



# The Cloak – Edition 81

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Principal's Post

Jacqui Marshall



Dear Parents and Carers

The school year will finish for students in Years Prep - 5 on Thursday 15 December at 3:30pm, canteen service will run on this day and students are to wear their school uniform.

We were certainly blessed by both the weather and talent for our Christmas Carols night on Tuesday. It was great to be able to gather together as a community and celebrate the year and the season of Christmas. Thank you to Fenella D'Cruz our Performing Arts teacher and all our staff for their creativity.



### Student Leadership

Over the past few weeks our Year 5 students have been presenting their leadership speeches to their peers and some staff. As Principal I am incredibly proud of how much they have grown in confidence over their time at St Martin's and how they want to make a difference to the school and wider community. We will be announcing all the 2023 student leadership roles at the End of Year Mass (Thanksgiving Mass) on Monday 12 December commencing at 9:15am. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Leaving Families

We thank the following families for their time at St Martin's and wish them all the best.

Arnel family, Daffey family, Gamble family, Milenkoski family, Miller family, Pingala family, Prince family, Sgro family, Agustsson family, Byrom family, Collantes family, De Burgh family, Forrest family, Gayfer family, Gilliatt family, Kelly family, Martinis family, Pryse family, Robinson family, Anderson family, Bailey family, Bird family, Brown family, Ferrara family, Gogoi family, Hanks family, Multari family, Muratore family, Papadopoulos family and Masini Family.

## Policy Update for NDIS and External Providers in schools

In accordance with MACS guidelines there have been some updates made to the policy and documentation required for families requesting NDIS and external providers to deliver services to their child at school. We will be in contact with all families who currently have a provider that delivers services to their child at school so that the documentation can be completed for the 2023 school year.

## Staffing for 2023

At this time of the year we say farewell to staff who are moving on from St Martin's at the end of this year.

**Carmel Chubb** who has been working at St Martin's for approximately 17 years will retire at the end of this year. We thank Carmel for all she has contributed and the difference she has made in the lives of many students. Carmel has a passion for literacy, having been both a literacy leader and supporting literacy intervention in her time at St Martin's. We wish Carmel all the best as she enjoys more time with her family.

We wish a fond farewell to our beloved Year 6 Teacher, **Jo Maloney**, who leaves us this year and takes up a new position at St Kevin's Catholic Primary School in Lower Templestowe in 2023. Jo has worked here at St Martin's for 12 years and has taught in every level bar Year 4, making her a highly valued member of our community. Jo has a passion for Maths and is looking forward to the opportunity to lead this in her new role.

**Melanie Thierjung** has been teaching at St Martin's for just over 3 years. We thank Melanie for her positive attitude and belief in her students. She has loved working in the Year 2 level. Melanie will be returning to her hometown Sydney to be closer to her extended family.

**Fenella D'Cruz** finishes up next week in her short-term replacement position as Performing Arts teacher. We thank Fenella for her generosity, creativity and wish her all the best.

We thank **Mira Riddle** for teaching our Year 6 students this year and will see her back next year as a relief teacher.

**We also congratulate** Melissa Wilson (Campbell) and her husband Blake as they await the birth of their first child in May 2023.



We welcome the following staff to our school community in 2023  
Michael Archer and Sheree O'Connor.

## Staffing

Jacqui Marshall - Principal

Marita Anderson - Deputy Principal/Religious Education

Jamie Atherton - Assistant Deputy Principal/Student Wellbeing

Sandra Tieppo - Learning and Teaching

Melissa Wilson - Literacy

Kellie Cumming - Numeracy

Emma Kent - Learning Diversity

Neesha Valvo - Digital Technologies

## **Classroom Teachers**

PBL - Brigitte La Rosa

PCC - Kate Callea/Jo Collier

PGO - Andrea Getson/Emma O'Malley

1EN - Emily Nicholson

1HM - Holly Mansie

1LB - Laura Belcher

2DR - Dinesha Rajasingam

2JG - Jessica Gillie

2MO - Lilia Mosbauer/Sheree O'Connor

3KJ - Kris Jordan

3LA - Lauren Addati

3CJ - Giulia Costa/Annie Jenkins

4AT - Adele Truefeldt

4FW - Michelle Frazzetto/Dave Witchell

4JR - Chloe Jones/Sandra Randles

5SM - Shannon Molloy

5JM - Jacob Marshall

5ZI - Terry Zacharakis/Danni Ibbott

6SM - Sean Martin

6MV - Teresa Michaelangeli/Neesha Valvo

6MA - Michael Archer

## **Specialists**

PE - Dave Witchell

Italian - Brooke Di Muzio

STEM - Maryann Hamilton

Performing Arts - Toni Dent

Visual Arts - Wonda Ball/Lisa Cheribun

After a consultative process with staff, the Library will be managed differently in 2023. It will remain a vibrant part of the school community with classroom teachers and leaders facilitating important skill development and borrowing for our students, events and exploring links with digital technologies. We will be inviting parent volunteers to support some of the administrative requirements. I would like to thank Chloe Jones and Teresa Michelangeli for supporting the library this year.

## **Learning Support Officers**

Ida Fruci

Gayle Carrazza

Patsy Lynch

Kate Sanford

Tomasina Lagos

Carmel Malignaggi

Cristina Grande

Christine Porter

Olivia Jenkins

Alya D'Souza

Libby Salerno

Fiona Henderson

## **Administration**

Veronica Castles (office)  
Karen Livingstone (office)  
Patsy Lynch (office)  
Mary Milione (office)  
Jay Dickson (technology support)  
Grace Bocquet (library technician)

## **School Timetable**

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have just reviewed our school timetable in light of the new staffing work arrangements as directed by MACS. Next year students will be dismissed at 3:20pm. This will mean gates will open 10 minutes earlier at pick up time and be locked at 3:35pm.

## **Coming up**

We look forward to seeing many of our parents this afternoon (2:45pm) as we say thank you for all your support this year. Staff will be hosting an afternoon tea in the GECCO.

All our families are invited to attend the End of Year Mass (Thanksgiving Mass) on Monday commencing at 9:15am. This is an important opportunity to reflect on 2022 and give thanks for all we have achieved together. At the Mass we will acknowledge the staff that are leaving and introduce our 2023 Year 6 student leaders.

We celebrate our current Year 6 students with their graduation at the Watsonia RSL on Monday night.

On Wednesday 14 December in the afternoon students will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher/s and classmates for 2023.

## **Important Dates for 2023**

Students begin (for assessments in groups) on Monday 30 January or Tuesday 31 January  
(More information to be sent home about this next week)

Students in Year 1 - 6 commence on Wednesday 1 February.

Prep students have their own schedule for Week 1.

Monday 20 February - School Photos

Monday 13 March - Labour Day Public Holiday

15 - 24 March - NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students

Tuesday 21 March Ash Wednesday Mass

Monday 27 March - Enrolment information night for prospective families

Wednesday 5 April - Last day of term 1 for students. Finish at 3:20pm

Thursday 6 April - School closure day

Monday 24 April - School closure day

Tuesday 25 April - ANZAC Day public holiday

Wednesday 26 April Term 2 commences for students.

Monday 12 June - King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 13 - Wednesday 14 June Year 4 Camp

Monday 28 - Wednesday 30 August Year 5 and 6 Camp

We are looking at having a whole school performance towards the end of Term 3

Marita Anderson has written about 2023 sacramental dates in her RE News.

I will advise you of the school closure days for semester 2 when school returns next year.

A detailed calendar of events will also be available early next year.

## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the year. I do feel blessed to lead this community. I would like to acknowledge all the wonderful students and staff for all they have achieved in 2022.

As this is the last formal newsletter for the school year I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a restful and safe holiday time.



Kind Regards  
Jacqui Marshall  
Principal

## A message from the volunteers of the St Vincent De Paul Conference

A huge "Thank you" to all within the St Martin's community who have contributed to the wonderful donations to the Christmas hampers, your generosity is so heart-warming. The St Vincent de Paul Conference delivers hampers to many families. Your gifts will be treasured by these people as most of those we visit do not have sufficient income to buy special food at Christmas time. Be assured, we see many excited little faces when we make our deliveries and the parents really welcome the hampers. This brings home the true meaning of Christmas to us all. Thank you for enabling this to occur and may the blessings of Christmas be with you all.



### Sacramental Dates for 2023

Fr Michael and the Leadership team met recently to set dates for the 2023 Sacramental program.

#### Confirmation

**Parent Information Evening** - Tuesday 7 February at 7pm

**Commitment Masses** - Saturday 11 February at 5.30pm or Sunday 12 February at 10am

**Preparation Masses** - Saturday 25 March at 5.30pm or Sunday 26 March at 10am

**Confirmation Masses** - Saturday 29 April at 11am or 1.30pm

#### Reconciliation

**Parent Information Evening** - Tuesday 16 May at 7pm

**Commitment Masses** - Saturday 20 May at 5.30pm or Sunday 21 May at 10am

**Reconciliation** - Tuesday 11 July; Tuesday 18 July; Tuesday 25 July

#### Eucharist

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 22 August at 7pm

Commitment Masses - Saturday 26 August at 5.30pm or Sunday 27 August at 10am

Preparation Masses - Saturday 9 September at 5.30pm or Sunday 10 September at 10am

Retreat Day - Friday 27 October

Eucharist Masses - Saturday 11 November at 5.30pm; Sunday 12 November at 10am

- Saturday 18 November at 5.30pm; Sunday 19 November at 10am

- Saturday 25 November at 5.30pm; Sunday 26 November at 10am

# 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. Donation of nonperishable foods are due Friday 9 December.



# Bell Times



## Bell Times

8:30am	School Gates Open
8:40am	Time to Line Up  
8:45am	<b>Students Go to Class, Unpack, Begin Morning Routine and Meditation</b> 
9:00am	<b>Classes Begin</b>
11:00am	<b>Eating Time</b> 
11:10am	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Break*</b> 
11:50am	<b>Classes Resume</b> 
1:50pm	<b>Eating Time</b> 
2:00pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Break *</b> 
2:40pm	<b>Classes Resume</b> 
<b>3:20pm</b>	<b>End of School Day</b>  
3:35pm	<b>School Gates Close</b>

\*Please avoid collecting your child/children during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> break times. As the children go out to play it can be difficult for them to hear announcements calling them to the office.

All student absences must be marked on Compass e.g. Illness, Medical appointments, Family holidays etc.





# School Fee Schedule

Please refer to the Compass Newsfeed that has been sent regarding school fees for 2023.

Thank you to those families who have completed a payment plan, please check your email (including your spam/junk folder) as a confirmation email has been sent.

Please note if you have not submitted a payment plan please do so 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](mailto: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
<b>Total School Fees</b>	<b>3340</b>	<b>One child</b>
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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Fortnightly payments commence Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February til 26<sup>th</sup> October (20 fortnightly payments)

Monthly payments are deducted on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment is due on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment is due on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment is due on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **CSEE**. Further information will be sent directly to families. A copy of the card must be presented to the office.

# Parent Representative Invitation



## St Martin of Tours Primary School Parent Representative Invitation

Dear St Martins Families,

One of the critical volunteer roles within our school community is that of our **Parent Representatives**. Traditionally each class has two parent reps that are responsible for coordinating a number of key actions that support and build social connection and community engagement within their child's year level. We are now calling for volunteers to take on the role of **Parent Representative for 2023**.

Families will be informed of their child's new class on **Wednesday 14th December**. All parents are welcome to volunteer by;

Signing up online at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>

The role of the Parent Reps has been reviewed throughout the year making some key adjustments to simplify the role and reduce the workload.

As a Parent Representative, key areas of responsibility are to:

- **Be the main point of contact for your class**
- **Co-ordinate & distribute class contact list for families (New simplified model)**
- **Assist classroom teacher/s with parent communication & provide general updates/reminders, particularly for new parents**
- **Promote Parent and Friends' Association (PFA) events & activities**
- **Welcome new families to the school & check in periodically to see how they are settling in**
- **Organise a small teacher gift for the Class Teacher's birthday**
- **Organise social gatherings for the year level (outside of school)**
- **Co-ordinate Year Level Dinners (TBC as this model is under review)**

We are grateful to **Joiebelle Zakanj** for the incredible work that she did this year and we welcome **Emma Rivera** as the Parent Rep Coordinator for 2023. If you become a Parent Representative next year, Emma will conduct an information session for all new reps early in Term 1. We look forward to continuing our journey with you next year.

Sincerely

Jacqui Marshall & Jamie Atherton  
Principal                      Assistant Deputy Principal  
Student Wellbeing Leader



# Sport Report

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 16 children competed in the Heidelberg District Junior Basketball Tournament against 6 other schools in our area.

The boys' team went through the entire tournament undefeated and won their Grand Final against Viewbank PS by 1 point. The girls' team won 4 games and lost one game, they played Rosanna Golf Links in the Grand Final. The girls played extremely well, however, they lost by 7 points against a much taller opposition.

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school:

Harry O, Blake S, Noah G, Liam H, Jack F, Finn B, Josh T, Jake A, Eliza O, Zara D, Maddison H, Josie M, Milana P, Phoebe W, Grace P and Scarlett L.

A big thank you to Mr Atherton for his great coaching and to all the parents who scored and supported on the day.

Zara from Year 4 has written her thoughts about the day:

*On the 30th of November some year 3-4 students were fortunate to participate in the Heidelberg District Basketball Tournament. This included a round robin for both a girl and boys' team. The schools they played against were Banyule Primary, Heidelberg Primary, Rosanna Golf Links Primary, Viewbank Primary and Rosanna Primary.*

*The boys were undefeated in all of their games and in a nail biting final defeated Viewbank Primary by only one point. The girls also made it to the grand final but came runners up to an undefeated Rosanna Golf Links Primary School.*

*Everyone had fun playing in this tournament and it was a great effort from all.*

*A big thank you to Mr Atherton for coaching both teams, the organisers and parent helpers for supporting the teams on the day. We look forward to doing this again next year.*

*From Zara D*

Finally, St Martin's would like to recognise the achievements of 2 girls at our school:

Addi O (Year 6) represented Victoria in the National Under 12s SSV Cricket Team. She played in the National Championships in Ballarat and achieved fantastic results. We are very proud of her performances.

Zoe S (Year 3) competed in the National Taekwondo National Championships over the weekend. Zoe had a marvellous tournament where she won her age group and weight class and is now Ranked Number 1 in Australia.

# Year One Cultural Dance Incursion

On Wednesday the 30th of November, the Year Ones took part in a cultural dance incursion. They learnt dances from Spain, Africa and India, in addition to exploring the incredible clothing and language. It was fantastic to see so many students enthusiastically engage in each of the dances. Well done Year One!



# Drama Club

On Wednesday the 7th of December Drama Club performed their play 'The Modern Story of The Three Little Pigs.' The play was planned by the Drama Club Captains Claudia, Guilia and Chiara. Then Chiara went off and completed the script.

Auditions were held at the end of Term 3 and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the Year 4, 5 and 6 students who auditioned.

For the past term the cast and crew have worked hard to learn their lines, create props and work together during lunch time on different projects. Their passion for acting and helping back stage has been amazing. All their hard work paid off when the audience were heard laughing and clapping at their performance.

Thank you to the cast and crew for all their hard work. It's been wonderful to see the group support each other and enjoy the practices. They have had fantastic ideas. Thank you to Chiara, Guilia and Claudia for their leadership during practices, stepping in to take last minute roles and for their directing of the cast and crew.

Finally a big thank you to our Art Captains Guilia, Chiara, Claudia and Alice for all their hard work and efforts in promoting the Arts across the school. It has been a pleasure working with you.  
Melissa Wilson (nee Campbell)



# Student Wellbeing

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## Unspoiling Your Kids This Christmas



### POSITIVE PARENTING

Even in homes where getting by is a bit of a struggle, Christmas is generally a time of indulgence for most families. We might be fighting inflation, increased rent and mortgage payments, and rising fuel and food costs, but it's Christmas! We want to make it memorable, and spending seems to be the default to make that happen.

Yet, at the same time that we spoil ourselves and our loved ones, we often bemoan the ingratitude of our children. We feel that they're spoiled. We wish they'd look beyond themselves and stop making Christmas all about "me, me, me." And apart from that, it's expensive!

With this in mind, here are 10 tips for "unspoiling" your children this Christmas.

First, focus on others!

#### **1. Focus on Service**

This year, one family I know is baking cookies and visiting the local police station, ambulance station, and fire station to drop off some Christmas cheer. They take the time to thank the people who work to keep us safe. Others I know visit the local RSPCA with supplies or donations, drop food, books, and toys at a women's shelter, or donate food (or money for a well) to one of the many overseas charities that help those who are impoverished and in need.

## **2. Focus on Your Neighbourhood**

Who are the people in your neighbourhood? Perhaps an elderly widow could do with a hand in her yard. 'Tis the season for fast-growing grass and gardens. Perhaps someone has just gone through a tough separation and could do with a Christmas basket to ease the pain (financial and emotional) that Christmas might bring.

One of our favourite things to do is to host a neighbourhood Christmas party. We invite all of our neighbours for a barbecue and to sing carols. Every year, we are asked for the date in advance, so people can be available!

## **3. Try a Secret Santa Drop**

Our children's favourite Christmas activity is playing "knock and run." We select a handful of people we want to give something to each year. It might be a teacher, a friend, a coach, or a church leader. We wrap their parcels (often home-made treats), write thank you cards, and drive to their home. After parking out of sight, we sneak to their door, place their gift on the doorstep, and bang on the door before sprinting for a hiding place. Then we watch with delight as someone gets an unexpected, anonymous Christmas surprise. (It can be hard to do this well with six children, and we've often been caught—but it's always fun.)

Next—focus on the children.

## **4. Give Something Exciting**

The reality is that our children DO want to get something exciting at Christmas. So, pick something great for them (within your budget) and help them enjoy it. A decision to not get anything can leave them feeling resentful, particularly when they see everyone else "getting."

## **5. Reduce the Number of Gifts They Receive**

Some children receive gifts from everyone. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, and even siblings are all expected to buy for everyone. This not only costs a fortune, but it can overwhelm children and leave them expecting more and more. Invite your extended family to contribute to one meaningful gift, rather than lots of bits and pieces.

## **6. When Opening Gifts, Take Time to Savour Them**

Savouring is the magnifying, or amplifying, of a positive experience. When the children open a gift, give them time to savour it. Encourage them to play with it. Let them breathe in the excitement of the moment, rather than ripping into the next package and flinging their gifts aside.

## **7. Experiences Are Better Than Things**

One of the most remarkable findings from positive psychology research is that spending money on experiences brings more happiness than spending money on "stuff." Perhaps a family trip will be more memorable than more toys?

In a similar vein, gifts that encourage relationships are better than gifts that promote isolation. A new game console might be fun, but it may lead to withdrawal (and fights). It might be better to purchase some games that bring the family together.

## **8. Rather Than Gifts, Give Letters**

One year for Christmas, I contacted my siblings and asked them to give me 10 memories of special times with Dad. With six children, we had a total of 60 memories, each written on separate pieces of coloured paper and rolled up into mini-scrolls and placed into a jar. Dad opened the jar and looked at us, perplexed. He reached in and pulled out the first note. He read it and chuckled. Then it dawned on him that there were 60 notes from his children. He dipped his hand in again and read. Then he began to weep. The rest of that Christmas morning, he read, cried, laughed, and reminisced. It was a meaningful, wonderful gift that cost nothing but meant the world.

## **9. Encourage the Children to Write "Thank You" Notes**

Christmas break is a great time to take stock of gifts and say thank you. Invite your children to write thank you notes to those who gave to them, saying specifically why they're grateful. Sincere thanks takes time—but it is a wonderful way to help the children show appreciation.

Finally, give the most valuable gift you can: time.

## **10. Give the Gift of Time**

There may be no gift more appreciated by our children than your time. It costs so little yet is so hard to give generously. But when we give of our time generously, all the material desires our children have will fade away.

This Christmas, "unspoil" your child by reducing the emphasis on materialism, crowding out the crass commercialism of "getting" with sincere, compassionate giving. It can make your Christmas truly memorable.

How are you planning to make this Christmas one to remember?



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## No No NO



EDUCATION/LEARNING

POSITIVE PARENTING

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

*Beck Delahoy is a neuroscientist, writer, and home-educator. When she's not researching and writing about parenting, she's outside exploring the wonder of nature with her three kids. Find her @beckdelahoy on Instagram*

My husband and I are looking to buy a new car. I'm dreaming of an electric vehicle, and with 3 kids in car seats, a 7 seater would be ideal. So I'd been doing some research when I found it - the perfect car. It had an impressive range for an electric vehicle, the required 7 seats, and with falcon wing doors I would be the coolest mum in the kinder car park.

I excitedly showed my husband and told him that I want this car! And he oohed and aaahed at the car with me, and then I went back to looking at cars that were realistically in our budget. Because my dream car had one issue. It cost twice as much as we earn in a year.

How often do our kids ask us for things that they can't realistically have?

A 5-year-old wants to read books at bath time.

A 7-year-old wants to kick their soccer ball in the living room.

A 12 year-old wants the latest smartphone, with the 6.1" screen and a camera that can record in 4K - perfect for filming TikToks!

But in these moments, when our kids tell us what they want, how often do we immediately say "no"?

"No way"

"Not now"

"No...no...NO"

The problem is, when we are constantly telling our kids "no", they don't feel full of gratitude for having such reasonable and logical parents. Instead, they feel unheard and frustrated. They feel as though we don't trust their decision making. They feel as though we are taking away their capacity to make choices. And they feel disconnected from us. What if we could do for our kids what my husband did for me, and show them that we honour their wishes and trust them to make reasonable decisions?

Next time a "no" jumps to your lips when your child wants something they can't have, try one of these three strategies instead:

1. Engage in problem-solving to find win-win solutions

Instead of pushing our will onto our kids, we can work with them to find a solution that works for everyone. This involves hearing their perspective, voicing your own concerns, and then working to come up with possible solutions together. That might look like this:

"You want to read books right now. You really love reading books. I'm worried that if we read all of our books right now, we won't have time for a bath. What do you think we can do so that we have time for books and a bath?"

By working with our kids to find solutions, we give them power over their own lives, and show that we trust them to make good decisions.

2. Find the yes in the no.

Sometimes what our kids want is almost ok. It might be ok to kick the soccer ball around, just not in the living room. Or it might be ok to eat ice cream, just not right before dinner. When that happens, we can say yes to what is ok with their desire, while redirecting the rest. That might look like this:

"I can see that you want to kick the soccer ball around! You sure can kick that ball really well. I'm a bit worried that there's not enough room inside our house for you to kick the ball around safely. Let's take the ball outside where you have more room. Would you like some help to set up some goals?"

When we say yes to what we can, we help our kids feel heard and understood.

### 3. Give it to them in fantasy.

Joanna Faber and Julie King, authors of *How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen*, suggest that when your child wants something they can't have, our first impulse is to explain why they can't have it... which often doesn't work out very well for us. Instead, we can give to our child in fantasy what they can't have in reality. That might look like this:

"You want to buy that new smartphone? Wow, I can see why! That camera is fantastic. Look, it says here that it's the same quality as what you see in the movies! Maybe we can go to the shops tomorrow and record a TikTok on the display phone. That could be a bit of fun!"

By acknowledging that our child wants something, and joining them in their fantasy, we're not building them up for disappointment like we think we might be doing. We're actually giving them a healthy outlet for experiencing their desire.

Taking "no" out of our vocabulary doesn't mean that we need to buy the latest smartphone for our tweens, eat dessert at every meal, and spend all of our life savings on a fancy car. It's not a recipe for indulgence. It does mean that we honour our kids' feelings and help them make good choices. And boosting our kids' sense of autonomy and competence is something we can say "yes!" to.

# Student Weekly Awards

## **PBL**

**Michael P** for always complimenting your teacher and classmates. Your lovely words always put a smile on our faces. Thank you Michael!

To all of **Prep BL**, Congratulations on completing your first year of school! It has been a privilege getting to know each and every one of your beautiful personalities. Thank you for a wonderful year together!

## **PCC**

**Valentino Z** for his thoughtful prayers about his friends in morning prayer time. Your friends are lucky to have such a kind friend Valentino!

**Ellie B** for being a risk taker with her Christmas writing and starting her story on her own using an interesting sentence starter. Well done Ellie!

**Emilia T** for the enthusiasm she showed towards her fair sharing subtraction task. Great effort Emilia!

To **Prep CC** for being the most amazing class and achieving so much in your first year of school! Mrs Collier and Mrs Callea are so incredibly proud of you.

## **PGJ**

**Louis** we love your beautiful smile that you always share with us in Prep GJ and it has been wonderful to see you enjoying new types of challenges in your activities. You really are too cool for school!

**Giorgia** we are so proud of your achievement in your reading and writing activities. You always try your best and have a go and we think you are just wonderful! Keep shining brightly.

**Isabelle**, Thank you for being a fun and kind friend in Prep GJ. Your friends love to play with you! Thank you also for writing your wonderful fairy story. We really enjoyed reading your fabulous ideas. Such a super star!

**Leon** for being the most wonderful story writer! We love to read your ideas and especially enjoy the pictures you draw to match your story. Too cool for school!

Thank you **Emily** for being a beautiful friend to your classmates and enjoy celebrating your wonderful reading and writing achievements this year. Such a super dooper!

Congratulations **Amelia** for bringing your beautiful smile to our class every day and for showing so much enthusiasm and enjoyment for your learning. What a superstar!

**Teddy** thank you for bringing your positive energy into our classroom each day and for being a fun friend to play with. Thankyou for shining brightly in Prep GJ!

## **1LB**

For all the amazing students in **1LB**! You have all made this year such a fun and inspiring one! It has been wonderful to see how you've all grown and I have been so proud of your efforts this year. I can't wait to see all the incredible things you'll do in Year Two. Thank you 1LB!

## **2MM**

**Harry** for your kindness, patience and co-operation when working with other students in the class. You have awesome personality qualities Harry, keep on developing them.

**Kate** for being part of 2MM and the best Learning Support Officer. Thank you for helping us and making us laugh. You're a gem and a super star Kate!

Thanks **2MM** for an awesome year. It has been a privilege to get to know you and your beautiful personalities. We are so proud of how much you have grown and developed with your learning. Thank you 2MM.

## **2RR**

**Sam** for being brave and showing great resilience. Well done Sam!

All of **2RR**! We are so proud of how you have grown and learned this year. Keep learning and growing amazingly.

## **3LA**

**Milla** for writing a fantastic autobiography on her life so far. Well done Milla!

**David** for working hard in our mathematics unit on money. Well done on explaining your thinking. Keep it up David!

## **4AT**

**Sophie**, **Natalie** and **Harley** for their amazing performances at the school Christmas Carols!

## **4FW**

**Maddison** for being a responsible member of the 4FW team.

**Finn** for working hard on his brochure for his inquiry project.

To the whole **4FW team**- well done on an amazing year of learning, A big shout out also for your wonderful performance during the SMOT Christmas carols.

## **4TD**

**Joshua D** for creating and presenting a great travel brochure about Canada. Well done!

All **Year 4TD** students who completed great travel brochures for their respective countries. Well done everyone!

## **5JM**

To all of **5JM** for being such an awesome class in 2022! I will always remember this year and I am grateful for you all. Thank you for the all the laughs we had, all the stories you've told me and all the things you have helped me learn. Thank you 5JM!

To all of **5JM** for singing their hearts out at Christmas Carols. We smashed it!

## **5SM**

To all of **5SM** for working so hard on your leadership speeches and showing great courage when presenting them. Be proud!

To **Chiara**, for brightening up our room with her festive spirit. The countdown to Christmas is on!

## **5ZI**

To all of **5ZI** for singing their hearts out at Christmas Carols. Oh what a joy!

## **6GW**

**Max B** for making connections in his learning and working hard to keep his work and workspace organised.

**Lily G** for being a respectful member of the class and always encouraging and considering others.

## **6VM**

To **Max** for delivering such an outstanding poetry performance. You were well rehearsed and confident in your delivery. You engaged the audience with smiles on everyone's faces. Keep shining bright!

To all of **6VM** for being such a wonderful cohort of students this year. We have enjoyed every minute of teaching you and are so proud of everything you have achieved. Thank you for making 2022 such a memorable year. We will miss you!

# 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 2 theme**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord: from the Messiah will come the Holy Spirit.

We need to regenerate and restore our faith in and commitment to each other as Jesus showed us.

The work of repentance is God's work in us.

We are working together with God.

### **Advent Week 3 theme**

Each of us needs to allow ourselves to be avenues for the Holy Spirit. We need to go out and look for what we really need. Jesus asked the Jews, 'What did you go out into the wilderness and see?'

trusting that God will welcome anybody without any judgement.

We just need faith in Jesus.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

#### **CHILDREN'S VIGIL**

**Mass**

#### **FAMILY VIGIL**

#### **NIGHT MASS**

**4:30pm Christmas Carols**

**5:00pm Children's Mass**

**7:30pm Christmas Carols**

**8:00pm Family Mass**

**10:00pm Christmas Carols**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.00am Italian**

**10.00am Mass**

## **CHILDREN'S 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2022**

SMOT Liturgy team is looking for children and parents to assist in the Children's 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass (carols from 4.30pm). This is a great opportunity for parents and children to be involved in their school parish and bring the Christmas story to life! We are looking for a few parents to assist in the rehearsals and for Christmas Eve Mass, in getting children into costumes, and ushering (prompting) children during the nativity play.

The nativity play roles include: angels, wise people, drummer children, shepherds (girls and boys) and census collector (upper primary), head angel (upper primary girl).

Also, singers in children's choir and older (upper primary) children for prayers of faithful.

Please contact the parish office by email <mailto:macleod@cam.org.au> or 9401 6338 and your details will be passed on to Emma Rivera.

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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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

Fr Michael O'Connell  
Parish Priest

Sr. Maria Bui  
Pastoral Associate  
[Maria.Bui@cam.org.au](mailto:Maria.Bui@cam.org.au)

## ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Ingrid Leverett  
Parish Secretary  
[macleod@cam.org.au](mailto:macleod@cam.org.au)

Elizabeth Jernejcic  
Parish Accounts Mgr.  
[Elizabeth.Jernejcic@cam.org.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Jernejcic@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

Jacqueline Marshall  
St Martin of Tours School  
School Principal  
[principal@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au)

Tel. 8458 7500

## PARISH GROUPS

### Parish Pastoral Council

Marianne Love (Chair)  
ph 9401 6338

### Child Safeguarding Committee

Sandra Ryan  
Robert Broadbent  
Parish Office Team  
Ph 9401 6338

### Communion to the Sick

Ph 9401 6338  
St Vincent de Paul  
Helpline  
1800 305 330

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR A 10TH & 11TH DECEMBER 2022 MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION COLLECTION WEEKEND



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### Week 3 theme:

Each of us needs to allow ourselves to be avenues for the Holy Spirit. We need to go out and look for what we really need. Jesus asked the Jews, 'What did you go out into the wilderness and see?' trusting that God will welcome anybody without any judgement We just need faith in Jesus.



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2022 @ 7.30PM

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### CHILDREN'S VIGIL

4:30pm Christmas Carols

5:00pm Children's Mass

#### FAMILY VIGIL

7:30pm Christmas Carols

8:00pm Family Mass

#### NIGHT MASS

10:00pm Christmas Carols

10:30pm Night Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Italian Mass  
(Padre Michele Cagna)

10.00am Mass



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Please contact the parish office by email [macleod@cam.org.au](mailto:macleod@cam.org.au) or 9401 6338 and your details will be passed on to Emma who is coordinating the play.



**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Dawne McKernan, Marsha Collins,

**ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME:**

Nellie Cruise, Catherine Dowling, Reginald Robinson, Stjepan Komanic, Veronica Anning, Diedre Garro, Teresita Thom, Beatrice Wighton, Doreen Flanagan, Robert Augustin, Francesco Munafo, Florencio Javier, Gentilia Sartori, Ian Maxfield, Luigi Di Camillo

**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 Cas-sar, Louise Pearson, Felipe L. Fondevilla, Simone Owen, Sr. Mary Fankhauser, 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 Ettery, 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, Pennamma Malu, Philip Catalucci, Jen Hahne, Jackson Price, Terry Callahan, Brigit Murray

**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK** Stewardship \$ 829 Presbytery \$ 430 Loose \$ 435

A little reminder that 5% of your Stewardship contributions go to our Mission Fund. The money in this fund is used to assist those most vulnerable and/or when there is devastation and crisis around the world. We recently sent \$3000 to St Vincent de Paul Victoria for flood victims. We also sent \$2000 to Caritas for earthquake victims in Indonesia. Thank you to our parishioners for your continued support.



**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend we welcome into our faith community

**DYON ABHIRU DISSANAYAKE & DYRON HIMADRA DISSANAYAKE**

who are being baptised. We assure the families of our prayerful support and pray for Dyon, Dyron, and their Godparents. May God keep them all in his love.

**PARISH DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL**

Many thanks to all those parishioners who participated in the parish discernment meeting over the month of November. If you were not able to have the opportunity to share your ideas and respond to our Archbishop's proposal for what our Mission might look like, please write something down and either email this to the Macleod Parish Office, [Macleod@cam.org.au](mailto:Macleod@cam.org.au) or just drop off hard copy to the Parish Office. I urge you to do this by December 14.

On behalf of the parish discernment team, Fulvio Frijio

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION** MOM provides funding, material goods and volunteer personnel to partner Catholic dioceses and parishes in Papua New Guinea and to some other countries for programs in education, training, literacy, health, village development, water supply, emergency relief and other activities. MOM is part of the parish network of the Catholic Church community in Melbourne and under the direct leadership of the Archbishop of Melbourne. See [mom.org.au](http://mom.org.au) for ways to donate. Leaving collection today also!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CHRISTMAS GIVING.**

Dear St Martin's parishioners

The funds we receive through the annual Christmas fundraising Appeal helps with emergency relief, such as providing food, and financial aid for housing, utility bills and medications allowing people to focus on more than day-to-day survival. This support is vital in helping ease some of the burdens faced by families, especially during this time of year.

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 all.



**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](http://hearwithme.com.au) or contact: 03 9002 4237

**ROSTERS 10TH & 11TH DECEMBER****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: R DE SOYSA  
 COMMENTATOR: M FITZPATRICK  
 READER: SR A PRIESTLEY  
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:  
 \*J LANE, B ANDERSON, C VALENTE  
 WELCOMERS: F LAGAN  
 MUSIC: J LACHAL

**SUNDAY 8.00AM**

SACRISTAN: F CARNOVALE  
 COMMENTATOR: T JACKSON  
 READERS: M D'SOUZA  
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:  
 \*A FERNANDEZ, M D'SOUZA  
 WELCOMERS: **HELPERS PLEASE**

**SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY**

SACRISTAN: P KENNEALY  
 COMMENTATOR: J LUNARDI  
 READERS: G NICHOLLS, J NEWELL  
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:  
 \*M FLEMING, M LOVE, AM POWER  
 WELCOMERS: M & N MAXFIELD  
 MUSIC: R DI GIROLAMO  
 RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C HARTE

**ROSTERS 17TH & 18TH DECEMBER****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: J PENTONY  
 COMMENTATOR: F FRIJO  
 READERS: S RYAN, M CASSAR  
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:  
 \*F ESPOSITO, R WEBSTER,  
 C ANDERSON  
 WELCOMERS: S YEOH, T MC IVER  
 MUSIC: M O'LEARY

**SUNDAY 8.00AM**

SACRISTAN: A FERNANDEZ  
 COMMENTATOR: J PURCELL  
 READERS: T VITEZ  
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:  
 \*F CARNOVALE, A FERNANDEZ  
 WELCOMERS: L & J MORRIS

**SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY**

SACRISTAN: M LOVE  
 COMMENTATOR: R BROADBENT  
 READER: J LEWIS, S REGO  
 COMMUNION MINISTERS:  
 \*T D'ALESSANDRO, M GRASSO,  
 AM POWER  
 WELCOMERS: L ANGEL, G SCHWABE  
 MUSIC: BROADBENTS  
 RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: J DOLE

**DATES THIS WEEK**

Friday	9th Dec	9.15 Mass
Saturday	10th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass
Sunday	11th Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent 8.00 am Mass 10.00 am Mass (includes Children's Liturgy) Rite of Welcome RCIA <b>Melbourne Overseas Mission Collection</b> 9.15am Mass End of Year School Mass
Monday	12th Dec	9.15am LOTW
Tuesday	13th Dec	10am School Graduation Mass
Wednesday	14th Dec	9.15am Mass
Thursday	15th Dec	9.15am Mass
Friday	16th Dec	8.30am Mass
Saturday	17th Dec	10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass
Sunday	18th Dec	4th Sunday of Advent 8.00 am Mass, 9.00am Italian 10.00 am Mass (includes Children's Liturgy) 6.30pm Music rehearsal for Christmas in the church (also 22nd December)

**READINGS**

	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
First Reading:	Is 35: 1-6, 10	Is 7: 10-14
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 145:6-10	Ps 23: 1-6
Second Reading:	James 5: 7-10	Rom 1: 1-7
Gospel Reading:	Mt 11: 2-11	Mt 1: 18-24

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY**

When promises are fulfilled, when a long-awaited hope has been met, there is only one reasonable response: joy. When the Magi from the East saw the star above the place where Jesus was, Matthew says, 'they rejoiced with very great joy' before prostrating themselves in worship (2:10). The shepherds likewise 'went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told' (Luke 2:20). The third week of Advent is an opportunity to experience the 'very great joy' of knowing Jesus.

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

As we have already noted, one of the main purposes of Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew's largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his own eyes and ears will give him the answer he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.

- ◆ How do you recognise Jesus in the events and actions of your life?
- ◆ In what ways are we called to continue the actions of Jesus in the world today?
- ◆ What do you think is meant by the final line of today's gospel: 'the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is'?

**ADVENT CALENDAR FROM MAJELLAN MEDIA** Advent is a 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.

**PROJECT KENYA** To all members of St Martin's Mission Fund,  
 Though many of the students come from homes that have no running water, electricity, solid walls and floors and so on, the school remains a clean and safe environment and nearly 80% of the school's population is sponsored to some degree to be there. So, **THANK YOU** very much for being part of the Australian connection that keeps the school functioning and offering such life-changing opportunities to the locals at Embulbul. Hard copies of the newsletter are in the foyer.

**CARITAS NEWS** Caritas Australia's Advent 2022 Resources

Journey through Advent with Caritas Australia's new Parish Resource, useful for small groups or individuals. Exploring seasonal themes of peace, hope, joy and love through a social justice lens, this resource offers Gospel readings, stories of people Caritas Australia serves, reflection questions, prayers, song suggestions and ideas for putting faith into action. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/advent](http://www.caritas.org.au/advent) to download the resource.

**Global Gifts Campaign** If you are looking for ways to support Caritas throughout Advent and the Christmas period, you may be interested in Global Gifts: find more information, here: <https://www.globalgifts.org.au/>

**Emergency Appeals** For updated information of our emergency appeals, please visit our website: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/>

We are still actively supporting Ukraine, Indonesia Earthquake, Pakistan Floods, Africa Food Crisis, Bangladesh, Philippines and Afghanistan.

**MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS** will be held on the 18th and 22nd December at 6.30pm in the Church.

**CALLING ON OUR VOLUNTEERS TO SEEK OUT THE CHRISTMAS SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH. WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS IN ALL AREAS. MANY GAPS TO FILL!!! IF YOU ARE A LITURGICAL MINISTER ROSTERED ON FOR THAT WEEKEND PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY BY PUTTING YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS.**


	Children's Vigil SATURDAY 24/12	Family Vigil SATURDAY 24/12	Night Mass SATURDAY 24/12		Christmas Day Family Mass 10.00am
	4.30 pm Carols / 5.00 pm Mass	7.30 pm Carols / 8.00 pm Mass	10.00 pm Carols / 10.30 pm Mass	<b>Sacristan</b>	Yvonne Maree Power's
<b>Setting up of chairs in foyer and outside for 5.00 pm Mass</b>	1. 2. 3.			<b>Welcomers</b>	1. f 2. c
<b>Sacristan</b>	Anthony Fernandez		Anthony Fernandez	<b>Commentators</b>	John Lunardi's
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<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	1. Ron Webster 2. Anthony Fernandez 3 4. 5	1. Maurice Cashmore 2. St Anne 3. Anthony Fernandez 4. 5	1. Pia Dacic 2. Anthony Fernandez 3 4. 5	<b>Eucharists</b>	2. Pia Radick f 3. f 4. f 5. a

**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](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895


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# MONTHLY SCOOP

PFA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER




We are grateful that we have been able to have some sort of normality this year and run a lot more of our fundraising events. As a result of your continued support of our fundraisers, we have well and truly exceeded our fundraising goal, with our tally currently sitting at almost \$26K. We also have one more zooper dooper day next Tuesday and the school fee raffle to be completed.

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. Winners will be drawn and notified on Monday 12th December.


We draw your attention to the dates for our Term 1 events. Please save the date in your calendar for our first social event of the year - the annual **Shrove Tuesday Picnic** on Tuesday 21st February. To volunteer to help at any of our events, please sign up at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>.

We take this opportunity to wish all our SMOT families a joyous festive season. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2023!



## 2023 Term 1 Dates

2 Feb	2023 Prep Tea & Tissues
7 Feb	Zooper Doopers
8 Feb	PFA Committee Meeting
14 Feb	Zooper Doopers
21 Feb	Shrove Tuesday Picnic Zooper Doopers
28 Feb	Zooper Doopers
7 Mar	Zooper Doopers
14 Mar	Zooper Doopers
20 Mar	Easter Raffle Commences
21 Mar	Zooper Doopers
28 Mar	Zooper Doopers
4 Apr	Zooper Doopers
5 Apr	Easter Raffle Drawn



**ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR  
FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2022!

OUR GOAL  
\$15,000

**Our Last Event Was:**

Zooper Doopers  
(6<sup>th</sup> December)

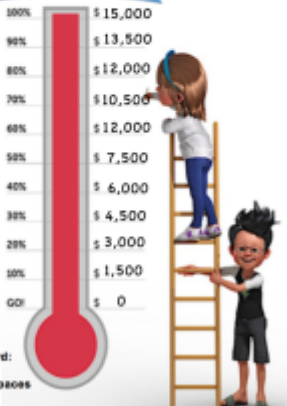
**We Raised:**

\$176

**Total Raised To Date:**

\$25,836.79

**Raised Funds Will Go Toward:**  
Improvements to Outdoor Spaces



Thank you for your support!

[www.smotpfa.weebly.com](http://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](http://smotpfa.weebly.com) and  
transfer your payment via EFT  
(details on the website).

Entries close FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2022.

Winners will be drawn Monday  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> 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



# Parent Representatives for 2023

If you would like to volunteer for the role of Parent Representative for your class please sign up online at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>  
(Sign-up sheet will be available from 15th December).

Key responsibilities include:

- Being main point of contact for your class
- Co-ordinate & distribute a class contact list (new simplified model)
- Assist classroom teacher(s) with parent communication & provide general updates/ reminders
- Promote PFA events
- Welcome & check-in on new families
- Organise small birthday gift for classroom teacher(s)
- Organise year level social gatherings
- Assist with class mass
- Co-ordinate year level dinners (TBC this model is under review)

Your Children  
Will Be Proud  
Of It.

Get Involved,  
Be In The Know

The Children  
Will Benefit  
From It.

Many Hands  
Make Light  
Work.

You'll  
Feel Good  
About It.

Meet New  
Friends!!



## 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.



# STOP LOST BELONGINGS WITH PERSONALISED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS

**stuckonyou**

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# OSHClub News

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## 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 apple pies with a special mix of spices that made the pies taste just right.

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 and a fabulous end to the year - Merry Christmas!

- OSHC team

## Coming Up

Nov  
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Trip to the North Pole



Nov  
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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:

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

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

**Zara (Grade 4):** 'I'm grateful for being able to go to school everyday.'

**Kira (Prep):** Kira is super grateful for her teacher because sometimes she gives them lollies!

**Nathan (Grade 6):** Nathan is grateful for having his education.

## 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!

# Calendar of Events

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

## TERM 4 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>School Closure Day (Staff Planning -2023)</i>	<i>1HM Class Mass Carols Night 6pm Zooper Dooper Day</i>		<i>Year 2 Lego Land Excursion 3CJ Class Mass ABC Music Concert (2.30-3.30pm)</i>	<i>Parent Helpers 'Thank You' Afternoon Tea PFA School Fees Raffle Closes</i>
<b>Week 11</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>End of Year Mass (Thanksgiving Mass) Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.30pm PFA School Fees Raffle Drawn</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day Reports available via Compass @5pm</i>	<i>Year 6 Graduation Activities Prep -Year 5 students 'Meet your 2023 teacher'</i>	<i>Last Day Term 4 3.30pm finish</i>	

## 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 event*

*\*\*\*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 (TBC)**

**TERM 1 2023**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 1</b> 24th - 27th Jan					Staff return
<b>Week 2</b> 30th Jan – 3rd Feb	<b>Year 1-6 Student Assessment Days</b> <a href="#">Prep 2023 Group A (8.45am-1pm)</a>	<b>Year 1-6 Student Assessment Days</b> <a href="#">Prep 2023 Group B (8.45am-1pm)</a>	Term 1 Starts <b>(Year 1- Year 6 students)</b>	Term 1 Starts <b>(Prep 2023 students)</b> Prep 2023 Parents <i>'Tea and Tissues'</i>	
<b>Week 3</b> 6th - 10th Feb <b>11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Commitment Masses</b>		Zooper Dooper Day Confirmation Parent Information Evening	PFA Meeting		
<b>Week 4</b> 13th - 17th Feb		Zooper Dooper Day			
<b>Week 5</b> 20th -24th Feb	<b>School Photo Day</b>	Zooper Dooper Day Shrove Tuesday Picnic			School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)
<b>Week 6</b> 27th Feb – 3rd Mar		Zooper Dooper Day	School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)		
<b>Week 7</b> 6th - 10th Mar		Zooper Dooper Day School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)			
<b>Week 8</b> 13th - 17th Mar <b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>School Tour</b> <b>(9.30-11.30am)</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday	Zooper Dooper Day		School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)	
<b>Week 9</b> 20th - 24th Mar	PFA Easter Raffle Starts	Zooper Dooper Day Ash Wednesday Mass			
<b>Week 10</b> 27th – 31st Mar		Zooper Dooper Day			
<b>Week 11</b> 3rd - 7th Apr		Zooper Dooper Day	Last Day Term 1 (3.20pm finish) Holy Week Tableau PFA Easter Raffle Drawn	School Closure Day	

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## 2023 Prep Schedule of Dates

### School Hours:

All students must be in class by 8.40am. Please say goodbye to your child at the dots on top yard at 8.35am. Children will be supervised into their classroom by a teacher. This avoids distress and congestion in the classroom.

### Week 1 - Half Days 8.40am-1.00pm

To ease the children in gently on their first day of school, each Prep class will be divided into two groups and will attend as follows. Your child's group is indicated above.

#### Group A

Monday, 30 Jan 8.40am-1.00pm - Bring brain food and lunch

#### Group B

Tuesday, 31 Jan 8.40am-1.00pm - Bring brain food and lunch

Wednesday, 1 Feb Prep Assessment Sessions – Individual Appointments  
Only those prep students with individual appointments attend.

### All Preps Attend

Thursday, 2 Feb 8.40am-1.00pm - Bring brain food and lunch

Friday, 3 Feb 8.40am-1.00pm - Bring brain food and lunch

### Week 2 - Preps attend Full Days

Monday, 6 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Tuesday, 7 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Wednesday, 8 Feb Prep Assessment Sessions – Individual Appointments  
Only those prep students with individual appointments attend.

Thursday, 9 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Friday, 10 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

### Week 3 - Preps attend Full Days

Monday, 13 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Tuesday, 14 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Wednesday, 15 Feb Prep Assessment Sessions – Individual Appointments  
Only those prep students with individual appointments attend.

Thursday, 16 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Friday, 17 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

### Week 4 - Preps attend Full Days

Monday, 20 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Tuesday, 21 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Wednesday, 22 Feb Prep Assessment Sessions – Individual Appointments  
Only those prep students with individual appointments attend.

Thursday, 23 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Friday, 24 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

### Week 5 - Preps commence Full Time (Monday to Friday)

Monday, 27 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Tuesday, 28 Feb Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Wednesday, 1 March Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Thursday, 2 March Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

Friday, 3 March Full Day 8.40am-3.20pm

# Community News



**Saturday  
17 December 2022**

**Greensborough  
War Memorial Park**  
Henry Street, Greensborough

5:00pm: Food trucks and  
preshow entertainment  
7:00pm: Carols showtime



**COME JOIN THE PANTHERS IN 2023**

**WE ARE NOW SEEKING INTEREST FOR THE  
AUTUMN SEASON 2023 – Starting February 4th**

*PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING SIDES*

*Under 8 Boys (Grade 1 - 2023)*

*Under 8 Girls (Grade 1 - 2023)*

*Under 10 Girls ( Grade 3 ) - 2023*

*Under 12 Girls (GRADE 4 / 5 - 2023)*

*Coaches and Team Managers and Committee Members  
required*

*\*\* Age groups may depend on birth Month*

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