



The Cloak – Edition 83

16th February 2023

Principal's Post **Jacqui Marshall**

Dear Parents and Guardians

It was just wonderful to see the school-family connection yesterday as we engaged in very important getting to know each other sessions. Term 1 has certainly been a time to build new relationships and set goals for the year. It will be great to connect in again next week at our annual Shrove Tuesday picnic which is hosted by our PFA. A reminder our school photos will be taken on **Monday 20 February**. All children are expected to wear their **summer school uniform**. Orders will need to be placed online, further information can be found in this newsletter.

This week's newsletter highlights many fabulous things happening around our school. It includes some extra curricular activities, the library and an exciting announcement about our 2023 Whole School Performance.

2023 School Captains

Introducing our 2023 School and Vice Captains.

School Captains - Nathan and Madeline

Vice Captains - Felicity and Archie.

Nathan

I am proud to be your school captain for 2023. I'm really looking forward to giving something back to SMOT in my final year after it's been such a big part of my family's life. I enjoy camping and being outdoors as well as playing sports like basketball and footy. I also love to spend time at the beach at Phillip Island where I'm learning to surf. I have an older sister and two pets, my dog Beau and Bella, our cat. A leader that inspires me is my basketball coach Matt because of the way he helps my teammates and I improve on our teamwork and skills. He's always told me it's not about winning but it's about what you get out of it.

Madeline

I was so honoured to be chosen as School Captain by my peers. I am very passionate about being a leader and I am excited to see what positive changes my team and I can make this year. Outside of school, I love to play netball and spend time with my friends and family. I also enjoy travelling and one day I would love to see the Eiffel Tower. My favourite subject in school would have to be maths. I am proud to be part of the class of 2023 at St Martin's and I look forward to what this year will bring.

Felicity

I am so excited to be your 2023 vice captain. I have one sister Olivia, who is in year three. I would describe myself as a creative and curious learner. My favourite subjects at school are Art, Reading and Writing. I enjoy these subjects because they allow me to express my creativity.

I love animals and I have one dog and two very cheeky guinea pigs! Outside of school, I learn gymnastics and I really enjoy going to the beach. I am passionate about our amazing school and looking forward to bringing my ideas and enthusiasm to this role.

We have a wonderful group of student leaders and we are proud to represent St Martin's this year. Our school motto states: We shall not refuse the task. Let's challenge ourselves, work together and make 2023 a wonderful year for us all!

Archie

I am eleven and just recently celebrated my birthday. I play Ice hockey, Field hockey and basketball. I have many pets. I have four chickens named Floyd, Hay-Hay, Nugget and Schnitzel. I have a dog called Bowie and he is a cavoodle. I have three stick insects and about a thousand stick insect eggs. As your vice captain, I will encourage everyone to be kind, respectful and friendly. A good leader is curious and brave.

Staffing Update

I would like to warmly welcome two new staff members.

Ryleh Killian joins us as a Learning Support Office in the senior school over 2 days.

Fiona Robinson joins us as a Library Technician working 3 days a week.

Assemblies

It has been wonderful to see parents and guardians joining us in our School Assemblies. Our initial Assembly was held in Week 3 to welcome our students back to school and to introduce our School Captains to the children. Our second Assembly, to align it moving forward in even weeks, was held on Monday to introduce the RE Captains, House Captains, Arts Captains and Sustainability Captains to the students and to inform them of happenings in the school that are relevant to them. Each Assembly will be student focused and begin with an acknowledgement to Country and Prayer followed by important messages from the Captains for the students, PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) updates and at times sharing of student work. Weather permitting the Assemblies will be held on top yard on a fortnightly basis.

The next Assembly is scheduled for Monday 26th February (Week 6) on top yard at 8.45am.

New Shade Sail

Many of you may have seen our new shade sail in middle yard at the back of the administration building. It will provide a great amount of shade to this play space and provide an additional protected outdoor learning space. We were fortunate to receive a grant for part of this project and funds from our PFA have supported the balance. So thank you to our SMOT families for all your hard work in various fundraisers to support resources for your children. The next step is to create some designs on the ground under the shade sail to enhance educational and fun opportunities for our students. So watch this space.



NAPLAN

These government directed assessments for Year 3 and 5 students will take place earlier this year, commencing this term on 15 March. Our Learning and Teaching Leader, Sandra Tieppo will communicate to those involved over the coming weeks. The timetable of dates is attached to today's newsletter.

School Advisory Council

At St Martin's we are very fortunate to have a SAC with committed members that meets 6 times a year. We will have our first meeting for 2023 on Thursday 2 March. A brief summary of our meetings will be included in the school newsletter, which will be shared by our Chairperson, Jess Herrick (parent of two children in our school).

School Advisory Councils are advisory bodies which form an important expression of the educational partnership that exists between parents, schools, parishes and the wider community to support all students. This partnership is reflected in the ex-officio membership of both the principal and the parish priest on the council. What the council does is directed by the MACS board through the Terms of Reference for School Advisory Councils. The School Advisory Council provides a forum for discussion and discernment, where parent voice and community perspective are available to influence and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest for the good of school and parish where students' wellbeing and outcomes are paramount.

Traffic Reminders

As a staff we continue to notice unsafe practices and receive regular emails and phone calls from parents and local residents about their concerns. Unfortunately some parents can at times be disrespectful to staff or other parents when reminded of safe practices.

Could I please remind you of the following;

- The 2 minute parking bays in Silk Street are in reality for dropping off only in the morning. Parents should not be parking their cars there and walking their children into the school. This area is managed by the council and should be viewed as a "Kiss and Drop" area.
- If using Bottom Yard to park at the end of the day please don't arrive before 3:05pm. This is when the gates will be opened and this allows 15 minutes to park before the dismissal bell. The line up of traffic along Lower Plenty Road is becoming more and more dangerous and a significant safety issue.
- Students are not to walk to parked cars on Bottom Yard without adult supervision. From 3:20pm cars begin to move and to exit the school grounds. Student safety is a priority here, not parent/adult convenience. We have a staff member on duty monitoring this practice.

Upcoming Events

We have many events coming up over the next few weeks.

They include;

- Student incursions, excursions and sporting events,
- PFA events such as Shrove Tuesday Picnic and Bunnings BBQ,
- Masses - Whole school Mass, Ash Wednesday and Prep Welcome Mass
- Parent Helper Information Sessions
- 2023 Prep Parent Information Night
- School Tours of prospective enrolments.

Please take some time to read the school calendar for a full schedule of events.

Have a wonderful week

Regards

Jacqui Marshall

Principal

Beginning of School Mass

You are welcome to join us in celebrating our Beginning of School Mass on Friday 17th of February in the Church. Mass will begin promptly at 9.15am.

Ash Wednesday Mass - Friday 22nd February at 9.15am

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. You are invited to join us as we participate as a whole school in the **Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 22nd of February at 9.15am** in the Church. During the Mass the students will receive a sprinkling of ash as an expression of our faith and a sign that we are asking God for forgiveness.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to others. Through prayer we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting joins us in solidarity with the poor who often have no choice but to go without basic needs such as food, water and shelter.

Project Compassion.

Next week, families will receive a Project Compassion box. Giving to the poor or 'almsgiving' is a sign of our commitment to justice and our thanks for all that God has given us. One way we can do so during Lent, is to fill a Project Compassion box. In the last week of the term, as a school, we send the donated money to Caritas, a catholic organisation who help communities in poorer countries. During Lent, class teachers will show some video clips from Caritas - Project Compassion of communities around the world that we have supported in past years. Caritas have informed us that the funds raised this year will also support those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

St Martin's Parish will also be supporting Turkey and Syria through Caritas. Below is the information published in the Church Bulletin and the links which will take you directly to the Caritas Turkey-Syria Crisis Appeal website pages.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/middle-east-crisis-appeal-turkey>

<https://caritas-turkey-syria.raisely.com/>



FOR THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY AND SYRIA - CARITAS CONTACT DETAILS FOR DONATIONS

Thousands of people have been killed after a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria. Current reports indicate the death toll to be 12,000 and rising by the hour. Freezing winter weather is adding to the devastation, as the thousands left injured, trapped or homeless are stuck in bitter cold and freezing rain. The quakes caused devastation in rebel-held northwest Syria, where entire buildings collapsed, leaving people trapped under the rubble. Turkey also hosts 3.6 million Syrian refugees, the greatest number of refugees in the world from that conflict. At least half a million refugees live in Gaziantep, where UNHCR runs one of its largest refugee responses. We're in contact with Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs. Your donation can help provide urgent aid and assistance to vulnerable communities affected by the earthquake. Your support can provide life-saving essentials, such as food rations, clean water and emergency shelter. If you are able to help please call 1800 024 413 or donate <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/middle-east-crisis-appeal-turkey->

School Photo Day

School photos will be taken this **Monday 20th February** by Elite School Photography.

Students **must wear their summer uniform**. They will have their Class Group Photo taken, then their Individual portrait.

Please note orders **must be** completed **online prior to the photo day** via the Elite School website www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au/order/ using the login code **ESP202515**

Please ensure you list ALL your child/ children's names when placing your order.

FAMILY DISCOUNT (SIBLING PACK) WILL ONLY APPLY TO DELUXE AND STANDARD

PACKS: If you have more than two children please list **ALL** their **Names and Classes** and select 2 as the quantity for the DELUXE and STANDARD PACKS. Your third and subsequent child will receive their packs free of charge.

Any queries please contact Elite School Photography (ESP) directly:

03 9570 9311 or info@eliteschoolphotography.com.au



ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

The official School Photos will be taken by Elite School Photography on Monday 20th February 2023.

All orders are to be completed online, via the Elite School Photography website. www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au

You can order your photos by using the login code **ESP202515** and follow the easy to use steps to order. Please ensure all relevant details are filled out correctly.

Family Discount - If you have more than two children attending this School, please list all their First Names and their Classes and select 2 as the quantity, for the Deluxe and Standard packs. Your third and subsequent Child will receive their packs free of charge, but you must list all your children's names. This family discount will only apply to the Deluxe & Standard Packs.

If you have any queries regarding School Photos, please contact our friendly staff at ESP directly on (03) 9570 9311

SIMPLE, SMART & SENSIBLY PRICED

Library News

The library space has opened and students are back to enjoying the space. Last week the students worked on how to use this space respectfully creating class charters. Students have also replenished their reading material for their classroom book boxes. The Library is also open for the students to use during the first break. Students are able to find a quiet space, play the games (provided by Parents and friends last year), read or just come in and colour or draw. As you can see below, it has been popular. As the term progresses, we hope to have special days for particular activities to cater for the needs of the students.



Library Borrowing and Returns

We ask that students return their books to the Library the day before their session in the Library with their teacher. This assists the Library technician with returns and shelving of books.

The Library will be open on ***Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am.***

We welcome families to come and visit as well before school if you want to share a book with your child or perhaps you may want to do some extra borrowing.

We remind you that we discourage eating in the Library in order to look after our books and resources.



NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN assessments for Year Three and Year Five students have been brought forward this year. The testing window in March allows schools to organise their own timetable. Please see the timetable below for the NAPLAN sessions at St Martin's.

NAPLAN St Martin of Tours Rosanna Timetable	
<i>Wednesday 15th March 9:00 am</i>	Writing Year 3 (40 minutes) Writing Year 5 (42 minutes)
<i>Monday 20th March 9:00 am</i>	Reading Year 3 (45 minutes) Reading Year 5 (50 minutes)
<i>Monday 20th March 12:00pm</i>	Conventions of Language Year 3 (45 minutes) Conventions of Language Year 5 (45 minutes)
<i>Tuesday 21st March 9:00am</i>	Numeracy Year 3 (45 minutes) Numeracy Year 5 (50 minutes)

A reminder that the assessments are online.

Students will need their own headphones, a mouse and a fully charged laptop.

More information will follow closer to the assessment period.

School Fee Information

Dear Parents,

Today all families were issued fees statements (via email) please check your spam/junk folder if you have not received a statement.

For families on payment plans the statements will show payments already received as follows:
Payments for fortnightly payment plans commenced 2/2/2023 (2 payments) and monthly payments commenced 15/2/23

If you are paying via 3 instalment option the first instalment amount is due on Thursday 6th April 2023 and is as follows:

New prep family the amount is **\$1047 (this takes into account your \$200 deposit)**

1 child (\$3170) the amount is **\$1115**

2 children (\$3690) the amount is **\$1310**

3 children (\$4210) the amount is **\$1510**

4 children (\$4730) the amount is **\$1705**

If you have any queries regarding your school fee statement please do not hesitate to contact me
marym@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards
Mary Milione
St Martin's Bursar
MON, WED & THURS



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.

Student Wellbeing

Please click on the image for further information



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Starting the year right

Welcome to 2023. The holidays are over. School is back. And routines are recommencing. For many families this means:

- extra stress (some kids don't feel excited about heading to kindy/prep/reception or school),
- extra costs (let's face it, uniforms, shoes, and the rest of it all)
- extra challenges (ADHD, dyslexia, other needs, friendship issues, learning difficulties).

Of course, it's not all bad news. Some families are delighted. Holidays create stress because of babysitting challenges, costs for entertainment, and more.

And fortunately, there are tens of thousands of our kids that actually enjoy school and are glad to be back.

As it happens – so are we! Parenting Ideas has been providing helpful parenting advice to parents in early learning centres, primary schools, and high schools around Australia, New Zealand, and the world for over two decades! This year it's no different.

How can we help?

As we dive into 2023, we want to know how we can be most useful to you. Headed up by Dr Justin Coulson, co-host and parenting expert of Channel Nine's Parental Guidance and host of Australia's #1 parenting podcast, Dr Justin Coulson's Happy Families, Justin and a team of experts will be bringing you a range of articles designed to give you the best parenting advice available to help make your family happier.



If there's a major challenge you'd like help with, email us and let us know. Title your email "Parenting Ideas advice" and email schools@happyfamilies.com.au. We're here to help.

For the first Insights article of 2023, we're going to look at how we can get our routines on track at the outset and keep everyone focused on what matters most for making your family function.

Starting the year right

If you're like most parents, you really wanted to start things off well, but it's been a little rocky. Getting back into a routine, being on time, sorting out school lunches... it's a bit tricky. Best laid plans haven't quite been as smooth as you might have liked. To dial in your morning and evening routines, I'm going to suggest a few principles to help.

Get clear on what 'getting it right' actually means.

You might know what you want the morning to look like. But is it clear to you? Can you write it down? Can you put it on the fridge? Can you explain it to your kids and help them to buy into why it matters? Clearly explaining what you want and why is going to be a critical first step.

Set up a system.

Author, James Clear, says that "you do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems." So what does your system look like for making things happen? Can you create a system that will facilitate a smooth morning for every member of the family?

Workshop it.

Setting up a system when you're a parent is pretty easy. But bringing the family along can be trickier. By having a meeting and developing the system with input from your kids, you get to be clear, establish the system, and create buy-in. Ask your children to make suggestions and design the morning based on their ideas. Fashion it with your expert knowledge. And watch the results improve because your children have been part of it. Involvement is a central success pillar when it comes to developing a system that works in any family.

Curate competence.

The real secret to successful routines is helping the kids become self-sufficient. It takes time, but teaching them to toast their bread or crumpets, fry or scramble some egg, or organise their cereal or yogurt, or even blend a smoothie means that there is less friction with your routine. They feel good about doing what needs to be done because they know how to do it. And while it's slow at first, it becomes wonderfully efficient over time.

Support autonomy.

Kids love to have choices. They appreciate being able to make their own decisions. Support them in that while ensuring they know what the guidelines and boundaries are for making things happen well.

Here are the golden rules of a magic morning (from a dad of six who has talked with thousands of parents about getting this right):

1. Your morning begins the night before. Get the prep done for tomorrow at bedtime so uniforms are ready, bags are packed, and library books or sports gear is sorted.
2. Create margin by waking up a little early, and getting the kids up (gently) a little early too. Room to breathe makes everything work better.
3. Create the structure so everyone knows what needs to be done.
4. Keep the kids accountable in a supportive way.

In spite of your best efforts, things will go pear-shaped now and then. When this happens, stay calm (remember: emotions are contagious), don't sweat the small stuff, be flexible for the morning... but get it back on track the next day by having a calm conversation in the evening, reinforcing the system, and working together on making it work.

Whether it's magic mornings or excellent evenings, the process is the same. Work as a team, and watch the magic happen... at least sometimes.



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PARENT HELPER INFORMATION SESSIONS

To participate in the Parent Helper Program Prep to 2, parents are expected to attend our Parent Helper Information Sessions. If you have attended before you do not need to attend the sessions again as we have your attendance on record.

We will be offering two Parent Helper Sessions to new families who have not participated in the program before. You will only need to attend one.

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- Thursday the 9th of March at 7pm via Google Meet (A meeting link will be sent via email the day before)
 - Monday the 20th of March in the Gecco at 9am-9:30am.

Please sign up via the Compass Portal.

Parent Helpers will need to hold a current WWCC card.


CHESS and CHOIR Information



SMOT Chess Club
Thursdays on 1st Break in Mr
Zac's classroom

- LEARN TO PLAY CHESS
- DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT
- FUN TIME FOR YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY
- LEARN STRATEGIC THINKING

You're Invited!
TO JOIN THE
CHOIR!
YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6



First Break on
Tuesday in the Gecco

Save the date: SCHOOL CONCERT

*Save the Date -
Monday 11 September, 2023*



To Parents and Families,

We are pleased to announce the date of
Monday 11th September, 2023 for our
school concert. The performance will take
place at Parade College starting at 7pm.

Please write this in your calendar and
diary!

Thank you
Mrs Dent
Performing Arts



Student Weekly Awards

PBL

Congratulations to all of **Prep BL** for an amazing start to school! I know we are going to have a fantastic year together!

To **Hamish** for always using his manners. You are showing SMOT Smart values by being a kind and respectful member of Prep BL.

PCC

Congratulations **PCC** for a wonderful and positive start to your school journey! What a year of growing and learning it is going to be!

Congratulations **Quinn**! You have started your school year with confidence- asking questions and following directions. Keep up the wonderful work!

PGO

Congratulations to **Prep GO** for such a super start to your first year of school and thank you for all being so wonderful and too cool for school!

Elijah, Thank you for being such a super listener and for bringing your smile to prep GO every day! Such a super star!

1EN

Amy - For settling into your new school with big smile and with great bravery. We have loved getting to know you Amy!

Michael B - For demonstrating resilience in the classroom when facing a challenge. You are demonstrating a wonderful work ethic to all your learning tasks. Well done Michael!

1HM

To every member of **1HM** - for your wonderful efforts settling into Year One! Thank you for always entering 1HM with your big smiles!

Eva - For contributing to class discussions with enthusiasm. You always have a go and learn with excitement! Well done Eva!

1LB

Avaleigh - For being a respectful member of 1LB. Avaleigh actively listens to her teachers and peers, setting an excellent example for others. Keep up the amazing work Avaleigh!

Evie - For showing persistence with challenging tasks. Evie tries her best with all activities and sets a great example by asking for help when needed. Keep up the great effort Evie!

2DR

Georgia J - For being a thoughtful, caring and helpful class member. Well done Georgia!

Harry - For always trying his best in all that he does. Keep up the great work Harry!

2JG

Congratulations to all of **2JG** for settling so well into the new school year. Thank you for entering class with big smiles every day and for working together to master our classroom routines. You have all done an outstanding job.

Congratulations **Annalise**! For demonstrating respect, initiative, and always working hard during learning time. You are a star!

2MO

2MO: For an awesome start to the year. You have settled in well and your personalities shine. Looking forward to a great year together.

Gabriel - For his positive and happy attitude to his school work and friends throughout the day. Keep up the great attitude Gabriel!

3CJ

Tiago - For demonstrating great organisational skills with your books and materials and for being a kind and caring friend.

Eva - For settling in so well, for showing excellent organisational skills and for your friendly nature.

3KJ

Lora - For returning to school with excellent home reading habits. It's fantastic to see Lora reading and recording her reading in her diary five nights in a row!

Harry- For always living by our class motto T.E.A.M.(Together Everyone Achieves More).

3LA

Atticus - For settling into Year 3 really well! You should be very proud Atti!

Ellie – For being a respectful, helpful and kind member of 3LA. You are a superstar Ellie!

4FW

Max - For demonstrating a positive and responsible start to Year Four.

Quinn - For being a great role model to her 4FW classmates in the way she displays a positive growth mindset.

4JR

To **Sofia** for being a responsible member of our classroom and consistently demonstrating 5 star bookwork. Keep up the great work, Sofia.

To **Thomas** for returning to school with a positive mindset and demonstrating consistent focus across all learning areas.

5JM

To **Giaan**, for showing respect in the classroom to all your peers and being awarded our first VIP of the term!

To **Mietta**, for showing responsibility and persistence in the classroom. Keep up the awesome work!

5SM

To **Eva**, for showing great responsibility in the classroom and being awarded our first VIP of the term!

To **Josh** for taking amazing initiative around the classroom. You should be so proud of your efforts!

5ZI

To **Ruben**, for having a great start to the year and showing a growth mindset in all learning areas.

To **Scarlett**, for showing respect in the classroom, excellent organisational skills and for your friendly nature.

6MV

Congratulations to **Henry** for contributing thoughtfully and respectfully during class discussions. Keep up the great work.

Congratulations to **Elliott** for demonstrating the value of respect and gratitude by using his manners. We are very proud of you.

6SM

Congratulations to **Felix** for always being an excellent contributor to class discussions.

Well done to **Maya** for being a respectful member of 6SM and always using her manners.

Instrumental Music Program

Dear Parents,

I just wanted to highlight, once more, the opportunity for students to learn to play instruments through the private Instrumental Music Program with the ABC Music group. There continues to be a strong uptake of their services this year with a significant number of students learning piano or keyboard, violin, drums and guitar.

ABC Music also offers an instructor for both wind and brass instruments. The instructor, James, appears in the following Youtube clip that highlights the benefits of the program for children.

[ABC Music Instrumental Program for Primary Schools Melbourne](#)

If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity for your child you will find everything that you need in the following overview.

Sincerely

Jamie Atherton
Assistant Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader



ABC Music Group continues to offer a wide range of instrumental music lessons. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact us or use the link below.

1) GROUP LESSONS

The students can attend group lessons for 30 minutes weekly during school hours. Groups of up to four students are great for beginners or students who prefer learning with others. Every effort is made to group students of similar ages/experience levels to aid learning,

*** Group Lessons (4 students per group) fees are \$14.99 per lesson**

2) PAIRED LESSONS

The students can attend paired lessons for 30 min weekly during school hours. Paired lessons allow students of varying abilities to play together as an ensemble/ band and gain valuable music skills of rhythm, timing and melody.

Playing a musical instrument is one of the activities that is learned and enjoyed better in a group environment, builds self-esteem, teamwork and encourages children to progress as their friends and form "their own band"

*** Paired Lessons (2 students per group) fees from \$26.90 per lesson**

3) PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are also available and cost \$44.99 per 30 min lesson. These are ideal for advanced students, or those looking to take AMEB exams.

**All our lessons include music theory and note reading*

Instruments include: percussion, keyboard, guitar, violin, flute, clarinet, trumpet and saxophone

For all inquiries use the contact details below

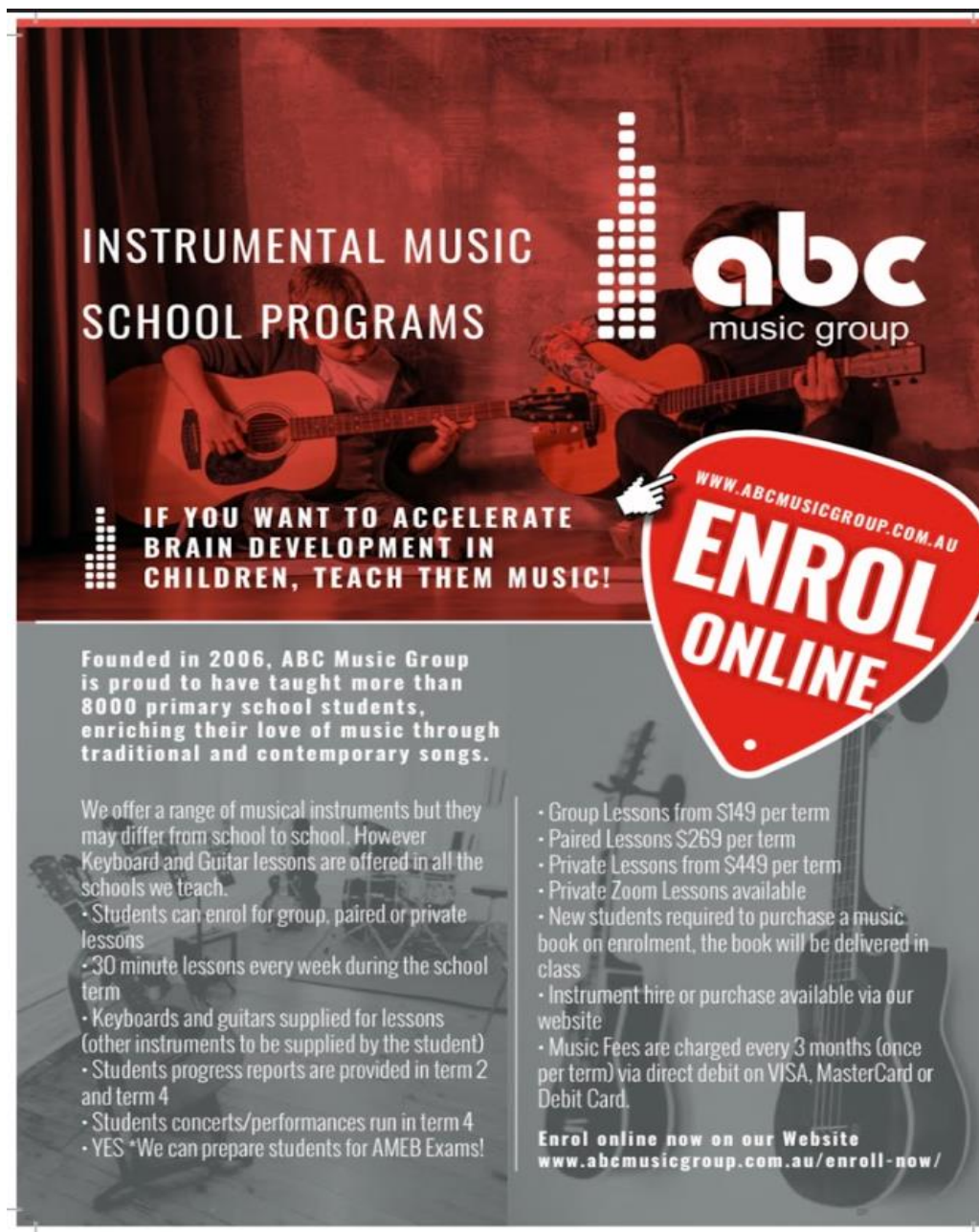
E: info@abcmusicgroup.com.au

TERM 1 ONLINE ENROLMENTS are now OPEN

<https://www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enroll-now/>

"If You Want to Accelerate Brain Development in Children, Teach Them Music" Making music in

schools as simple as ABC! © ABC Music Group



The advertisement features a background image of two children playing acoustic guitars. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top, it says 'INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS' in large white letters. To the right of this text is the ABC Music Group logo, which consists of a stylized 'abc' in white and a graphic of a ladder made of dots. Below the main title, it says 'IF YOU WANT TO ACCELERATE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN, TEACH THEM MUSIC!' in white letters. To the right of this text is a red shield-shaped button with the text 'ENROL ONLINE' in white, and the website 'WWW.ABCMUSICGROUP.COM.AU' above it. Below the main text, there is a paragraph about the group's history and a list of services offered. At the bottom, there is a list of fees and a call to action to enrol online.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS

IF YOU WANT TO ACCELERATE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN, TEACH THEM MUSIC!

abc music group

WWW.ABCMUSICGROUP.COM.AU

ENROL ONLINE

Founded in 2006, ABC Music Group is proud to have taught more than 8000 primary school students, enriching their love of music through traditional and contemporary songs.

We offer a range of musical instruments but they may differ from school to school. However Keyboard and Guitar lessons are offered in all the schools we teach.

- Students can enrol for group, paired or private lessons
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- Students progress reports are provided in term 2 and term 4
- Students concerts/performances run in term 4
- YES *We can prepare students for AMEB Exams!

- Group Lessons from \$149 per term
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- Private Zoom Lessons available
- New students required to purchase a music book on enrolment, the book will be delivered in class
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Canteen Menu

The canteen will be open for lunch orders on **THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS**.

Lunch orders can be placed in one of two ways

1. Manually i.e. using a lunch order bag – Simply write your child's first and last names and class and write their order on the front of the bag.

or

2. Online via website www.mymumandi.com.au

All online orders must be completed and paid for before 9am on the day of the lunch order.

Any orders placed after 9am will automatically default to the next lunch order date.

****If parents need to cancel their child's lunch order due to illness or change of circumstance, please contact Madeline directly with your details either via [mum and I website](http://www.mymumandi.com.au) or on 0438 684 468 ****

Lunch Order Menu

Effective Term 1 - 2023



Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls

(Wholemeal/White bread/Gluten Free/Toasted)

Sandwiches/Wraps with 1 filling \$3.50

Rolls with 1 filling \$3.80

(add 50 cents for each extra filling)

(Gluten Free Bread add .50c)

Fillings:

Real Chicken / Cheese / Ham / Egg

Tuna / Pineapple / Carrot

Tomato / Lettuce / Avocado / Cucumber

Vegemite / Vegan Cheese

Homemade snacks

Choc chip cookie \$2.00

Choc chip cookie (gluten free) \$2.20

Hedgehog slice \$2.00

Choc Bliss Balls (egg/dairy/sugar/gluten free) \$2.00

Vanilla cupcake \$2.00

Banana Bread \$2.80

Carrot Sticks (3 pieces) \$0.60

Seasonal fruit salad \$3.50

Paper bag = 10c

Tomato sauce = 20c

NB. We are very pleased to offer a small variety of gluten free options on our menu. Please note we are NOT a gluten-free certified kitchen. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that cross contamination does not occur, we cannot guarantee this will never occur. We have processes in place to minimise risk however, if you are a Coeliac and/or highly sensitive to gluten, please know that we will do our best but cannot guarantee your order will not touch gluten somewhere in the process. We apologise for any inconvenience.

For manual orders, simply fill out your child's name, their class and their order on a paper bag and place the money inside. Please ensure Australian currency only is used. Foreign currency is not accepted and any shortfall may result in omission of items. Online ordering is also available at www.mymumandi.com.au. Please ensure you select the correct school for your child.

Hot Food

Routleys Beef Pie \$3.50

'Schools out' Beef Lasagna \$4.20

Routleys Sausage Roll \$3.50

Routleys Spinach & Ricotta Roll \$3.00

Routleys Wholemeal Veggie Pastie \$4.00

Party Pie \$1.30

Steamed Dim Sim with soy sauce \$1.00

Hans Hot Dog (with a fresh baked roll) \$3.50

Apple pie \$2.50

Homemade Pizza \$3.50
(Ham & Pineapple, Margarita or chicken)

NEW - Special Dietary Options

Gluten Free Meat Pie \$4.50

Gluten Free Party Pie \$2.00

Vegan Margarita Pizza \$4.00

Drinks

Fruit juice (O.J. or Apple) \$2.20

Choc or Strawberry milk \$2.50

Plain milk \$2.00

Bell Times



Bell Times

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

*Please avoid collecting your child/children during 1st and 2nd 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.



Parish News

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: 9.15am (with School), and 7.30pm

CAKE STALL!!! A call up for baked goodies.....

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Please click on the image for further information

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'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

ADMINISTRATION TEAM
 Ingrid Leverett
 Parish Secretary
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 Parish Accounts Mgr.
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.

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 St Martin of Tours School
 School Principal
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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

18th & 19th FEBRUARY 2023 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

TURNING POINT



Although a Christian celebration, Ash Wednesday evokes questions of who we are as human beings, and where we are heading as a nation and a world. Ash Wednesday is not a stand-alone day. It is part of a process. It marks the beginning of Lent, which in turn prepares for the central Christian remembrance of Jesus' death and rising from the dead at Easter. Belief in Jesus who died and rose for our salvation lies at the heart of Christian faith. It also takes us into the depth of our human life – our hope in a blessed life, its testing by rejection, isolation and painful death, and our hope vindicated by Jesus' rising from death. To enter into these depths demands serious reflection. Ash Wednesday is the gateway, suitably solemn, to the 40 reflective days of Lent which culminate in the exuberant celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Fasting is common in many religions, usually associated with a serious focus on what matters most deeply in life. It is also associated with an awareness of sin and the desire to change one's way of life. Ash Wednesday is a Christian celebration. But it speaks also to the situation and anxieties of all human beings.

Extract From Fr Andrew Hamilton's article, Australian Catholics 13/2/23

Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

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2023 LENTEN PROGRAM Triumph is an 88-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading or as part of a Lenten group gathering. 'The Scriptures we hear in 2023 are not unfamiliar, but they do offer us an opportunity to consider them in a different light. We can, and are called, to hear them in the context of what is happening in our world today. Our daily reflections walk alongside the major themes of our Lenten Sunday Gospels, that call us to consider our baptismal call and our response to that call as we head towards the great feast of Easter.'

Booklets are available from the main foyer and cost \$7 each. Please leave your money in the box.



ASH WEDNESDAY PALMS - We will be collecting last years palm's until after the 8am Mass. After this Mass the palms will be burned in front of the grotto to be used on Ash Wednesday.






BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome into our faith community **HARVEY & CHARLOTTE VAUGHAN** who are being baptised. We assure the family of our prayerful support and pray for them both, their parents and godparents. May God keep them all in his love.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL SHROVE TUESDAY PICNIC TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
 5:00-7:30pm, Bottom Yard Lawn Area, BBQ sausages, pancakes and drinks for sale
 Jumping Castles – \$2, Lawn Games, BYO picnic blankets, chairs etc.
 Looking forward to seeing you there!



FOR THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY AND SYRIA - CARITAS CONTACT DETAILS FOR DONATIONS

The death toll after the catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria stands at over 35,000 people. Freezing winter weather is continuing to add to the devastation, as the thousands left injured, trapped or homeless are stuck in bitter cold and freezing rain. Your donation can help provide urgent aid and assistance to vulnerable communities affected by the earthquake. Your support can provide life-saving essentials, such as food rations, clean water and emergency shelter. If you are able to help please call 1800 024 413 or donate <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/middle-east-crisis-appeal-turkey-syria/>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - HELP SYRIA

ACN has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more or to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake

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ST MARTIN OF TOURS CATECHIST PROGRAM 2023

If you have a child in a state school or know someone interested in having their child complete the Sacraments please contact the office. The cut off dates for enrolment into the program for 2023 are as follows:

Tuesday 9 May for First Eucharist
Tuesday 15 August for Reconciliation

Leaflets with more information are in the foyer of the Church and also on the website. All parents must register their children for the program via the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK Stewardship \$ 2397 Presbytery \$ 361 Loose \$495

Donations sent to Caritas Australia for the victims of the Türkiye earthquake \$1600

Flood victims in the Kimberleys, Western Australia \$1000 These funds are from the Mission Fund Account.

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023 Thank you! Appeal collected \$1436




NEXT WOMEN'S GROUP TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MARCH AT 11AM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The aim of this group is to support each other - to share our stories—to encourage each other—to keep HOPE alive in our hearts and of course to have some fun and laughter. All women welcome. Contact Leonie morrisgreen@bigpond.com for more details.

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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 18th & 19th FEB 2023		DATES THIS WEEK	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: JO P COMMENTATOR: FULVIO F READERS: SANDRA R, MARK C COMMUNION MINISTERS: *FILOMENA E, RON W, CAROLYN A WELCOMERS: SANDRA Y, TECHIE M MUSIC: MARG O & MIRA	Friday	17 Feb	9.15am Mass Opening of School Mass
	Saturday	18 Feb	8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass
SUNDAY 8.00AM SACRISTAN: FRANK C COMMENTATOR: JOHN PURCELL READERS: TONY V COMMUNION MINISTERS: *FRANK C, FILL IN NEEDED WELCOMERS: LEONIE & JOHN	Sunday	19 Feb	8.00 am, 9am Italian Mass 10.00 am Mass
	Monday	20 Feb	LOTW Elizabeth
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: MARIANNE L COMMENTATOR: ROBERT B READER: JOEL L, SUNIVA B COMMUNION MINISTERS: *TONI D, MONIQUE G, ANNE-MAREE P WELCOMERS: LILY A, GERTRUDE S MUSIC: BROADBENTS RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: JILL D	Tuesday	21 Feb	Shrove Tuesday 9.15am Mass 11am Finance meeting 2.30pm Safeguarding meeting 7.30pm Liturgy meeting in Parish House ASH WEDNESDAY 9.15am Mass (with School), 7.30pm Mass
	Wednesday	22 Feb	9.15am Mass 9.15am Mass 7.30pm RCIA 9.15am Mass
ROSTERS 25th & 26th FEB 2023	Thursday	23 Feb	8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass
	Friday	24 Feb	8.00 am Mass & 10.00 am Mass 11am Catechist class for Confirmation in CC
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: PATRICK K COMMENTATOR: MIKE F READERS: MARIELLA D, JOHN O COMMUNION MINISTERS: *JULIE L, JOHN S, SANDRA R WELCOMERS: MONA C, SANDRA R MUSIC: HELEN T	Saturday	25 Feb	8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30 pm Mass
	Sunday	26 Feb	8.00 am Mass & 10.00 am Mass 11am Catechist class for Confirmation in CC
SUNDAY 8.00AM SACRISTAN: TANYA J COMMENTATOR: FILL IN NEEDED READERS: F CARNOVALE COMMUNION MINISTERS: *FRANK C WELCOMERS: FILL IN REQUIRED	11.15am AGM in the GECCO with a cuppa		
	READINGS THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK First Reading: Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18 Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 Responsorial Psalm: Ps102:1-4, 8,10,12-13 Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17 Second Reading: 1 Cor 3: 16-23 Rom 5: 12-19 Gospel Reading: Mt 5: 38-48 Mt 4: 1-11		
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: PATRICK K COMMENTATOR: JOHN L READER: DENNIS W, PAUL P COMMUNION MINISTERS: *CATH S, JOHN S, PIA B WELCOMERS: PIA B, TRISH J MUSIC: ROB DI G RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: CATH S	RECENTLY DECEASED : Jack Wilson, Robin Deakin, Lorraine Wall, ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Paolino Stancati (1 month), Carl Castillo (1 month), Donald Martin, Richelmo Daru, Mary Hobson, Giuseppe Leggio, Elizabeth O'Brien, Maria Tosetto, Trevor Munro, Steve Golob, Vincent Rowan, Mary Evans, Mary Spiteri, Annie Roberts, Maria Addamo, Maria D'Agostino, Betty Conway, Christina Keating, William Sullivan, Michael Hehir snr, John Gleeson, John Coyle, Patricia McCarthy, Elvira Mendoza,		
	LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK: Robert Bennett, Ray Jackman, Jim Cevce, Lauren, Mackenzie Smith, Bob McAliece, Faye Lloyd, Lena Cassar, Louise Pearson, Felipe L. Fondavilla, Simone Owen, Sr. Mary Fankhauser, Patricia Valente, Philomena Boek, Elizabeth Martin, Tony Ryan, Michael Burgess, Annette Lewis, 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, Mathew Kannachan, Pennamma Malu, Philip Catalucci, Jen Hahne, Jackson Price, Terry Callahan, Brigit Murray, Sr Rose Pelleri RSM, Jacqui Andrews, Cath Rickard, Valda Barry, Eileen Kellelt (England), Beverley Johnston (USA)		
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP Open this weekend after the 10am Mass!		LOST PROPERTY IN THE CHURCH There are some items in our Lost Property Box in the church. If you have left something behind at Mass it can be claimed during Mass times.	

PALMS AUSTRALIA Mission: Change their lives ... and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au	
  	WORLD YOUTH DAY INFORMATION SESSION As many people continue to express interest in joining our World Youth Day pilgrimage to Lisbon, we are delighted to host an extra information session. Perfect for parish leaders, priests, parents and, of course, young people. The evening will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> what to expect at World Youth Day travel itineraries with indicative pricing fundraising tools leadership opportunities other ways to serve, and how parishes can support. Thursday 23 February 2023, 7.30pm-9pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne Enquiries on 9926 5761 or at wyd@cam.org.au
Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO <i>Chancellor of University of Divinity</i> Date: Sunday 5 th March 2023 at 3.30pm Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333	
LIVING YOUR PERSONAL VOCATION Are you a young adult seeking your unique calling in life? Join a small group of like-minded peers for a 14-week online seminar about discovering and living your personal vocation through understanding who God has created you to be. Tuesday evenings, 21 February – 30 May 2023 Places are limited. Registrations close 13 February. For enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761	
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS PROJECT COMPASSION - ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Written by Michael McGirr</i> It was not many years ago that every school and parish had an incinerator. At our school, one of the jobs of the class monitor was to take out the trash and set fire to it. It is uncomfortable to think now about how much soot we put into the atmosphere. Not to mention the fumes of burning plastic and other things. The word recycling was still a few years away; frankly, it's a pity it didn't enter our vocabulary a bit sooner. One time, two members of our class decided to start throwing ash at each other. They made an unholy mess and ended up looking like wrecks. The teacher made them write out fifty times the line from today's Psalm: 'O wash me more and more from my guilt.' With benefit of hindsight, I can see that the Psalm has bigger things on its mind than ten-year-olds getting dirty in the incinerator. The focus of the Psalm is far more on God's mercy and kindness than our silly behaviour. It asks for strength, a 'steadfast spirit.' It also asks for the gift of intimacy with God. 'Do not cast me away from your presence. 'Later, I discovered that at school the teachers used ashes from the incinerator to place on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. I don't think this was the correct procedure and was, I think, a matter of convenience. Yet it does seem to make a point. When we receive the ashes, we are asked to remember that we are dust and will return to dust. The journey of Lent takes us in hope from a place of humility to one of light. The things we throw away, the people we disregard, are the very place we can encounter God. Project Compassion, organised by Caritas Australia, is a great way of embracing the journey of Lent. It asks us to remember that there are people in the world who are often treated like rubbish. Metaphorically, they live among the ashes. Our decisions can make a huge impact on helping them journey with hope into light. The rituals of Ash Wednesday have a special meaning for all of us. They call us to recognise the humanity we share with others and to return with our hearts to the God of justice. Like Mary, we are called to be a blessing for all generations to come. (weekly reflections will continue throughout the Lenten season as part of Project Compassion)	

Please click on the image for further information

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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

It was lovely to see some new faces at our committee meeting last Tuesday, and welcome them as new committee members for 2023. Many ideas for fundraising and social events were brainstormed and we look forward to seeing these unfold over the course of the year.

We look forward to our annual Shrove Tuesday Picnic next Tuesday 21st February. It is our first social gathering for the year and provides the chance to meet and connect with new families. We desperately need volunteers in order to run this event, and hope you can spare just 1/2 hour of your time, so that volunteers can also have an opportunity to join their families and enjoy the evening.

We are fortunate to have been allocated a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Northland on Saturday 4th March. Traditionally this is a very profitable fundraiser, but once again, it is only possible with your help. If you could spare a couple of hours of your time to help out, we would be most appreciative. Volunteering is an opportunity to meet other parents whilst helping support the educational outcomes for your child.

To volunteer for either of these events, please sign up at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>.

2023 Term 1 Dates

21 Feb	Shrove Tuesday Picnic
	Zooper Doopers
28 Feb	Zooper Doopers
4 Mar	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
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 2023!



Thank you for your support!



\$55K of funds raised by the PFA between 2020-2022, has been allocated toward the cost of improvements to outdoor spaces including:

- Line marking on the basketball courts on top and bottom yard
- New backboards and basketball and netball rings
- New 4-way tower
- Portable soccer goals



Thank You!



Please join us for the annual

St. Martin of Tours School

Shrove Tuesday Picnic

Tuesday 21st February 2023

5:00-7:30pm

Bottom Yard Lawn Area

BBQ sausages, pancakes and drinks for sale

Jumping Castles – \$2

Lawn Games

BYO picnic blankets, chairs etc.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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BUNNINGS warehouse

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER



Bunnings Northland

Saturday 4th March

9am – 4pm

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



How can you support our fundraiser?

1. Donate your time.

If you can spare some time on the day of our BBQ we would appreciate a hand. Sign up at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>

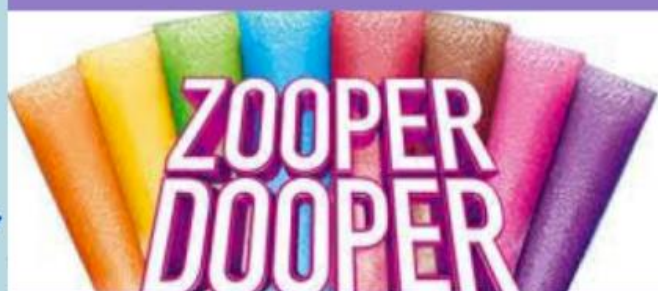
2. Come & have a snag!

Bring your family & friends on the day!



ST MARTIN OF TOURS
PARENTS AND FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

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
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*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

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.

St Martin of Tours
stmartinoftours@oshclub.com.au

Newsletter

February 2023

OSHClub

What's been happening...

Hi all!

What a lovely start to the term we've had. All the bright new and familiar faces we have welcomed into our space over the past 2 weeks have been a refreshing start back into our routines.

We are so grateful to have met all our new preppies and introduce them into our OSHClub family.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been creating some amazing things over here at OSHC, creating our own mosaic rainbows, filling in our all about me sheets, doing lots of baking and introducing some new and exciting menu options that the kids are loving.

Just a friendly reminder to ensure we have hats at OSHC so we can all go outside (doesn't have to be a SMOT hat).

OSHClub team

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.

Coming Up

13
Feb

Crazy Circus



20
Feb

Dreaming big



20
Feb

Environmental Warriors



Gratefulness Corner

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

Theresa (Educator): 'I'm grateful for my family'

Harper (Grade 1): Harper is grateful for her new puppy!

Valentina (Grade 1): 'I'm grateful for my doggie and family'

Tiago (Grade 3): 'I'm grateful for my classroom - 3CJ'

Michaela (Grade 3): Michaela is grateful for being able to come to OSHC

Michael (Grade 1): 'I'm grateful for the food in OSHC'

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 ALERTS and CALENDAR FOR CHANGES/ UPDATES TO EVENTS

TERM 1 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 13th - 17th Feb	<i>School Assembly</i>	Zooper Dooper Day	Parent-Teacher-Student Learning Conversations Students dismissed 1pm		<i>Beginning of Year Mass (Whole School 9.15am)</i>
Week 5 20th -24th Feb 26th Feb Parish AGM	School Photo Day	Zooper Dooper Day Shrove Tuesday Picnic	Ash Wednesday Mass (Whole School Mass 9.15am)		School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)
Week 6 27th Feb – 3rd Mar 4th Mar Prep Welcome Mass and Dinner (5.30pm) PFA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	<i>School Assembly</i> District Swimming (Year 3-Year 6) 9am -1.30pm	Zooper Dooper Day <i>Year 6 Immigration Museum Excursion</i>	School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am) <i>Current Preps- Parent Information Session (6.30pm)</i>	<i>School Advisory Council Meeting (7pm)</i>	<i>Athletics Day (Year 3-Year 6) 9am -2.30pm</i>
Week 7 6th - 10th Mar		Zooper Dooper Day School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)		<i>Parent Helper Session (Google meet 7pm)</i>	
Week 8 13th - 17th Mar 18th Mar School Tour (9.30-11.30am)	Labour Day Public Holiday	Zooper Dooper Day	<i>Naplan (Year 3 & Year 5)</i>	School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)	Bullying. No Way! (National Day Against Bullying & Violence)

TERM 1 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 20th - 24th Mar 25 th -26 th Mar Confirmation Preparation Masses	PFA Easter Raffle Starts <i>Naplan (Year 3 & Year 5)</i> <i>Parent Helper Session (GECCO 9am)</i>	Zooper Dooper Day <i>Naplan (Year 3 & Year 5)</i> <i>Harmony Day</i>			<i>Heidelberg District Soccer Round Robin (Year 6)</i>
Week 10 27th – 31st Mar	<i>Prep 2024 Enrolment Information Evening 7pm</i>	Zooper Dooper Day			<i>Heidelberg District Athletics Carnival (9am-3pm)</i>
Week 11 3rd - 7th Apr	<i>School Assembly</i>	Zooper Dooper Day	Last Day Term 1 (3.20pm finish) Holy Week Tableau PFA Easter Raffle Drawn	School Closure Day	Good Friday

2023 Term Dates

Term 2: 24 April (*School Closure Day*) 25 April (*Anzac Day Public Holiday*) 26 April Students commence Term 2– 24 June

Term 3: 10 July – 15 September

Term 4: 2 October – 20 December (*TBC*)

Community News



Heidelberg Auskick Centre

Warringal Oval
2 Beverley Road, Heidelberg

FRIDAY NIGHTS
5:15pm - 6:15pm
31.03.2023 - 28.07.2023



**All Children
5-12 years**
(must turn 5 by 31/12/23)

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Time:

Starting Date:

Finishing Date:

Address:

Every Sunday Morning

5th March 2023

End of May

James Street Reserve

Heidelberg Heights 3081




TWILIGHT COMMUNITY FETE



FREE EVENT
Bring family & friends

Friday, 24 February
6:30pm - 8pm


Enjoy fun activities, market stalls & more!







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222 Plenty Rd
(Enter via Enterprise Dr)

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updated*




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Sunday February 26

10am - 2pm
Bundoora Campus

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