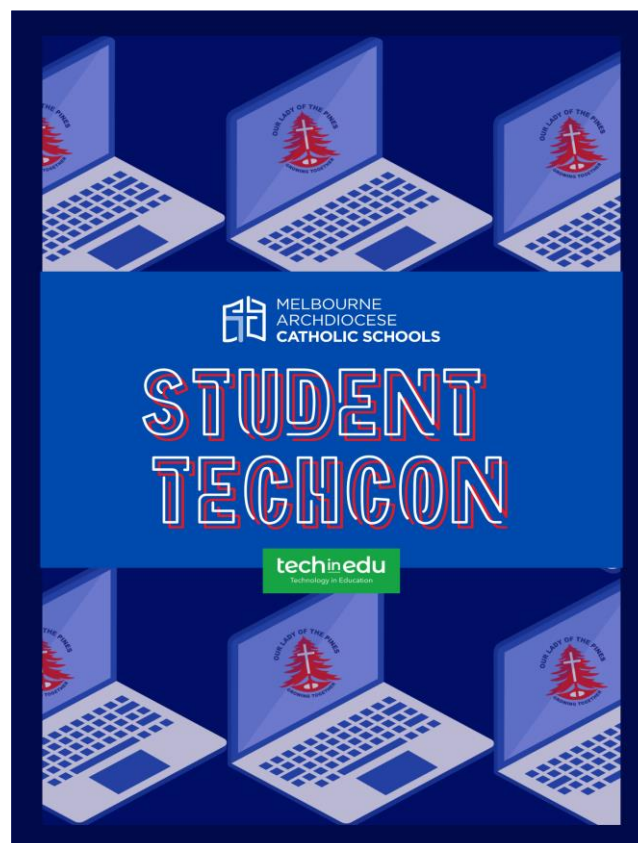
We are all looking forward
to sharing this special night with you!

Student TechCon 2022

Last Thursday 17th November, 2022 four students from Year 5 represented St Martin of Tours in the first ever Student TechCon. The conference involved students from different schools teaching their peers and teachers about all things tech. The day involved workshops from digital drawing, to coding to robotics!

There were 20 schools participating on the day, as well as Digital Technology and STEM Leaders. The day celebrated student learning, collaboration, voice and agency and provided teachers with an insight into what's possible in the EdTech landscape. The St Martin's students worked very hard to prepare for this day and all their hard work paid off when we were asked to run two sessions. We were extremely proud of our students as they presented to the guests about how we use the digital design program Tinkercad and print our 3D creations with the school's 3D printers. The students have written their own reflections below. We really hope that we participate in 2023 Student TechCon as it really was a fantastic experience.

Neesha Valvo & Maryann Hamilton (Digital Technology Leader & STEM Teacher)



LRC News

The year is coming to an end so we begin the packing up of the LRC. The Library Team is asking that all books are returned by the end of Week 9 (next week).

This can be done during the student's scheduled Library lesson or outside of these times.

The Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before school and parents and students are very welcome to pop in to return books.

In week 10 keep an eye out for any overdue notice slips which will be sent to those students with outstanding loans. A Compass post on how to pay for the replacement cost of lost books will be sent out.

The Library Team would like to thank our amazing volunteers this year who have assisted us generously with their time.

Have a restful, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Teresa, Chloe and Grace
The Library Team



St Martin's RSL Poppy Appeal

A Big thank you to everyone who donated to the RSL poppy appeal by purchasing a poppy pin. We raised \$835. Such an amazing effort by the SMOT community. The Watsonia RSL were so grateful for our donation.



Year 6 Global Outreach



DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSED TOYS OR GAMES?

We will take ; Colouring books, Picture books, chapter books, Cards, Toy cars, toy trains, stuffed toys, board games, lego, dolls and many more

Any backpack donations are highly appreciated as they can be used to store other donated items :)

THESE DONATIONS WILL GO TO BIG GROUP HUG WHO WILL GIVE THE LITTLE PACKS OR THINGS IN BACKPACKS TO THE LESS FORTUNATE KIDS. THESE KIDS ARE IN NEED OF SUCH ITEMS BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD ENTERTAINING TOYS SUCH AS THE ONES BEING DONATED :)

Please don't give:

- Broken toys
- Toys that don't work
- Toys with sharp bits
- Toys with obvious pencil/texta marks
- Toys with missing parts
- Unwashed soft toys
- Clothes or food

Every donation counts!

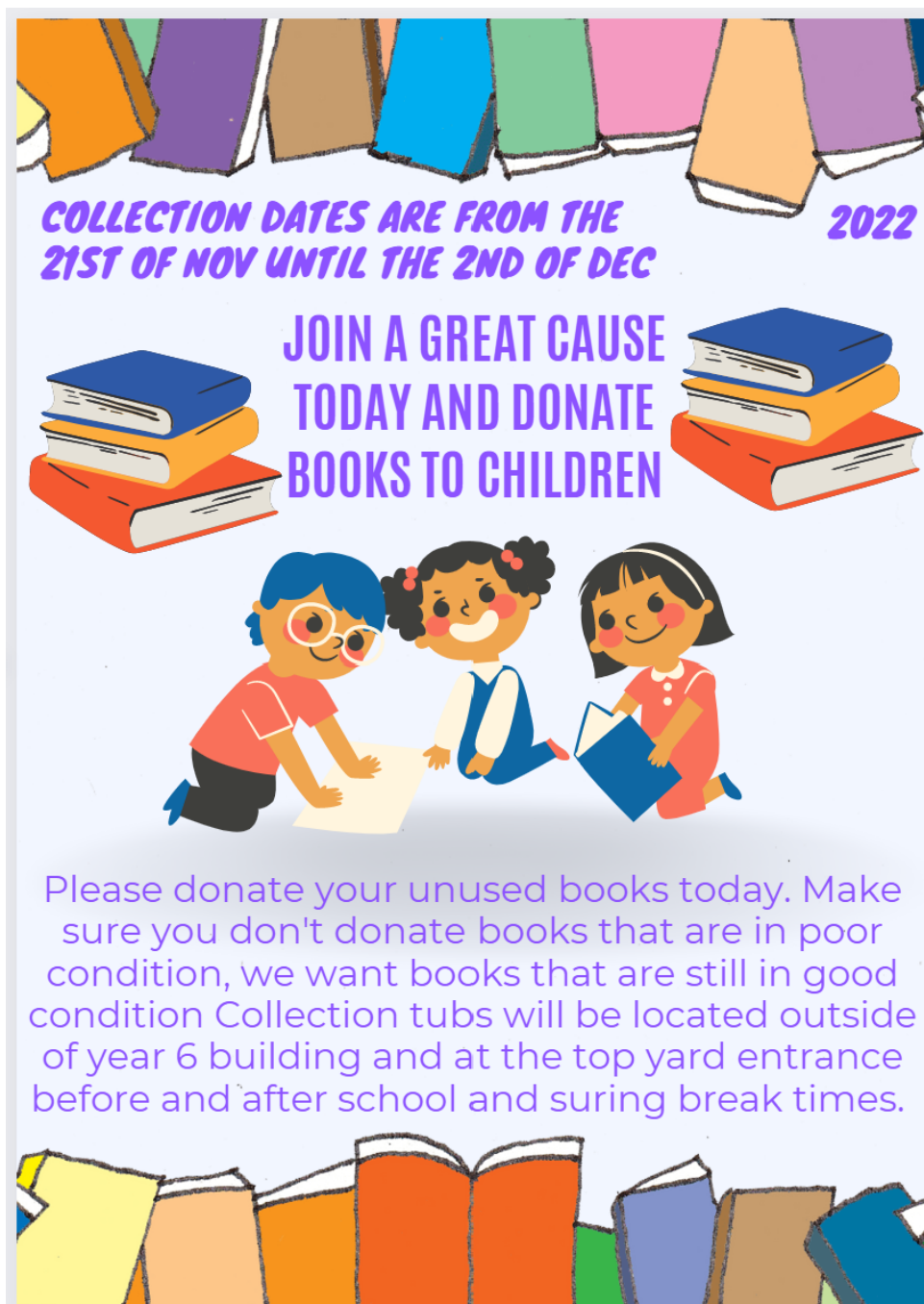
Thank you!

123Read2Me currently provides children in low socioeconomic communities with FREE quality children's books through recycled books.

123Read2Me are a small volunteer-led organisation and they need your support to reach more children by donating your old and unused, but still in good working condition, children's books.

Our aim as a Year level is to have 500 books donated by the end of week 9 (Friday 2nd December) which works out to be just over 1 book per student. The more merrier! Help out those children in need by donating your books today.

Collection boxes are located on the top yard and out the front of the Mercy building, also known as the Year 6 building.



**COLLECTION DATES ARE FROM THE
21ST OF NOV UNTIL THE 2ND OF DEC 2022**

**JOIN A GREAT CAUSE
TODAY AND DONATE
BOOKS TO CHILDREN**

Please donate your unused books today. Make sure you don't donate books that are in poor condition, we want books that are still in good condition Collection tubs will be located outside of year 6 building and at the top yard entrance before and after school and during break times.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

Further information regarding the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers will be sent out via a Compass alert and your child's classroom teacher.

IT'S TIME FOR

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

LET'S MAKE CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL FOR ALL.

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND
CHRISTMAS ITEMS TO YOUR CLASS HAMPER.

Student Wellbeing

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INSIGHTS

Disarming anxiety before it becomes a disorder



In urban Australia it takes approximately eight years between onset of symptoms and a diagnosis of an anxiety disorder, and over twice that time in rural settings. That's a long time for a child or young person to live with the turmoil of anxiety without getting the help they need.

Kids with a diagnosis of an anxiety disorder include those experiencing social anxiety, separation anxiety, generalised anxiety, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and specific phobias or overwhelming fears. Beyond Blue statistics states 1 in 14 children experiences an anxiety disorder. Sadly, a great deal of childhood anxiety goes undetected.

Early detection is critical

Anxiety can be overlooked for many reasons. Often day-to-day functioning of anxious kids isn't affected in obvious ways, and they can appear happy, but the signs of anxiety will be there if you know what to look for. Anxiety shows through behaviour and language, and is felt physically by a child. Avoidance and over-planning are the two most common behaviours displayed by anxious kids. Long before they become a child's patterned response to anxiety-inducing events there are generally many subtle signs of anxiety including poor concentration, irritability, becoming upset over minor issues and constantly seeking reassurance. Anxious children and young people can feel nauseous, experience headaches, have difficulty sitting still and constantly feel on edge.

Anxiety is individual

Just as children display symptoms of anxiety in unique ways, they also react differently to everyday events. One child's highly anticipated school camp maybe another child's anxiety-inducing nightmare. Knowing the events that trigger anxiety in a child or young person is key to early detection and management.

The tools anxious kids need

Children and young people who experience anxiety need self-management tools to allow healthy functioning and prevent anxiety from deteriorating into a full-blown disorder. Knowledge of how and when to use management tools such as mindfulness, deep breathing, exercise and thought distancing are critical to good mental health, allowing kids to turn the dial down on their anxiety while they get on with the activities that make them happy.

Lifestyle factors that minimise anxiety

Anxiety maybe commonplace but its origins are complex. Poor diet, lack of exercise, social media, sleep problems and an inability to relax all play a part in exacerbating a child's anxiety. And of course, the pandemic is a frightening time for children.

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Attempts to help children minimise anxiety need to include healthy eating that ensures good gut health, frequent exercise that releases adrenalin and the stress hormone cortisol, plenty of endorphin-inducing free play in natural environments and developing good sleep habits that will last a lifetime.

In closing

No child or young person should suffer needlessly from anxiety. Life can feel very grey when anxiety is a constant companion. As a parent you help your child by being on the lookout for early signs of anxiety, recognising the events that cause your child stress and teaching them the tools they need to push anxiety into the background while they get on with enjoying life. Anxiety is not something to be feared, but a condition to be understood and managed before it spirals into a disorder needing professional intervention.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

INSIGHTS

How to recognise Autism in girls



Autism is significantly more common in boys than in girls. This skewed sex ratio has been recognised since the first cases of autism were described in the 1940s. But we're not sure why autism appears in more males than females. It may be rooted in biological differences between the sexes. Or, some experts say, it may be an artifact of the way autism is defined and diagnosed.

But we also know that many autistic girls remain undiagnosed because many of the social signs of autism are less obvious in girls than they are in boys. One way that girls are "flying under the radar" of a diagnosis is the use of camouflaging as a coping mechanism.

Camouflaging means to pretend to know how to socialise by using observation, imitation, and adopting a persona or wearing a mask to meet social demands. An autistic girl – like an autistic boy – does not intuitively know what to do or say in a social situation. Social challenges are a hallmark of being on the autism spectrum. Compared with most boys, however, from a very young age an autistic girl will often closely observe and analyse her peers before making the first step. She will use imitation and acting to be able to conceal her confusion when socialising with peers.

What to Know about Autistic Girls

Unlike most autistic boys, girls are more likely to be able to accurately interpret and answer questions about social interactions, social situations, and friendship. However, they rely on intellect rather than intuition, so their responses will be slower, making it difficult for them to keep up in a group setting or with typically-developing and more socially skilled girls. Consequently, autistic girls tend to choose single close friendships rather than being part of a group. They often find males more appealing as friends because male friendship dynamics may be perceived as being easier to understand.

Autistic girls often show a willingness to follow the rules, a natural tendency to shyness, and social naivety. Such qualities can mean that they are easily missed in a classroom where louder children gain the teacher's attention. Autistic girls are usually very hesitant to ask for help. They may fear drawing attention and are often self-directed and perfectionistic, so do not wish to be seen as stupid or making a mistake.

Autistic girls can focus much of their intellectual energy on learning about their social world, hence special interest topics may have more of a social focus, such as mental health, self, friendships, animals, celebrities, literature, and fantasy. Sometimes it is not the topic that differentiates them from their peers so much as the intensity of their hyper-focus on it.

Despite their frequently better coping mechanisms and ability to camouflage their social difficulties, their social difficulties are very real, on a par with those of autistic boys, and cause enormous stress, confusion, and exhaustion. In addition, autistic girls experience sensory processing challenges at the same level or more than autistic boys. These challenges generally lead to high levels of anxiety in the classroom and playground. When this occurs, you may observe an autistic girl:

- become overwhelmed in social situations
- be reluctant to participate in class activities

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- be unable to communicate verbally (situational (selective) mutism)
- feel judged negatively by their peers
- withdraw from social interaction

During primary school autistic girls can appear to have no social difficulties, successfully 'keeping it together' at school. In fact, an autistic girl may be able to do such a great job at "wearing a mask" and fitting in that nobody would believe she has autism. However, the toll on their energy levels and emotions can be high. Girls will often come home feeling exhausted, irritable, and overly emotional, following a day processing both the academic and social curriculum. Over time secondary mental health concerns often develop including anxiety and depressive disorders, self-harm, eating disorders, and suicidality. The average age of diagnosis for autistic girls around the world is 12-13 years old, coinciding with the first year of high school, when the social world suddenly becomes far more complex, and hormonal changes that increase anxiety exacerbate autistic features.

What Next?

So now you know the signs, what do you do if you think you could have an autistic daughter? If you are a parent, approach your daughter's teacher. Share this article and discuss what they have observed. If you are a teacher, you may approach the parents and ask them how their daughter is going at home. Mention the signs that concern you and share this article with them. Acknowledge that you are not a diagnostician, and you may be wrong, but that you are concerned and wish to do all that you can to assist their daughter.

To take the next step to obtain a formal diagnosis (or at least to investigate), carefully consider the level of experience of the Clinical Psychologist, Paediatrician or Psychiatrist you choose. The field of understanding the female presentation of autism is an emerging one and many health professionals did not receive training as part of their degree. Approach your local autism association for names of diagnosticians who are experienced in signs of autism in girls and women.



Dr Michelle Garnett

Dr Michelle Garnett is a clinical psychologist who has specialised in autism for nearly three decades. She has written six highly regarded books on autism for parents and professionals, including a seminal text on autistic women. For further information visit www.attwoodandgamettevents.com or via [Facebook](#).

Student Weekly Awards

PBL

Mia - for beginning each school day with a big smile and a positive attitude towards her learning. You are always so excited for school. Well done Mia!

Kira - for completing her maths activities neatly in her book and for drawing wonderful images that show your thinking! Amazing work Kira!

PCC

Donovan C - for sharing such thoughtful intentions about his friends, family and teachers during morning prayer time. Thank you Donovan!

Hudson M - for showing resilience and risk taking when faced with unpredictable situations at school. Keep up the positive mindset Hudson!

PGJ

Prep GJ, thank you for being so wonderful learning with lots of different teachers this week!

Ava thank you for bringing your enthusiasm to learn in our class and for being so wonderful at making good choices when choosing your learning partners. Such a superstar!

Seb - for always trying his best and having a go when completing his activities. Thank you for also being a fun and friendly classmate. Too cool for school!

Zoe Thanks for being such a great team member when working in small groups. You are great at being patient and giving everything a go! Such a Super Dooper!

1EN

Rosie - for the kindness you demonstrate to your peers and teachers. You are always looking out for others and including those that need a friend to play with. Thank you for being a fabulous friend Rosie.

Ayesha - for your enthusiastic attitude towards all learning tasks. You always try your best, and take on feedback to improve your learning. In particular, you have completed such excellent pieces of creative writing where you have experimented with different punctuation. Well done Ayesha!

2MM

Abigail - for always demonstrating kindness, respect and compassion to those around you. You're a gem Abigail!

Jesse for always showing enthusiasm in your learning and a growth mindset when faced with challenging tasks. You're a super star Jesse!

2MT

Tully - for trying her best to improve her reading over the year. You have worked so hard and improved so much. I love hearing you read and discuss texts Tully!

Atticus - for demonstrating a growth mindset. I'm proud of you Atti!

2RR

Maddie - for working hard to improving her reading skills. Well done Maddie!

Zane - for working hard to improve his reading skills. Well done Zane!

3KJ

Joseph - for writing a creative and imaginative snapshot piece titled "Yum!" It was great to see you accurately using quotation marks.

Jonty - for writing a creative and imaginative snapshot piece titled "Talking Walking Cakes!"

3LA

Zara - for regularly sharing her thoughts and ideas during class discussions. Well done Zara!

Josie - for always displaying a positive attitude towards your learning. Keep it up Josie!

4AT

Giaan and **Oliver** for showing enthusiasm and being good sports at the sports carnival

Jack - for always showing enthusiasm and sharing his knowledge during maths lessons

4FW

Nancy and **Giuseppe** for demonstrating a dedicated approach into researching and presenting their inquiry.

Zara and **Pana** for taking on their role as sport monitors with great organisation and responsibility.

4TD

Mattia - for writing a great story for your buddy. Well done!

Scarlett - for stepping in for a friend and reading the Friendship Poem. Well done!

5JM

To **Amelie** - for always showing persistence and determination in her learning and everyday life.

To **all of 5JM** for making me feel special on my birthday, all of you make coming to school the best and I appreciate all of you! Thank you 5JM!

5SM

To **Ollie**, for being enthusiastic about reading activity instructions to the class. It is so great to see your passion for doing this!

To **Isabella**, for displaying great resilience and not letting your dislocated arm stop you from doing your best work!

6GW

Claudia R - for being focused and prepared for her role of Word Wizard in Book Club.

Charik - for demonstrating a good understanding during poetry discussions and a confidence to share his ideas."

Parish News



We focus with joy that God became human through the Lord:
Emmanuel - "God-with-us".

We have hope in the future and the promise of Christ's return.
**Following Christ's way of love, God is made present to the world
through us here and now.**

Advent Week 1

Trust even despite what is happening in the world. We need to
encourage people to develop a sense of peace and hope,
'Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ'.



Please click on the image for further information

ST MARTIN OF TOURS - PARISH OF MACLEOD



'A faith community where Christian service thrives and shared ministry is developed'

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.smof.org.au FACEBOOK @Smof Parish

St Martin's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are Traditional Owners of the land on which the parish resides and we pay our respects to elders past and present.

PASTORAL TEAM

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Elizabeth.Jemejic@cam.org.au

If you need the ministry of Fr Michael or Sr Maria please ring the Parish Office. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

SCHOOL

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PARISH GROUPS

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Child Safeguarding Committee

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Communion to the Sick

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St Vincent de Paul

Helpline
1800 305 330

FIRST SUNDY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 26TH & 27TH NOVEMBER 2022



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Week 1 theme:

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THANK YOU JOHN POWER!!! After many, many years of faith-filled service to the community here at St Martin's, it is time to celebrate with John as he retires and steps down from his many roles! His tireless commitment to looking after the Church and the people in it, is an inspiration to us all. We will be forever grateful for your energy and goodwill on the job! Well done John and thank you. **A morning tea will be held after the 10am Mass on the 4th December.**



SIGN UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN FOYER PLEASE HELP OUT WHERE YOU CAN!!!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON MONDAY NIGHT AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH HOUSE.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL: Parish Discernment Meetings in November I hope everyone has had a chance to find a time and date suitable to be part of the discernment process of Take the Way of the Gospel in the last week. Of course, for various reasons it may not be possible to attend. So, instead please provide your ideas and thoughts after having read the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter and reflected on the short presentations at recent masses. You can refresh your memories by also checking this link:

[Take the Way of the Gospel | Melbourne Catholic](https://www.melbourne.catholic.edu.au/take-the-way-of-the-gospel)

There are no forms to fill in, just an email that answers these 2 questions:

1. What challenges you foresee for St Martin's Parish as you reflect on Take the Way of the Gospel?

2. What benefits do you see for St Martin's Parish into the future?

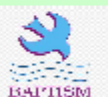
Please think large and be constructive. It won't take long, and every response will be an important contribution to our future. Please email your response to the Macleod Parish Office: Macleod@cam.org.au and mark attention for the TWG Coordinating Committee **Fulvio Frijo, on behalf of the Coordinating team**

RECENTLY DECEASED :

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Elisabeth De Amicis, Isabelle Toll, Bernadette Williams, Gabriela Stok, Daniel McCormack, Hamish Perrott, Bernadette Turner, Florence Fitzgerald, Kristina Niko, Daniel Zanella, Desmond Underwood, Elizabeth Arnold, Angelus Noonan, Mary Cuddon, Sr Genevieve Fitzpatrick, Jenifer Barclay, Santina Costa,

LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK: Robert Bennett, Carl Castillo, Ray Jackman, Jim Cevac, Lauren, Mackenzie Smith, Bob McAliece, Faye Lloyd, Lena Cassar, Louise Pearson, Felipe L. Fondevilla, Simone Owen, Bernie Herridge, Sr. Mary Fankhauser, Cheryl Parker, Patricia Valente, Philomena Boek, Elizabeth Martin, Tony Ryan, Michael Burgess, Annette Lewis, Maureen Miller, Bridget Harding, Sophie Nathan, Merle Fernandez, Scott Fitzgerald, Joan & Barry Pobjoy, James Lang, Joseph Grima, Nola Etery, Ron Coon, Bing Mendoza, Sean Murray, Rosa Filipovic and Joseph Lewis, Hanshika Mithran, Sarah Flynn, Chris O'Sullivan, Lauren D'Souza, Julie Sarkady, Mathew Kannachan, Pannamma Malu, Philip Catalucci, Jen Halne, Jackson Price, Terry Callahan, Brigit Murray

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK Stewardship \$ 896 Presbytery \$ 244 Loose \$ 292



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome into our faith community **SIANNA QUINN RATHNAYAKE** who is being baptised. We assure the family of our prayerful support and we pray for Sianna, her family and Godparents. May God keep them all in his love.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE -

ACRATH CAMPAIGN (AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMANS)

Join ACRATH and the international community for 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. The United Nations 16 days of activism begins on 25th November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It ends on 10th December – Human Rights Day, the day on which the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence brings people from around the globe together to use this time especially to organise, call and advocate for the prevention and eradication of gender-based violence. This year's theme is, "UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls". The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace will promote the 16 days via the recent [Bishops Social Justice Statement](#) (Respect: Confronting violence and abuse).

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans creates resources, reflections, prayers and events for the 16 days of activism. Stay up to date with this year's plans at their website: www.acrath.org.au or see hard copies in the foyer.

"It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods!" Pope Francis

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS GIVING.

Last year, SVDPV spent over \$3m on assisting Victorians with cost-of-living expenses, including medical costs, paying for household items and utility bills. Some residual restrictions affect our work, but we will be delivering vouchers to over 50 families in the local area so that they may enjoy some treats at this time of the year. We have envelopes on tables in the church porches, stamped with our Macleod conference ID. If you are able to donate, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Cash or credit card details are welcome. We will be pleased to send a receipt if you note your name and address on the envelope - which may then be placed in the poor box in the church porch or in the general parish collection bowl on the altar.

If you prefer to donate online, this is the link: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

To ensure our conference receives your online gift, please enter "Macleod 915" in the Comments/Conference name box as you progress through the donation process. Thank you - and may the peace and joy of Christmas be with you

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – REIMAGINING OUR LOCAL CHURCH AS MISSION COMMUNITIES

Parish Discernment Meetings are finishing up! There is one Zoom session left on Monday night.

If you have been unable to attend a session please see the front page for how you can contribute to the discussion if you cannot make the meeting on line. For all others please use the link below.

Dennis Wollersheim

Mon Nov 28th

7pm

Zoom

<https://latrobe.zoom.us/j/8273940819> (please copy and paste the Zoom link into your browser)

GARDENING: TIM O'HANLON 0433 952 705 **GENERAL HOME MAINTENANCE:** Bernie Power 0409 936 860

HAIRDRESSING FOR WOMEN & MEN: PH: Uni 0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates. Can attend home.

Hear With Me Audiology Care (All Ages) Dr Gerard William - hearwithme.com.au or contact: 03 9002 4237

ROSTERS 26th & 27th NOVEMBER

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM
 SACRISTAN: P KENNEALY
 COMMENTATOR: M FITZPATRICK
 READER: M DI FABIO, J O'CONNELL
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *S RYAN, A CALDERONE, K FORD
 WELCOMERS: M CASTILLO, S RYAN
 MUSIC: H TOMBOLATO

SUNDAY 8.00AM
 SACRISTAN: FILL IN PLEASE
 COMMENTATOR: T JACKSON
 READERS: N RAJASINGAM
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *A FERNANDEZ, F CARNOVALE,
 WELCOMERS: **HELPERS PLEASE**

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY
 SACRISTAN: P KENNEALY
 COMMENTATOR: **FILL IN PLEASE**
 READERS:
 D WOLLERSHEIM, P POWER
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *P FUMEL, J SAMUEL, G LEONE
 WELCOMERS: P BASILE, T JORDAN
 MUSIC: R DI GIROLAMO
 RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C STARMANS

ROSTERS 3rd & 4th DECEMBER

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM
 SACRISTAN: C VALENTE
 COMMENTATOR: S RYAN
 READERS: A CLEAVER, M RYAN
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *R WEBSTER, K FORDE, F ESPOSITO
 WELCOMERS: M ZACCARI, J OWEN
 MUSIC: H TOMBOLATO

SUNDAY 8.00AM
 SACRISTAN: FILL IN NEEDED
 COMMENTATOR: T VITEZ
 READERS: M FERNANDEZ
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *F CARNOVALE, A FERNANDEZ
 WELCOMERS: **HELPERS PLEASE!**

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY
 SACRISTAN: M LOVE
 COMMENTATOR: P FUMEL
 READER: B WATTS, C WEBB
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *P KENNEALY, AM POWER, J SAMUEL
 WELCOMERS: G SCHWABE
 MUSIC: R DI GIROLAMO
 RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: J DOLE

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

"World Day Of the Poor" non perishable food appeal resulted in 16 bags of goods which can be distributed locally. Thank you for your generosity.

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	25th Nov	9.15am Mass
Saturday	26th Nov	8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass
Sunday	27th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent 8.00 am Mass, 10.00 am Mass (includes Children's Liturgy)
Monday	28th Nov	9.15am Mass 3KJ 7.30pm Bereavement Meeting 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	29th Nov	9.15am Mass 7.30PM Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday	30th Nov	9.15am LOTW John M
Thursday	1st Dec	9.15am Mass Class 6 SM
Friday	2nd Dec	9.15am Mass
Saturday	3rd Dec	8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass Yr 1 Family Mass
Sunday	4th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent 8.00 am Mass, 9.00am Italian Mass 10.00 am Mass (includes Children's Liturgy) Cuppa after the 10am Mass (includes a thank you to John Power)

READINGS	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
First Reading:	Is 2: 1-5	Is 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Second Reading:	Rom 13: 11-14	Rom 15: 4-9
Gospel Reading:	Mt 24: 37-44	Mt 3: 1-12

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

Hope doesn't come from nowhere. The hope of God's people in the Bible comes from the fact that God made them specific promises: of peace, of an eternal kingdom to be established by the Messiah, of a creation finally healed and at rest. So the readings for this week focus especially on God's promises. Becoming acquainted with these promises is a good first step in coming to a deeper knowledge of who God is.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community were very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited.

In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

- ♦ Explore how the term 'Son of Man' is an apt one for Jesus to use of himself.
- ♦ This text points to the early church's belief that the end times—the second and final coming of Christ—were imminent and that believers should be ready at all times for this unexpected event.
- ♦ Explain how this expectation arose and was later modified in the early church. How can we live in expectation today? What does that mean for followers of Christ?

SOCIAL JUSTICE TRENDS

World leaders have met in Egypt at the Conference of the Parties 27 (COP 27) to negotiate agreements and commitments on action to be taken to address the growing climate crisis. Next month, they will gather again in Canada to plan action to stem the equally critical loss of biodiversity.

The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace has prepared a resource to help you to take action on these two important matters. It is something Pope Francis encourages us to do.

These two meetings present another opportunity for world leaders to agree on actions which will address the twin crises of climate change and loss of biodiversity. They also present us with an opportunity as people of faith to join with others in calling for effective action to deal with these immense ecological crises.



<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/COPs-27-15-InfoSheet.pdf>

Hard copies are in the main foyer for those without computers!

Prayer for the State Election

Heavenly Father,
You are the source of goodness, justice and truth.
We thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy in Australia,
including free and fair elections.
We entrust to you the State of Victoria and all who live within it.
We pray for the gift of wisdom ahead of the upcoming election.
Guide us in our deliberations, so we may seek to elect representatives
who will work tirelessly to pursue the common good in all things.
We pray for all those standing for election and their families.
May all those elected work diligently to build a more just society.
May our local community of Victoria be a place where
peace and justice flourish, religious freedom is respected,
and all people, especially the most vulnerable,
are valued, respected and cared for.
And may we each renew our commitment to do the same ourselves –
following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in all things.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
Amen.*

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2023

New dates have been uploaded to the website. If you would like your child baptised in 2023 please check out the dates available until May and email the parish office with your preferred date.



www.smot.org.au

ADVENT REFLECTION

Incarnate is an 86 page pocket size book containing short daily reflections from Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. Copies of the booklet are available to purchase this week from the foyer of the Church. The cost is \$5 per copy. Please leave your money in the box provided.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS Join us and learn about your study options at CTC. With a range of online study options now available it is possible to participate in most units of study at CTC without leaving home. Monday 5 December at 7.30pm (AEDT)

Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/open-days For more information contact: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

CATHOLIC CARE Vigil Mass for World AIDS Day will be celebrated at St Francis' Church (corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth St, Melbourne) on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 5.30pm. All Welcome.

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MCM is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

ADVENT CALENDAR FROM MAJELLAN MEDIA Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus' coming. It is a time to take time to reflect, pray, listen and allow the Holy Spirit into our lives and celebrate, really celebrate that Jesus is with us. To help you to take this time alone, or with your family, we have prepared an [Advent Calendar](#). Each day of Advent includes a short reflection or scripture passage and a suggested action for you to take. The calendar focuses on the real meaning of Christmas. It is a tool to help you prepare, and set aside time each day to contemplate your hopes and discover your real needs.

Please click on the image for further information

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MONTHLY SCOOP

PFA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Our Prep Welcome Dinner held on Friday 11th November, was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. It was lovely to see everyone socialising and forming new friendships and connections. Thank you to Joiebelle. Z and Michelle D.P. for coordinating this event, along with the help of the following parents: Kathryn. H, Fiona. Z, Kate. K, Paul. T, Sharon. K, Marnie. D, Justine. H, Amy. C, Belinda. P (and anyone that turned up on the spot). Thank you also to all the staff who gave up their own time to attend the dinner.

On Wednesday we held our AGM. Thank you to everyone that attended. We are pleased to announce the 2023 PFA Committee:

President - Michelle Don Paul
Vice-President - Kate Kelly
Treasurer - Carla Ting
Secretary - Tanya Zita
Parent Class Representative Co-Ordinator - Emma Rivera
General Members - Fiona Zandt, Luisa Green, Amy Chew, Melissa Omell.

If you wish to consider joining as a general member, we invite you to attend our first committee meeting next year on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

The School Fee Raffle, which is our final fundraiser for the year, is now underway. For your chance to have your family school fee paid, don't forget to purchase your tickets at <http://smotpfa.weebly.com/>. Entries close Friday 9th December.

2022 Term 4 Dates

29 Nov	Mango Drive Delivery
9 Dec	School Fee Raffle Closes
12 Dec	School Fee Raffle Drawn



ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
HELP US ACHIEVE OUR
FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2022!



Thank you for your support!

Mango Delivery

The mangoes will be delivered and available for collection during school pickup on **Tuesday 29th November** ONLY.

If your child is at OSH CLUB or away sick on the day, please arrange for someone to collect the mangoes on your behalf.

Please note the mangoes CANNOT be stored at school.

Second Hand Uniforms

The PFA provides a second hand uniform initiative. Families can purchase second hand uniforms, with all proceeds going toward PFA fundraising goals.

With the end of year approaching, please consider donating any unwanted or outgrown uniforms to the school.

To place an order for second hand uniforms, please visit the website to complete an online order form.



www.smotpfa.weebly.com

ST MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

School Fee Raffle

Tickets \$5 each or 6 for \$20

Purchase tickets at
smotpfa.weebly.com and
transfer your payment via EFT
(details on the website).

Entries close FRIDAY 9TH
DECEMBER 2022.

Winners will be drawn Monday
12th December 2022.

1ST PRIZE

Your choice of:

2023 Family School Fee
valued at \$2160
(N.B - prize excludes class, excursion,
camp and capital levies)

- OR -

Westfield Gift Card
valued at \$2160

MORE PRIZES TO
BE WON!!!

See website for
T&Cs!

ENTER TO
WIN
PRIZES



ENJOY THE WARMER
WEATHER WITH
**ZOOPER DOOPER
TUESDAYS!**



\$2 Zooper Doopers

Second Break Only

**Juniors - Top Yard
Seniors - Bottom Yard**

To volunteer for a session, please sign up at
<https://signup.zone/KwFntpCCtcYXRdJok>

*A limited stock of sugar free zooper doopers
will also be made available.



SMOT Business Directory



In need of a product or service?

Why not look through our SMOT Business Directory!

Engage with people you can trust and support our SMOT Community!

Visit: www.smotpfa.weebly.com/business-directory

deck it out
decks and pergolas

Longevity
Chiropractic
Medicine

POPSEE

Williamhill Cellars & The Vines Cafe

To advertise your business in our SMOT Business Directory, complete the online registration form at smotpfa.weebly.com

If you would like to sponsor, or provide a donation for, one of our events to have your business featured in our newsletter, please contact smotpfa@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au.

OSHC Club News

Please click on the image for further information



What's been happening...

Hi all!

What a week we've had over here at OSHC! It's been jam packed with activities, adapting schedules and lots of smiles.

We have been enjoying our baking club on Mondays (come join us if you like all things baking or want to try some new treats). This week we made Christmas cupcakes decorated with candy canes and sprinkled with a little bit of love!

Our room has also had a revamp this week.... Here comes Christmas! Our Christmas tree is ready for some kid made decorations and our Santa letter box is slowly filling up (but can always hold more).

We hope everyone has a lovely week!

- OSHC team

Coming Up

Nov
7

Here comes the sun



Nov
14

Music Festival



Nov
21

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Photo Gallery



Special Announcements

Please check enrolments to ensure that details are current and up to date especially emergency contacts, medical conditions, and general contact details.

Gratefulness Corner

We love celebrating and acknowledging what were grateful for here at SMOT OSHC and this week we have asked some students to do the same. Here is what they said:

Zara (Grade 3): 'I'm grateful for my friends!'

Eva (Grade 6): 'I'm grateful for getting to go to school at SMOT.'

Harper (Prep): Harper is grateful her mum, dad, and brother.

Michael (Prep): Michael is grateful for gingerbread men!

Michael (Grade 1): Michael is grateful to have a loving family and to be celebrating his birthday.

Quality Area Reflection

Outcome Area 4.2: Children use a range of skills and process such as problem solving.

We have been exploring new types of activities which allow our students to extend this outcome area, such as our trivia afternoons once a week where teams compete to win the title of trivia champions!

BSC 7:00AM - 9:00AM
ASC 3:00PM - 6:15PM
Phone Number: 0421751216

oshclub.com.au
1300 395 735

Calendar of Events

PLEASE CHECK COMPASS NEWS FEED and CALENDAR FOR CHANGES/ UPDATES TO EVENTS

TERM 4 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 28 th Nov – 2 nd Dec 3 rd December Year 1 Family Mass 5.30pm	3KJ Class Mass	Zooper Dooper Day PFA Mango Collection (school pick up time)	Year 1 Cultural Dance Incursion	6SM Class Mass	Year 6 Big Day Out (Funfields)
Week 10 5 th – 9 th December	School Closure Day (Staff Planning -2023)	1HM Class Mass Carols Night 6pm Zooper Dooper Day		Year 2 Lego Land Excursion 3CJ Class Mass ABC Music Concert (2.30-3.30pm)	Parent Helpers 'Thank You' Afternoon Tea PFA School Fees Raffle Closes
Week 11 12 th – 16 th December	End of Year Mass Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.30pm PFA School Fees Raffle Drawn	Zooper Dooper Day	Year 6 Graduation Activities Prep -Year 5 students 'Meet your 2023 teacher'	Last Day Term 4 3.30pm finish	

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 27 January* – 6 April

*Please note Staff return on 27 January

*Student Assessment Sessions Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 January further details will be provided via a Compass alert

Wednesday 1 February Year 1-6 Students Commence Term 1

Prep 2023 students please refer to Prep 2023 Schedule of Dates

Term 2: 24 April – 24 June

Term 3: 10 July – 15 September

Term 4: 2 October – 20 December

Community News

Marcellin Rugby PSG Christmas Tree Fundraiser

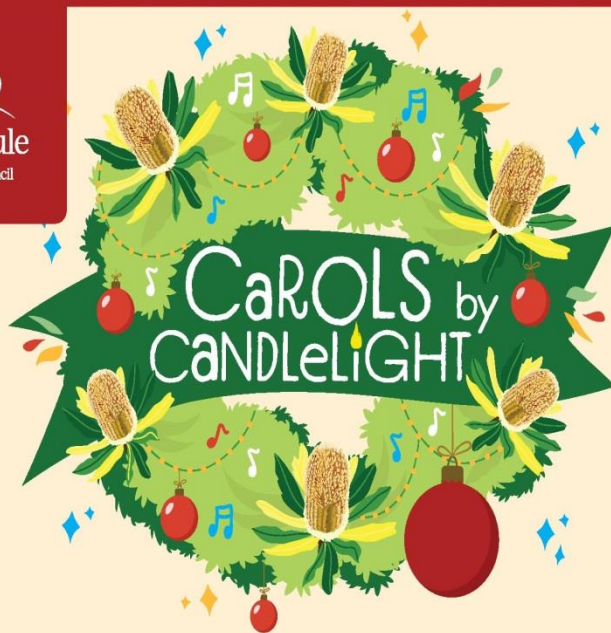
FRESHLY CUT CHRISTMAS TREES
SUPPORTING THE RUGBY FIJI TOUR

ORDER VIA THE QR CODE
OR USING THE LINK BELOW

COLLECTION DEC 3RD 10AM - 1PM
DELIVERY EXTRA



SCAN ME



**Saturday
17 December 2022**

**Greensborough
War Memorial Park**

Henry Street, Greensborough

5:00pm: Food trucks and
preshow entertainment

7:00pm: Carols showtime

COME & TRY FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 7-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:

Templestowe Reserve,
Templestowe

WHEN:

Monday, December 5
5pm-6pm



REGISTER HERE!



Catholic
Ladies' College



Christmas
**COMMUNITY
MARKET & CAROLS**

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE
19 DIAMOND STREET, ELTHAM
PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE

60+ MARKET STALLS

FOOD TRUCKS

LIVE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

VISIT FROM SANTA

ROVING CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS

FIRST 200 KIDS GET A FREE LUCKY DIP!

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