



The Cloak – Edition 84

2nd March 2023

Principal's Post **Jacqui Marshall**

An Autumn Blessing



*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.
May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us
that it is you who gives us the breath of life.
May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given
and bounty we are to share with others.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.
Amen*

Dear Parents and Guardians

Last night our current Prep parents attended information sessions in their child's classroom to support the transition process of beginning school life. We also welcome our Prep families along to our parish Mass on Saturday night to thank God for one another. After Mass the families will have the opportunity to share pizza together and build relationships. An important goal of our 2023 Annual Action Plan is to ensure Families are supported to be actively involved in the school community and all these opportunities are evidence of this.

Last Tuesday we gathered as a community for our annual Shrove Tuesday Picnic. We were blessed by the weather and I must thank the PFA for making this event possible and all the parents who volunteered to help. Our PFA continues to explore ways to fundraise for the school to support all students. This Saturday we have the Bunnings BBQ at Northland, thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time.

Student Leadership

This week we would like to introduce to our community our 2023 RE Captains and House Captains. Our Year 6 students have been exceptional over the past week supporting with our school tours for prospective enrolments. They passionately share what they love about St Martin's and we always receive wonderful feedback from the families they take on tours

District Swimming

On Monday we had many students represent St Martin's at this event. I am so proud of all of them for giving their best. Special mention to Maddie L, Andrew M, Violet B and Ebony L for making it to the next level. Thank you to Dave Witchell for his time given for trials, writing a report about the day and supporting our students to achieve their best.

Traffic management

We have been in discussions with the local council in relation to improving signage in Silk Street in relation to the 2 minute parking area, to ensure parents do not leave their vehicle. Unfortunately I continue to witness and receive emails from parents related to other parents disrespecting safe practices and being aggressive when they are reminded of the rules. This is unacceptable. We teach our children to follow our SMOT SMART rules at all times so once again I ask that we all - Show Gratitude, Model Respect, Apply Resilience, Recognise Safety and Take Responsibility. The area in the community carpark that states - no parking, means no parking even if you are sitting in your car.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins for our students in Year 3 and 5 on 15 March. Sandra Tieppo, our Learning and Teaching Leader will continue to communicate with parents over the coming weeks. Please take the time to read what she has included in today's newsletter.

ECSI Survey

Every four years as part of our School Improvement Process we undergo a Review which is facilitated by MACS. Our next review will be in 2024. We begin the data collection phase now and our staff, students and parents will be asked in the coming week to participate in the **Enhancing Catholic Identity Survey (ECSI)** Project. The aim of the project is to enable Catholic schools to understand themselves more completely and to reflect on and enhance their Catholic Identity. Marita Anderson, our Religious Education Leader will send out more information about this to you all and I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey.

Assemblies

Monday's assembly was cancelled due to wet weather however the captains did the announcements and scripture reading at first break eating time over the PA system. Assemblies are supposed to be even weeks however Week 8 is the long weekend. Therefore, we have an assembly in Week 9 to announce the Fire Carriers and do their ceremony. Please keep an eye out on Compass for any updates.

I will be taking some long service towards the end of this term. I will be on leave from Monday 20 March to Friday 28 April. Marita Anderson will be Acting Principal during this time. I am looking forward to doing a bit of travel, spending time with family and friends and taking time to explore the Mornington Peninsula.

Regards
Jacqui Marshall
Principal

Introducing our R.E and House Captains

Introducing our 2023 R.E Captains

Hello I am Thomas and I am very happy to be RE Captain. I have 2 dogs and 5 fish. I love playing with my dogs and going to the dog park. One of my favorite things to do is play with my friends. I love reading the Gospel at the assemblies and reading in the Church. Thank you.



Hi my name is Evie and I am your R.E captain for 2023. I'm thrilled that I get the opportunity to help students grow and strive on their learning journey. I have 1 sister and a small puppy dog named Banjo. I love playing soccer and I also love dogs. Have a great week!

Hi and I am Patrick and I am proud to be your RE Captain for 2023. I enjoy playing with my friends at break and outside of school I do swimming, biking, outdoor activities and fishing. My favourite subjects are Maths, STEM, Inquiry and PE. The reason I decided to be RE Captain is because I wanted to help other students and I also wanted to have more of a purpose in the church.



Hi, my name is Raquel and I am so excited to be one of the St Martin's R.E Captains for 2023. I chose to be R.E captain because I want to help the rest of the school have education on Religion and I love to help people through their problems by talking to them about how much Jesus and God loves them. I look forward to seeing all the students and my peers grow throughout their learning journey. I would love to meet you all in the future and I look forward to working with you.

Introducing our 2023 House Captains

A lot can change in a year and 2023 sees the expansion of our House Captains so that we now have eight leaders representing our four houses of Mercy, Xavier, McAuley & Tours. The role of House Captains, aligned to leading their sporting teams, includes serving as the student voice to create positive changes within our school. House Captains speak at assemblies, support charity initiatives like the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and help plan whole school sporting events that build connections within our community. These young people carry out work to build team spirit, the spirit of St Martin's, through fun and engaging activities and events.

This week, the captains were invited to share what it is they love about St Martin's Primary School and they shared their pledge to their fellow students for this year.

McAuley House Captain

Name: Finn

What I love about Saint Martins:

What I love about Saint Martins is the different things I get to do. I enjoy the specialist classes as well as the different subjects in the classroom.

My pledge to my fellow students:

As 2023 McAuley House Captain I hope to make everyone feel safe and connected to Saint Martins. Students can feel free to talk to me at break time.

McAuley House Captain

Name: Leila

What I love about Saint Martins:

I love the sense of community at our school and appreciate the support I have been given over the years. Also, we are lucky to have lots of opportunities at Saint Martins to try new things and get to know other students.

My pledge to my fellow students:

To be a good leader and someone you can talk to. I will listen to your ideas and try to make them happen. Some ideas I have are around having more chances to win with 'Gotcha Tickets' and extra activities and prizes on the Annual Footy Day. Let's have a fun year and hopefully Finn and I can lead McAuley as winners at the Sports Day!



Mercy House Captain

Name: Cara

What I love about Saint Martins:

Maths, Reading, Friends and Buddies.

My pledge to my fellow students:

I will try to help the school to become a safe place where everyone is happy.



Mercy House Captain

Name: Mitchell

What I love about Saint Martins: I love that everyone helps each other as soon as they ask for it.

My pledge to my fellow students: I will try my best to add more clubs to the school, for example, maybe Table Tennis Club.

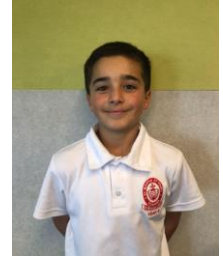


Tours House Captain

Name: Lucas

What I love about Saint Martins: What I like about St Martins is that everyone is welcoming and the students, teachers and staff are always ready to help.

My pledge to my fellow students: I promise I will always be a determined and hardworking student. I will always be ready to help when it is needed.



Tours House Captain

Name: Clem

What I love about Saint Martins:

I love St Martins because the teachers treat everyone with respect and they welcome all the students.

My pledge to my fellow students:

My goal for our school is to be the best me I can and a good sport for the younger kids.

Xavier House Captain

Name: Lucas

What I love about Saint Martins:

Some of the things I like about St Martins are my fellow classmates, the teachers & all the new things happening at the school.

My pledge to my fellow students:

My pledge to St Martins is to make my house the best it could be & to help anyone who needs help in the school yard or classroom.



Xavier House Captain

Name: Chiara

What I love about Saint Martins:

I love that everyone is so kind and welcoming. Also, the teachers are really fun.

My pledge to my fellow students: My goal for our school is to make sport more positive and try to be open minded to all students' ideas.

On behalf of our community I congratulate our newest leaders for their appointment to these roles and I look forward to working with them closely throughout the year. Listening to their aspirations and their desire to help others I know we are all in good hands.

Sincerely,

Jamie Atherton

Assistant Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader

NAPLAN 2023

Just a reminder that NAPLAN begins in a few weeks for Years 3 and 5. The timetable is displayed below. All the assessments will take place online apart from 'Year 3 Writing' which is completed on paper.

In class, students have been accessing the [Public Demonstration site](#) which shows the types of questions they may answer and the functionality available. This has assisted in the students becoming more familiar with the format.

Year 3 and Year 5 students are required to have their own headphones, mouse and Chromebook for the testing period. Please ensure that these are charged or have new batteries during this time.

NAPLAN Test Week-St Martin of Tours Primary School Rosanna	
Date	Event
<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 parent/carer's information brochure will be sent home with your child this week. Here is a [link](#) to the digital version.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact Sandra Tieppo
sandrat@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au

Sport News

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Monday 27th February, 32 children from St Martin of Tours represented our school in the Heidelberg District Swimming Carnival which was held at the Watermarc Swimming Centre.

The students had been selected for this Carnival after attending trials after school in early Term 1. The students participated enthusiastically and tried their best in all events.

Well done to the following students who made the final squad:

Maddie L, Rod A, Henry A, Joshua B, Violet B, Zoe B, Abigail C, Madeline C, Sienna C, Kayleigh D, Nathan D, Giulia F, Sophie G, Dain K, Mitchell L, Ebony L, William L, Harper L, Mattia M, Andrew M, Chiara M, Jack N, Edith N, Valentina S, Peyton S, Quinn S, Zoe S, Luca V, Felix V, Alana W, Lachlan Z and Maddison Z.

Congratulations to the following students who finished 1st or 2nd in their event and now progress to the Banyule Division Carnival on Tuesday 14th March which will be held at the Oak Park Aquatic Centre:

1st – Maddie L 11 Girls 50m Freestyle, 11 Girls 50m Backstroke

2nd – 11 yr. old Mixed Relay (Andrew M, Violet B, Ebony L, Maddie L)

Thank you to Miss Valvo and Christina for their help on the day and to all of the parents who came and supported the children.

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.

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 Wellbeing

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Learning to take on challenges

Challenges are the pathway to growth. When our children habitually avoid challenges, their learning stalls. When they learn to understand, value, and embrace challenge, their learning accelerates. So, helping our children develop a healthy relationship with challenge becomes one of the most important ways we can help them become better learners.

How does your child respond to a challenge?

Does your child avoid a challenge, seeking their “path of least resistance” in learning?

Or do they select the challenges they know they can do? Looking like they are working hard, but secretly avoiding mistakes by not taking on anything too challenging?

Maybe your child takes on challenges because the teacher tells them to. They follow the teacher’s instructions and are led through challenging tasks.

Perhaps your child takes on challenges because they need to. They have something they want to achieve, a goal in mind. Their relationship with challenge is born out of necessity so they can reach their goal.

But imagine if your child embraced challenges. In the spirit of John F. Kennedy when he said, “we do these things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard!” Imagine if when they were given the choice of doing something hard, or something easy, they’d choose the more challenging task, because they understood that challenge is the pathway to growth.

Becoming a Skilful Learner

How our children respond to challenges is a key element of what I call Learnership™ – the skill of learning. Learnership is a skill developed over time. It helps our children (and us) to get more out of every learning opportunity. Most importantly, Learnership is something we can teach our children that helps them to thrive both in school and life.

As parents we can help our children on the path to becoming better learners, by helping them develop a healthier and more productive relationship with challenge.

Comfort Zone V’s Learning Zone. What’s the Difference?

The first step in helping your child develop a healthy relationship with challenge is to teach them the difference between their Comfort Zone and their Learning Zone.

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School belonging starts at home

Belonging is a hot topic right now. It's on posters and internet memes, with some schools making it their number one priority. A sense of belonging at school has been linked to many benefits – including better grades, improved physical and mental health, and positive outcomes for future education or employment. But what does school belonging mean and what steps can you, as a parent, take to encourage it?

In psychology, a sense of belonging refers to the feeling that you form an integral part of your surroundings. Humans can be highly motivated to seek out a sense of belonging. For many people belonging emerges from relationships and bonds with other people. These bonds come from many sources. Most children first begin to form bonds with their family circle. As they grow up, their social connections expand beyond the household. Naturally, since kids spend a significant portion of their days at school, the school becomes a key environment to form connections and experience feelings of belonging

Benefits of school belonging

The most accepted definition of school belonging comes from psychologists Goodnow and Grady (1993). They describe school belonging as “the extent to which students feel personally accepted, respected, included, and supported by others in the school social environment.” Psychologists often view school belonging from an ecological perspective. In other words, multiple supports (teachers, parents, peers, etc.) come together to encourage school belonging.

Overall wellbeing, academic achievements, better physical and mental health, and increased self-esteem are often cited as benefits of school belonging. Similarly, prosocial behaviours, including participation in classroom and extracurricular activities, have been reported in students who feel connected to their schools. School belonging can also have the potential to prevent negative outcomes such as school dropout, low academic achievement, low self-esteem, behavioural issues, and feelings of anxiety and loneliness.

Now that we've established the importance of school belonging, let's explore the role that parents play. The following suggestions are actions that you can take to support your kid's sense of belonging at school.

Offer academic support and encouragement

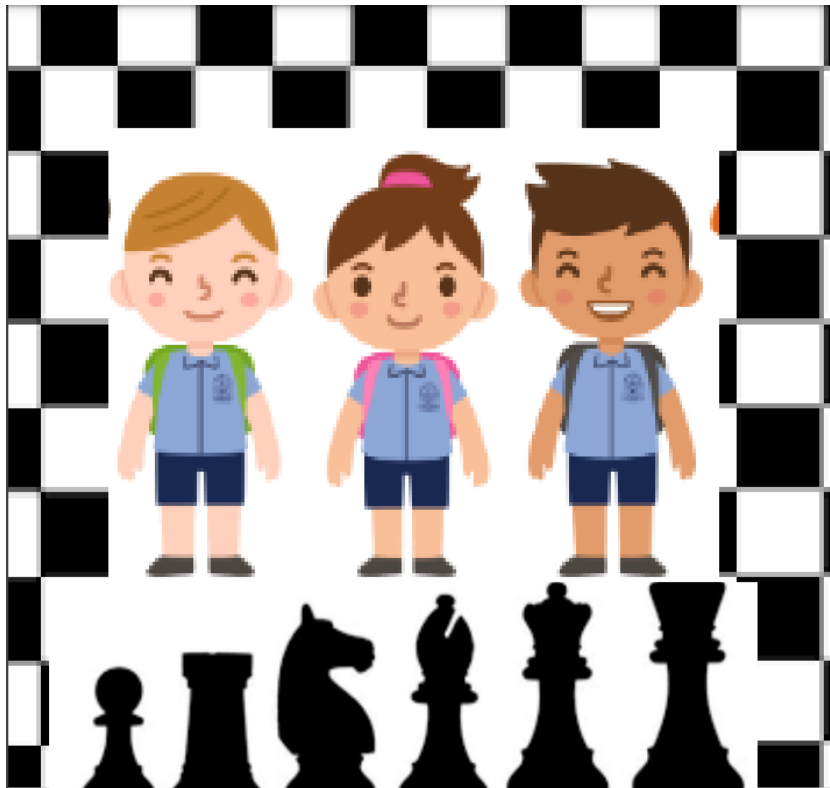
In a 2007 study of American middle school girls, Pauline Garcia-Reid found that parental support is directly related to school engagement. School engagement (e.g., participation in class or extracurriculars) is a facilitator of school belonging. The students in Garcia-Reid's study who reported higher levels of supportive parental behaviours were more positively engaged in school.

Examples of academic support and encouragement include having regular conversations about school, classes your kid is taking, and plans for the future. These conversations can help nurture a desire to engage and achieve at school and inspire plans for higher education.

Get involved

There are many ways to get involved in your kid's education – at home and at school. Ideally, your kid's school will provide opportunities for involvement, such as invitations to school activities or opportunities to provide

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

An illustration featuring five children in school uniforms (three boys and two girls) standing in a row. Above them are several musical notes on a treble clef staff, including a quarter note, an eighth note, and a sixteenth note.

**First Break on
Tuesday in the Gecco**

Student Weekly Awards

PBL

Congratulations **Allegra**! Thank you for being a superstar listener and following directions in class. Keep it up!

Well done **Leo** for showing persistence with challenging tasks. It was wonderful to hear you use a Growth Mindset during writing and saying "I'll give it a go". Superstar!

PCC

Congratulations **Christy** for beginning to make great choices in unpacking and packing your school bag. You are becoming quicker and quicker each day. Keep it up!

Well done **Kyle** for following directions efficiently and completing your work with care. You are a wonderful role model on our class!

PGO

Thank you **Eva** for being so wonderful listening to instructions and for showing kindness to your friends in Prep GO. Too cool for school!

James thank you for showing kindness to your friends in Prep GO and for being so wonderful at giving everything you do your best go. What a super star

1EN

Liam - For working hard to form your letters correctly and using your finger spaces when writing. You are a super star!

Maximus - For actively contributing to class discussions and for demonstrating a growth mindset with your learning. Wonderful work, Maximus!

1HM

Sebastian - For having such a positive mindset during learning tasks and showing pride in your work. Awesome work Sebby!

Hazel - For using your amazing knowledge to help others in the classroom. You have been a great role model this week, well done!

1LB

Louis R: For being a Mathematical mastermind by always taking on a challenge and explaining his thinking in multiple ways. Keep up the amazing work Louis!

Isabelle: For showing a growth mindset with her learning. Isabelle consistently tries her best with each learning task and shows a positive attitude when faced with challenges. Keep up the amazing effort Isabelle!

2DR

Alexzander: For his positive attitude towards his learning and for always demonstrating respect during learning time. Well done Alexzander!

Georgia B: For being thoughtful and caring of others and for your thoughtful contributions to discussions during learning time. Well done Georgia!

2JG

Jessica, for your positive attitude, work ethic and sharing of ideas during class discussion. Keep continuing to be a great role model in the classroom Jessi.

Will, for your thoughtful contributions during shared learning. Thank you for being a respectful member of our class family.

2MO

Sidney, for her persistence to write neatly on the dotted third lines. You're a star! Keep on practising.

Joseph, for sharing your ideas and thoughts during whole class and small group discussions. Keep it up!

3CJ

Abigail - for your great work habits and friendly and helpful manner. You are a shining star in our class!

Giorgia - 3CJ thanks you for being a friendly and hardworking member of our class. We wish you well on your overseas adventure.

3KJ

Isadora- For always being a responsible and respectful student and being a great role model to her peers.

Noe- For thoughtfully contributing his ideas to class discussion and taking initiative for his own learning.

3LA

Caitlin - for being a helpful, kind and considerate member of 3LA. You're a superstar Caitlin!

Genevieve - for writing creative narratives and implementing teacher feedback. Well done Genevieve!

4FW

Evie for displaying great initiative and being a wonderful helper in the classroom.

Noah- for the time and effort you have put into supporting your 4FW classmates.

4JR

To **Kirra** for always trying her best and contributing to class discussions. Keep up the great work!

To **Blake** for being such a bright, cheerful and hardworking member of our class. We love your positivity Blake!

5JM

To **Zara** for being a respectful member of 5JM and always using her manners. Thank you Zara, keep up the great work!

To **Jack. F** for always being a willing participant in class discussions. I appreciate all your insights. Keep up the great work!

5SM

To **Harry**, for showing outstanding enthusiasm towards his learning. You will achieve amazing things!

To **Emma**, for consistently being one of the first students to show respect through whole body listening!

5ZI

Well Done **Eloise** for always being a helpful, kind and considerate member of 5ZI. You're a superstar!

Well Done **Blake**, for your positive attitude, work ethic and sharing of ideas during class discussion. Keep continuing to be a great role model in the classroom.

6MA

Well done **Thomas** for your brilliant contributions to class discussions.

Congratulations **Dona**, for your commitment to responsibility through your strong work ethic.

6MV

Congratulations to **Lucas** for demonstrating his ability to be an active learner, taking ownership of his learning and participating in class lessons. We are very proud of you.

Congratulations to **Madison** for demonstrating diligence in undertaking and completing tasks. Madison demonstrates a strong work ethic. Keep up the good work Madison.

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.mumandme.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

Parish News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM - we need more volunteers!!

The purpose of this Ministry is to bring the Good News to the younger members of our community, in a safe and age-appropriate environment. Volunteer parents and helpers take children out during the 10am Mass to participate in a short lesson based on the readings of the day.

You are welcome to join as leaders and helpers of the program. Training will be provided. Children aged 4 – 12 are invited forward at every Mass during the academic year. Working with Children Checks are required. Adults may contact the Coordinator: Sarah Gittins: wspr.gittins@bigpond.com or Sr. Maria Bui Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

2023 LENTEN PROGRAM - Lenten discussion group is being held on Tuesday evenings during Lent from 7.30pm –8.30pm, in the Parish Office (5 Silk street, Rosanna) using the Lenten Reflection Booklet "Triumph" .

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 Sr. Maria for more details.

Altar Server Training Session

At St Martin of Tours
Church

Date: Thursday 09th March 2023

Time: 5:45pm–7.15pm

Children from the ages of grade 3 up to grade 6 students, who would like to find out more about Altar Serving for our Parish / Parish-School Community, are invited to attend.

The session will be led by Ethan Lewis,
Fr. Michael O'Connell & Sr Maria Bui

Refreshments Provided before the training.

Address: 1 Silk Street, Rosanna Vic. 3084
Phone: (03) 9401 6338
Email: macleod@cam.org.au
Website: www.smot.org.au



Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday 7th March 2023
to Gracy Xavier at gracy.xavier83@gmail.com
Or Sr. Maria Bui at Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

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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
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ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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Elizabeth Jernejcic
 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.

SCHOOL

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 School Principal
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PARISH GROUPS

Parish Pastoral Council

Marianne Love (Chair)
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Child Safeguarding Committee

Sandra Ryan
 Robert Broadbent
 Parish Office Team
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Communion to the Sick

Ph 9401 6338

St Vincent de Paul

Helpline
 1800 305 330

4th & 5th MARCH 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Theme 2023 - Let's open our hearts and let God in

Week 2

The first reading (from Genesis) demonstrates God's covenant relationship of love and care for Abram and his ongoing family. This forges an identity over generations as God's "chosen" and "blessed" people and God-loving nation. The Responsorial Psalm highlights the divine nature of God intimately expressed through God's love, justice, help and mercy. The relationship is mutual. Humans will reciprocate through building a sense of trust, hope and confidence in the Lord. Saint Paul's letter to Timothy further reminds followers of the unearned gift of God's love revealed as God's saving power over death. Aspiring to be like Christ can also be challenging, involving bearing hardships while endeavouring to be holy and to spread the Good News! The gospel (from Matthew) features the Transfiguration story when Jesus and his selected disciples - Peter, James and John - climb the mountain to be alone and to escape being pursued by the mob. Unexpectedly, they all get a glimpse of Jesus who is acclaimed as the Son of Man, the Beloved and Favoured One and who is revealed in radiant glory. The apostles are asked by God to "listen to him". They also witness Jesus talking to the prophets Moses and Elijah within the dazzling vision.



Some themes:

- God's strong desire is to be in a covenant relationship of love with all of humanity.
- Identifying with prophets who never abandon the covenant. Benedictine Leader, Sr Joan Chittister, notes that the story takes place on the rocky, rugged, dangerous cliffs of Mt Tabor which is "not on the way to anywhere". Conscious that Moses led God's people out of oppression and revealed God's law of right relationships and Elijah (typically accused as a troublemaker by King Ahab) showed how not to follow false gods, Sr Joan encourages the reader (like Jesus) to go back down the mountain to the fray, to the "throng of hurting people" and be prophetic in our own lives.

See http://www.natcath.org/NCR_Online/archives/2/2001a/030201/030201j.htm

- Jesus the Christ is affirmed as the Son of Man – the promised Messiah or "anointed one".
- Jesus reveals that he will rise from the dead.

Suggestions:

- Take time to stop and to listen to Jesus' word through scripture and prayer
- To appreciate being able to stop and reflectively bask in the warm sunlight
- Endeavour to be authentic in every relationship
- Mutual love and care for one another are integral to relationships
- Little acts of kindness will help to bring a glimpse of hope to others on a daily basis

RCIA/RCIC NEWS

Heather and Michael, 2 more of our RCIA candidates, will celebrate the Rite of Election at Mass on Sunday at 10am. We continue to pray for them as they journey on the path to becoming full participants in the church at the Easter Vigil. We also welcome our RCIC catechumens who are being presented at this Mass.

CAKE STALL THANK YOU!!! Thank you so much to all our parishioners who donated so generously with baked goodies as well as with cash last Sunday. The pop-up stall was a great success and we raised \$1009 for Caritas' work in the earthquake affected areas. There are some biscuits left over that we will try to sell off this coming weekend. We're hoping we can make it a semi regular thing if we have the appetite for it!!! Shamilah

CARITAS UPDATE Caritas Australia has raised more than \$1 million to help people in need following the catastrophic February 6 earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria killing over 50,000 people. "Our priority right now is to ensure that people stay warm and have access to hot meals and clean water. People are still grieving or looking for their loved ones, and we are trying to offer the kind of immediate support that will provide a tiny bit of comfort, but also keep people alive and well in the freezing winter conditions." Survivors of the earthquakes urgently need humanitarian support for shelter, food, blankets and clean water. Donations can be made at: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey.

AVAILABLE FROM THE REAR OF THE CHURCH...

St Martin's AGM report and the latest newsletter from Project Kenya.



CUPPA AFTER THE 10AM MASS THIS SUNDAY!!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will be held on Thursday 9 March between 5.45pm to 7.15pm in the Church. All children from Year 3 onwards are welcome to come and learn what is involved in becoming an altar server. Refreshments will be available before the training. Please RSVP to Sr Maria via Maria.Bui@cam.org.au



SIGN UP SHEETS FOR THE EASTER LITURGIES APPEAR THIS WEEKEND IN THE MAIN FOYER OF THE CHURCH! PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ROLES IF YOU ARE HERE FOR EASTER!!!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM - WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS !!

The purpose of this Ministry is to bring the Good News to the younger members of our community, in a safe and age-appropriate environment. Volunteer parents and helpers take children out during the 10am Mass to participate in a short lesson based on the readings of the day.

You are welcome to join as leaders and helpers of the program. Training will be provided. Children aged 4 – 12 are invited forward at every Mass during the academic year. Working with Children Checks are required. Adults may contact the Coordinator: Sarah Gittins: wspr.gittins@bigpond.com or Sr. Maria Bui Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

2023 LENTEN PROGRAM - Lenten discussion group is being held on Tuesday evenings during Lent from 7.30pm – 8.30pm, in the Parish Office (5 Silk street, Rosanna) using the Lenten Reflection Booklet "TRIUMPH".

HEATING AND COOLING SPECIALIST - CAN YOU HELP??? Can anyone help us as a parish to look at assessing and scoping a specification for the effective heating and cooling of our parish Church? We are looking for someone who could be an independent heating, ventilation and air conditioning consultant (HVAC). If you could recommend someone please contact Fr Michael at the Parish Office 9401 6338.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK Stewardship \$665 Presbytery \$238 Loose \$328
 Credit cards for the month \$9782 \$1002

DONATION POINT TAP TERMINAL Have you ever reached into your pocket during the collection, only to realise you don't have cash? We have the solution! We have installed a Donation Point Tap Terminal in the main foyer of the Church. It provides parishioners and visitors who do not carry cash and are not subscribed to our Stewardship Program with a way of donating towards our weekly loose collection. The machine is set to collect a donation of \$5 per tap. If you want to donate \$25, for example, simply tap your card five times. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS - Spiritual Direction, Counselling, Family Relationships Sr Maria, is available for home visits on Wednesday & Thursdays. For an appointment please call 9401 6338 or email Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

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 Sr. Maria for more details.



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

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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Thankfully Mother Nature was kind to us last week, and many of us were able to enjoy a beautiful Shrove Tuesday Picnic with our families and friends. It's lovely to hear families and children still talking about what a great night it was, and how much fun they had. Needless to say, these events wouldn't be successful without people volunteering. A huge thank you to all those that put their name down and stepped in on the day to help. A special thanks to Jamie and Gary for cooking and warming hundreds of sausages and pancakes, Jacqui for jumping in to take orders, and Michelle and Kate for running this PFA event. Thanks to your support, we made an extraordinary profit of \$1,611.10. This was largely due to a credit of \$605 for the jumping castles from 2020, when we had to cancel the picnic due to wet weather.

We are in need of some year 1 volunteers to assist with zooper doopers the next couple of weeks. To volunteer, please sign up at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>.

We will be hosting a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Northland this **Saturday 4th March**. If you could spare a couple of hours of your time to help out, we would be most appreciative. If you are in the area, please pop past and grab a sausage for lunch to support our fundraiser and say hi to our SMOT volunteers!

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!

OUR GOAL
\$25,000



Our Last Event Was:
Zooper Doopers
(28 February)

We Raised:
\$333.05

Total Raised To Date:
\$3,050.30

Raised Funds Will Go Toward:
Improvements to Outdoor Spaces – including the design and implementation of a new creative learning space (beneath the new shades)

Thank you for your support!



SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER





Bunnings Northland

Saturday 4th March
9am – 4pm



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
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Calendar of Events

PLEASE CHECK COMPASS ALERTS and CALENDAR FOR CHANGES/ UPDATES TO EVENTS

TERM 1 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 27th Feb – 3rd Mar 4th Mar Prep Welcome Mass and Dinner (5.30pm) PFA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	School Assembly District Swimming (Year 3-Year 6) 9am -1.30pm	Zooper Dooper Day Year 6 Immigration Museum Excursion	School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am) Current Preps- Parent Information Session (6.30pm)	School Advisory Council Meeting (7pm)	Athletics Day (Year 3-Year 6) 9am-2.30pm Sprint Trials (Year 3-Year 6)
Week 7 6th - 10th Mar		Zooper Dooper Day School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)		Parent Helper Session (Google meet 7pm)	
Week 8 13th - 17th Mar 18th Mar School Tour (9.30-11.30am)	Labour Day Public Holiday	Zooper Dooper Day Divisional Swimming Carnival (9am-1.30pm)	Naplan (Year 3 & Year 5)	School Tour Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)	Bullying. No Way! (National Day Against Bullying & Violence)
Week 9 20th - 24th Mar 25th -26th Mar Confirmation Preparation Masses	School Assembly PFA Easter Raffle Starts Naplan (Year 3 & Year 5) Parent Helper Session (GECCO 9am)	Zooper Dooper Day Naplan (Year 3 & Year 5) Harmony Day			Heidelberg District Soccer Round Robin (Year 6)
Week 10 27th – 31st Mar	Prep 2024 Enrolment Information Evening 7pm	Zooper Dooper Day			Heidelberg District Athletics Carnival (9am-3pm)

TERM 1 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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

TERM 2 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 24th - 28th Apr 29th Apr Confirmation Masses	<i>School Closure Day</i>	<i>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</i>	<i>Students Commence Term 2</i>		<i>Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 1</i>
Week 2 1st - 5th May			<i>Year 4 Loyola Excursion</i>	<i>School Advisory Council Meeting (7pm)</i>	<i>Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 2 Year 1 Excursion Bundoora Park</i>
Week 3 8th - 12th May 14th May Mother's Day		<i>Mother's Day Stall –Set Up</i>	<i>Mother's Day Stall</i>		<i>Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 3 Mother's Social Night</i>

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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