



Acting Principal News

Dear Parents and Guardians

We thank you for making time on Monday to attend the Student/Parent/Teacher conversations with class teachers. We strive, as a community, to foster a culture of learning to ensure our students are given every opportunity to flourish as learners. We have so much to celebrate and be grateful for:

- Teachers, Leaders and Year 1 students working through the English and Maths online testing
- Students responding to Fr Michael so well during our school Masses
- The well earned Gotcha tickets
- Learning Support Officers and Admin Team supporting students each morning and treating our students in First Aid with care and compassion
- The positive response of our learners to their learning areas, learning experiences and expectations of staff
- Teams working together to provide great learning experiences for our students
- Leaders presenting and sharing information in our Professional Learning Meetings with a focus on Positive Behaviours for Learning, Science of Learning and curriculum areas
- Teams working together and sharing ideas during Professional Learning Meetings
- Being able to provide a Principal's Report to the Parish Council informing them of the great start we have had to the 2024 Year by sharing our successes and events to date with them
- The relationships being built inside classrooms between the students and their teachers
- Coming together as a community for our first Assembly
- The commitment of Leaders and Learning Support Officers taking on the MiniLit Professional Learning
- Dave Witchell providing opportunities for students to trial for the District Swimming Carnival
- Teachers and Leaders attending the Year 5 and Year 6 Camp to Rumbug
- Parents greeting and interacting with one another in the corridors of the school during Student/Parent/Teacher conversations
- Our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) members for providing opportunities for our families to come together and being flexible in coming up with new ways when the weather is against us

So many reasons to celebrate being part of a wonderful community at St Martin's school.

Welcome Julie Centofanti and Mary Gatsios

A very big welcome to Julie Centofanti and Mary Gatsios who have joined the Learning Support Team. We are very lucky to have both Julie and Mary working with our students and teachers.

Welcome Azul

Last week we welcomed Azul Hussain to St Martin's as our new school counsellor for 2024. She shared this special message with us;

'I am Azul Hussain, and I am currently pursuing a Master of Educational Psychology at the University of Melbourne. I am passionate about supporting the academic journey and fostering positive mental, emotional, and social well-being among children, adolescents, and young adults. I bring this passion into my studies, work, research, and volunteer activities to ensure that everyone feels seen, heard, and valued on their journey to a flourishing life.'

Outside of my academic and professional life, I enjoy the outdoors, trying new foods, travelling, capturing moments through photography and videography, and spending time with my family. I'm excited to be a part of the St Martin of Tours community during my placement, with hopes of making a positive impact.

An Official Welcome To...

We also officially welcome Jessica Lynch to our Prep team this year. Jessica joined the staff as a Year 4 teacher during the 2023 year. It is time to recognise the great contributions Jessica has made being an educator at St Martin's school. She brings with her a real passion for teaching and a vibrancy and enthusiasm to the team and students she teaches. The Prep team are lucky to have Jessica join them this year.



I am thrilled to be a permanent part of St Martin's this year! It was amazing to spend 2023 as a CRT here and as a Year 4 teacher for Term 4, as I got to know so many of the wonderful students that make up St Martin's. I am absolutely loving being the proud teacher of Prep JL and being a part of the beginning of their schooling journey. As a past student myself, I am forever drawn back to the amazing culture of the St Martin's community! I would like to thank all of the staff, students and families for making me feel so welcomed and am so excited for what is to come!

Student Leaders - House Captains

This week we would like to introduce our House Captains who have been exceptional in taking on all aspects of their new role such as raising the flags and collecting the Gotcha tickets for Assembly. We are proud to introduce these leaders of our 4 Houses to you...

Xavier House - Phoebe and Jack

What I love about St Martin's:

I love the fact that I can go to school knowing I'm happy and everyone is very welcoming. -Phoebe

What I love about St Martin's is how friendly and welcoming everyone is and all the new events happening at St Martin's. -Jack

Mercy House - Lauren and Amelia

What I love about St Martin's:

What I like about Saint Martins is the fun and positive community. -Lauren

I love how everyone is very positive and always smiling. -Amelia

McAuley House - Melina and Finn

What I love about St Martin's:

I love coming to school and to be able to enjoy the day and to feel safe in this wonderful community. I also love that the teachers, students and staff are so nice and inclusive. -Melina

I love coming to school and seeing my friends that I look up to and I have an indescribable teacher who will keep me going and safe. I want to put a smile on other people's faces and I am looking forward to playing interschool sports. -Finn

Tours House - Scarlett and Harry

What I love about St Martin's:

I love St Martin's positive and welcoming community and that everyone is ready to help. -Scarlett

What I like about St Martin's is that everyone makes everyone happy and use positive talk. -Harry

Flinders Conference - Resilience First Aid

Recently I was given the privilege to join the Principal's Network on a Conference in Flinders. The theme of the Conference was "Resilience First Aid". Our presenter Maria Ruberto is an experienced psychologist whose work is dynamic, interactive and spirited. Her application of psychology is anchored by research in neuroscience and brain function – and framed by the science of optimism. The training proactively teaches the building blocks of mental fitness through the 6 domains of resilience, using strengths-based language to make meaningful connections. These 6 domains are Vision, Composure, Collaboration, Reasoning, Health and Tenacity. A little about the learning from Maria...

What is Resilience?

Resilience is a process, a verb that requires an action. It allows us to interact with our environment to achieve an optimal outcome. **Resilience First Aid** is a preventative practice where the greatest healing is building empires of wellbeing.

Building Neural Resilience

Our behaviour is the result of our biology. Our brain is a predicting device. It samples from the past and assesses the present. It makes predictions on what is going to happen. There are literally hundreds of signals, cues and sensations which all create emotions. When you are predicting well, you have certainty. If you don't anticipate well, you have discomfort. These errors of prediction are what become propagated and there is a special name given to this in science....LEARNING

Parish AGM - Acting Principal's Report

St Martin of Tours Parish will hold their Annual General Meeting on Sunday 25 February at 11.30am in the GECCO. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend to listen to reports being shared by the many groups which make up the Parish. The Acting Principal's Report, for 2023, outlining our achievements in the 5 spheres of Religious Dimension, Leadership and Management, Student Wellbeing, Teaching and Learning and School Community is shared via the link below.

[Acting Principal's Report](#)

Prep Enrolments for 2025

The Administration Staff are busily taking enrolments for Prep 2025. School Tours began on Wednesday morning and will continue throughout the term. Our wonderful Year 6 students take prospective parents on a tour around our great school showing them the learning spaces and answering any questions they may have. Parents then meet with the Leaders and Admin Staff for further discussion and information sharing. If you know of any families showing interest in our school, please encourage them to visit our [school website](#) to book a tour. The tour dates we have allocated so far are as follows...

Friday 1 March

Tuesday 5 March

Monday 18 March

Weekend School Tour Saturday 16 March 9.30am-11.30am

Prep Enrolment Information Evening Monday 25 March 7pm (School Hall)

School Crossing Reminder

Jenni has made us aware lately of some cars entering the crossing as she is about to walk onto the crossing with her stop sign which is unsafe practice. Can I please ask that we are mindful when driving through the school crossing to ensure all school families and Jenni remain safe. As Jenni is about to enter the crossing she will blow her whistle and hold her sign out to warn cars she is about to enter the middle of the road. When it is safe to do so, she will then blow her whistle for families to cross the road.

Caritas - Project Compassion

Last week, families would have received 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 do so during Lent, is to fill a Project Compassion box.

In the last week of term, as a school, we sent 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 the past years.



God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take courage to share it,
especially with those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth, now and for all future
generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen



Upcoming Events

Prep Welcome Mass

We invite our Prep families to join together in Mass on Saturday 2 March at 5.30pm. A dinner will follow Mass Please contact your class reps for further information regarding the Prep Welcome Mass/Dinner.

Please continue to read Compass News feeds for updates to school events.

I look forward to continuing in partnership with you all as we support our students to fully flourish in their learning and continue to build strong St Martin's community links with one another as we head towards the second half of the term.

Blessings during this Lenten season

Marita Anderson

Acting Principal

Stars of the Week

*Students are recognised for academic achievement, personal & social capabilities
or for demonstrating our school values*

PBL

Noah - for being so helpful in the classroom, making sure the chairs are pushed in and the desks are neat and tidy. Thanks Superstar!

Stella for her beautiful listening on the floor and working hard at her table. A fantastic start to Prep Stella!

PGO

Ariel, thank you for bringing your beautiful smile into Prep GO each day! We love sharing our days with you

Ricardo, thank you for being such a great listener during our learning time and for being such a wonderful 5 star artist. Too cool for school!

PJL

Madeleine for brightening up the classroom everyday with her positivity, kindness and politeness. You make your classmates and teacher smile with your compliments and manners. You have so much enthusiasm towards your learning and I can't wait to see what you achieve this year. Thank you for making PJL shine daily.

Raphael for putting so much effort into learning his letters and sounds. You have done an amazing job of remembering what sounds the letters make. I am so proud of how much you are learning already. Keep being a superstar learner Raphy!

1HM

To **Aria** - for showing wonderful resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges! You have done such an amazing job Aria!

To **Sam** - for showing amazing kindness and support to everyone in 1HM. Thank you for always being so helpful to others.

1JV

To **Lilly** for using such focus and determination in her class work, well done!

To **Leo** for having such a positive 'can do' attitude when entering the classroom every morning. keep it up!

1SI

Olivia A - for excellent listening, helping others, hard work and thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Well done Olivia!

Juliana - for settling into 1SI with such a happy and friendly attitude. Super effort Juliana!

2JG

To **Evie** for demonstrating the SMOT Smart value of responsibility in the classroom, by asking questions, sharing your thinking, and doing your best with all learning tasks. You are a superstar.

To **Marco**, for taking responsibility for your learning in Writing. You set yourself a challenge to write some sentences, and you achieved it! Keep up the growth mindset! You should be really proud.

2MO

Michael - for starting the year with such a positive and enthusiastic attitude. Keep up the great work Michael!

Emilia: for her welcoming smile in the morning and for showing respect to her teachers and classmates. You're a star Emilia!

2RO

Aurora - for showing amazing resilience and working hard in class even with a broken arm. You are a superstar Aurora!

Michael - for taking responsibility for your learning and for always being respectful and using your manners.

3CJ

Ava - for being a caring and supportive classmate and for being engaged in her learning. What a great start to the school year!

Oliver - for always getting on with his learning and doing his best, and for being an engaged member of 3CJ.

3KR

Georgia - always using her manners in class and putting her hand up to share and respectfully listens to others when they speak.

Samuel - Consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all his learning and always working responsibly in group tasks.

3LA

Alice - for being a respectful, helpful and kind member of 3LA. You are a superstar Alice!

Siena: for always sharing her thoughts and ideas during class discussions. Well done Siena!

4EP

Clara, for her kind words and actions towards all of her peers and educators both in the classroom and out on the yard. Keep it up!

Harry- For taking responsibility for your learning. For showing focus when completing learning tasks and for helping those around him when unsure. Keep it up Harry!

4HV

To **Jackson**, for being respectful and self-managing during whole school Masses. Well done, Jackson.

To **Lola**, for being a responsible and self managing member of 4HV. You set an excellent example for others and are a true role model for your peers. Congratulations Lola!

4JR

To **Oliver** for being a respectful, responsible and focused learner. What an amazing start to Year 4! Well done!

To **Bailey** for putting so much effort into his learning and having a positive 'can do' attitude when entering the classroom every morning. Keep it up!

5JM

To **Jack O**, for being motivated when completing his math work! Keep up the good work Jack!

To **Quinn**, for being so helpful and respectful all the time! You have started the year amazingly! Well done Quinn!

5SM

To **Raphael M**, for taking great initiative when undertaking his role as energy monitor. Keep up the good work!

To **Lucas** for showing great engagement in class and asking lots of smart questions!

5ZW

To **all of 5ZW** for being engaged and motivated when completing their classwork. Well Done 5ZW

To **Joshua B** for reading with such focus, not even a bomb would distract him! Keep up the good work.

6BM

To **Pana** for making a great start to the year. Keep up the great work.

To **Harry** for displaying a growth mindset towards his class work and sharing his thoughts and ideas. Keep up the great work Harry.

6RV

To **Zara D**, for consistently displaying kindness and respect towards your peers and teachers and for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards your learning. Keep up the great work!

To **Poppy** for your positive and respectful contributions to our class discussions and the fantastic effort you are making to stay focused on your tasks. Keep up the great work, Poppy!

6SM

Josh D - For always displaying great enthusiasm towards all learning tasks and assisting others where needed.

Amelia C - For always having positive contributions to class discussions and explaining her thinking to help allow others to understand.

INQUIRY

What are we learning about in Term 1?

PREP

What makes me 'Me'?

We are all individuals with different family backgrounds. When beginning school we bring many talents and get to know our classmates. We soon learn about the routines that keep us safe in our school environment. We reflect on what a good learner does.

YEAR ONE

What makes me a good learner?

Students learn to identify strategies to improve their own learning practice such as; giving feedback, summarising, asking and answering questions, listening and collaborating with peers.

YEAR TWO

How Do Our Choices Affect Our Learning?

Students will focus on what makes them the best learner. They will reflect on the importance of having a growth mindset and using the Learning Pit to overcome challenges. They reflect on how their choices affect their lives.

YEAR THREE

How do individuals participate in and contribute to their community?

We are part of a local community and school is a big part of that. We have rules at school to keep us safe. Local government also have rules and laws to keep their community safe. Governments are responsible for different laws and rules. As local citizens we have an obligation to obey these rules and laws. What are the different rules in all our community groups?

YEAR FOUR

What makes my body work?

Wellbeing is a state of being well in body, mind and spirit. In order to learn we must look after ourselves. The choices we make can affect how our body systems operate.

YEAR FIVE

Why is it important for food and fibre to be produced sustainably?

We all make choices in our lives. When we learn we make choices to improve our effort. We make choices in our school environment too. Students will explore the 4Rs of minimising waste in our school and community.

YEAR SIX

How am I connected to my past?

We all have an identity. We can connect to the migration stories of our own families. Some Australians migrated here for many reasons. They faced many hardships because of government policies at the time.

NAPLAN 2024 Year 3 and Year 5

The timetable below outlines the dates for NAPLAN testing at St Martin of Tours.
Please mark these dates on your calendar. It is very important that all Chromebooks are fully charged and that your child has headphones and a mouse for these days.
More information will follow soon.

2024 NAPLAN Test Week-St Martin of Tours Primary School Rosanna	
Date	Event
<i>Wednesday 13th March 9:00 am</i>	Writing Year 3 Writing Year 5
<i>Thursday 14th March 9:00 am</i>	Reading Year 3 Reading Year 5
<i>Monday 18th March 9:30 am</i>	Conventions of Language Year 3 Conventions of Language Year 5
<i>Tuesday 19th March 9:00 am</i>	Numeracy Year 3 Numeracy Year 5

School Bell Times



Bell Times

8:30am	School Gates Open
8:45am	School Begins Prep -Year 2 Line Up Year 3-Year 6 Go to Class Unpack, Begin Morning Routine and Meditation
8:50am	School Gates Closes Students arriving late must enter the school via the office 🔔
8:50am	Classes Begin
10:50am	Eating Time 🔔
11:00am	1 st Break* 🔔
11:40am	Classes Resume 🔔
1:40pm	Eating Time 🔔
1:50pm	2 nd Break* 🔔
2:30pm	Classes Resume 🔔
3:20pm	End of School Day 🔔🎵
3:40pm	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.

Canteen Information

Online lunch **orders must be completed and paid in full before 9am on your lunch order day.** Parents who forget to place lunch orders for their child will need to **contact Madelene directly on 0438 684 468** to see if a late order can be accepted.

Please DO NOT place a same day online order after 9am. The system will default your order for the next lunch order day. If you do forget to order your child's lunch and you are contacted by the school at lunchtime, the canteen will unfortunately not be able to provide your child with any hot food rather a vegemite or cheese sandwich **will be provided and charged to you for payment.**

Any queries please contact: Madelelene 0438 684 468 madelene.martin@bigpond.com

Orders can be placed: www.mymumandi.com.au

Lunch Order Menu

Effective Term 1 - 2024



Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls

(Wholemeal/White bread/Gluten Free/Toasted)

Sandwiches/Wraps with 1 filling \$4.00

Rolls with 1 filling \$4.50

(add 50 cents for each extra filling)

Gluten Free Bread add .50c

FILLINGS:

Real Chicken / Cheese / Ham / Egg

Tuna / Pineapple / Carrot / Vegemite

Tomato / Lettuce / Avocado / Cucumber

Vegan Cheese add .80c

Homemade snacks

Choc chip cookie \$2.50

Choc chip cookie (gluten free) \$3.00

Hedgehog slice \$2.50

Choc Bliss Balls (egg/dairy/sugar/gluten free) \$3.00

Vanilla cupcake \$2.50

Banana Bread \$4.00

Seasonal fruit salad \$4.00

Tomato sauce = 30c

Hot Food

Routleys Beef Pie \$4.00

Schools out' Beef Lasagna \$4.50

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

Margarita Pizza \$4.00

Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$4.50

Chicken Pizza \$4.50

NEW - Special Dietary Options

Gluten Free Meat Pie \$5.50

Gluten Free Party Pie \$2.50

Vegan Margarita Pizza \$4.50

Drinks

Fruit juice (O.J. or Apple) \$2.50

Choc or Strawberry milk \$2.50

Plain milk \$2.20

NB. We are very pleased to offer a small variety of gluten friendly 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. Only Australian currency accepted. 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.**

Parish News

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

Our Parish Secretary, Ingrid, has informed us that she will resign from the position at the end of February. We thank her for everything she has done in the past 4 years to support the Parish. If anyone in the parish would be interested in the position or to help us fill the position in the interim please contact me. Fr Michael

PARISH AGM ON THIS SUNDAY 25 FEB AT 11.30AM IN THE GECCO.

A MORNING TEA WILL FOLLOW 10AM MASS.

THE AGM WILL BEGIN AT 11.30AM. All welcome.

EASTER SEASON LITURGY TIMES 2024

LENTEN RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm

PALM SUNDAY 24 March at 10am - Meet for Procession over the walk bridge, across the road (corner Lower Plenty Rd and McCrae Road) at 9.45am

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 28 March at 7.30pm Night Watch to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29 March Community Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30 March Easter Vigil at 7.00pm commencing outside with the blessing of the Easter Fire. Don't forget to bring your bells to ring during the Easter Vigil Mass.

BYO a small container or tea light holder so as to avoid wax spillage on the carpet. Candles will be provided.

EASTER SUNDAY 31 March 8.00am Mass & 10.00am Family Mass

'ASHES TO EASTER': LENTEN CONCERT-REFLECTION with Peter Kearney

Friday 1st March, 7.00pm. St. Luke's Church, 1A David Street, LALOR. Donations welcome.

Hosted by St. Luke's Parish, Lalor. Enquiries: 03 9465 2180.

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on

Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter.

Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy.

"A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual ... a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey".

Invite your friends; walk-ins welcome or book to save to your calendar.

Book your free tickets online at www.trybooking.com/COXOR

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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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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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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 24th & 25th February 2024 Year B

**'WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME
IF I CALL YOUR NAME'**

As Abraham gave his total trust in God, and Jesus entrusted himself to his Father at the Transfiguration, how open are we to accepting God's enduring love in our lives, every moment of our lives?



EXPLORING THE WORD

In the biblical tradition, a mountain is often used as a setting for close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant. Moses was the receiver of the Law, and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified, and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough; the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no side-stepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.

- ♦ How do you understand the divinity of Jesus?
- ♦ When you contemplate the face of Christ, what do you see?

**PARISH AGM ON SUNDAY 25 FEB AT 11.30AM IN THE GECCO.
A MORNING TEA FOCUSING ON THANKING INGRID FOR HER SERVICE TO US ALL WILL FOLLOW 10AM MASS. THE AGM WILL BEGIN AT 11.30AM.**

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

Could readers and ministers normally rostered for the weekend of the 30th & 31st March please indicate their availability by confirming on the sign-up sheets.

THANK YOU INGRID. Thank you from all in our community of faith for your generous service over the last 4 years as our Parish Secretary. We all hope that you will have a restful and joyous retirement. Shalom. Fr Michael, & Sr Maria on behalf of St Martin of Tours Parish.



Many thanks to Itria who will be filling the parish secretary chair from next week until a final decision is made on the appointment. We will keep you posted.

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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

It was lovely to welcome some new members for 2024, at our committee meeting this week. Many ideas for fundraising and social events were brainstormed. We will soon be sending out a feedback survey and invite you to take the time to let us know your thoughts about these ideas and our previous fundraisers and social events, including your ideas for future fundraisers and/or projects to fund in 2024.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our Shrove Tuesday Picnic due to the extreme weather forecast. Thank you to those that bought a pack of pancakes or loaf of bread on the day to help cover our costs. We will be using the sausages for the upcoming Sausage Sizzle Day on Wednesday 6th March. Orders can be placed on the PFA website (<http://smotpfa.weebly.com>). We will need volunteers to fill orders prior to each break.

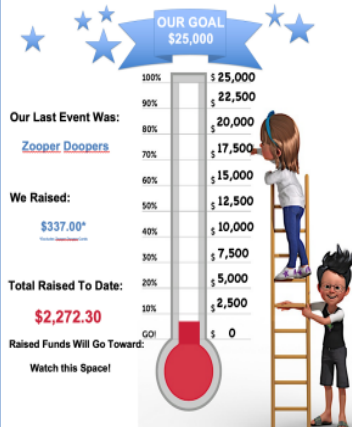
On Saturday 2nd March, our prep families will be having their Welcome Mass and Pizza Dinner. We will need a few volunteers from our Year 1, 2 and 5 families between 6-8pm to direct traffic after mass and serve the pizza and zooper doopers.

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

2024 Term 1 Dates

27 Feb	Zooper Doopers
5 Mar	Zooper Doopers
6 Mar	Sausage Sizzle
12 Mar	Zooper Doopers
	Easter Raffle Starts
19 Mar	Zooper Doopers
26 Mar	Zooper Doopers
28 Mar	Easter Raffle Drawn

ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
HELP US ACHIEVE OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2024!



Thank you for your support!



St Martin of Tours Parents and Friends' Association

Sausage Sizzle Day

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

Juniors (Prep - 2) - First Break
Seniors (3 - 6) - Second Break

Sausage in Bread.....\$3.00
Pop Top.....\$2.00

Please order online via the PFA website
(<http://smotpfa.weebly.com>)
by **Sunday 3rd March**.

Sign up to volunteer at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>



A PFA Feedback Survey will be conducted soon. We invite you to take this opportunity to let us know what you like, what you dislike and put forward any ideas you may have for fundraisers or projects to fund in 2024.



SQUARE Online

SIMPLIFYING THE WAY WE ACCEPT AND PROCESS PAYMENTS

The St Martin of Tours Parents and Friends' Association (PFA) are excited to announce that we will be now accepting payments via the Square Online Payment Platform.

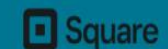
What cards are accepted?
All major debit and credit cards are accepted including Square Pay, Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Is there a processing fee?
There is a flat processing fee of 2.2% per online transaction. With Square Online, the processing fee must be incorporated into the cost of the item to be payable by the customer. Where the item cost is minimal (i.e. \$3 sausage, \$1 raffle ticket), the PFA may choose to waive the processing fee, at their discretion.

How do I place an order?
We will continue to use the existing PFA website (<http://smotpfa.weebly.com>), which will link you to the SMOT PFA Square Online site for ordering and payment.

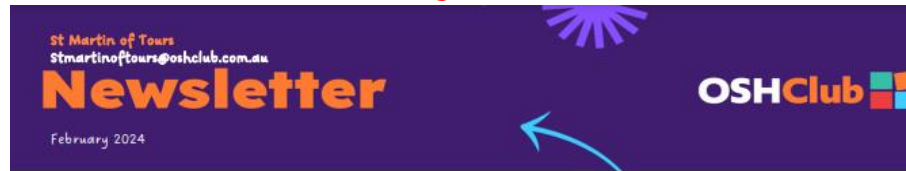
Can I pay for multiple children/events in a single transaction?
Yes, you will be able to add multiple items for different children/events to the cart and pay in a single transaction.

For some fundraisers (i.e. sausage sizzle), you will be prompted to specify the child's name and class per item, so we know what the item and quantity is for each child.



OSHClub News

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What's been happening...

Hi all!

Wow what a lovely few weeks we have had. We have had a wonderful time having our fun Fridays back with the first being to celebrate luna new year in which we made paper lanterns and fire breathing dragons. Our second fun Friday was valentines themed in which we made some valentines cards and on Tuesday for valentines we made a pink heart shaped cake! We look forward to sharing what we get up to in the next few Fridays 😊

Over the past few days, we have been creating some amazing things over here at OSHC, plenty of coloring and drawing that has been put up on our gallery wall and doing lots of baking and continuing to introducing some new and exciting menu options that the kids are loving.

OSHc team

Coming Up

- 23 Feb** Pets
 - Toilet roll dogs
 - Paper pet crafts
- 1 Mar** Autumn
 - Leafy people
 - Squirrel cups
- 8 Mar** Women's day
 - Girl power bookmarks
 - What I love about mum/sister



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.

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).

Quality Area Reflection

Outcome Area 4.1 I am developing curiosity, co-operation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, and imagination.

Throughout the past two weeks we have focused on creating fun crafts where children use their creativity and imagination to create such beautiful pieces of work.

Calendar of Events

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Please check Compass alerts and classroom newsletters regularly as events may be subject to change

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 19 th – 23 rd Feb	<i>Parent/ Student /Teacher Conversations 9am-3.30pm</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>St Martin's Swimming Trials (Year 3-6)</i> <i>PFA Meeting 7pm</i>		<i>Parent Helper Information Evening (Google Meet)</i>	
Week 5 26 th Feb– 1 st Mar 2nd Mar Prep Mass	<i>Year 5 & Year 6 Camp</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>Year 5 & Year 6 Camp</i>	<i>Year 5 & Year 6 Camp</i>	<i>No School Year 5 & 6 students</i>	<i>School Tour 9.30am</i>
Week 6 4 th – 8 th Mar	<i>School Assembly (8.45am)</i> <i>Heidelberg District Swimming Carnival (10.15am-1.45pm)</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>School Tour 9.30am</i>	<i>PFA Sausage Sizzle</i>		
Week 7 11 th – 15 th Mar 16th Mar School Tour 9.30-11.30am 15th - 17th Mar Confirmation Commitment Mass	<i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>PFA Easter Raffle Starts</i>	<i>NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)</i>	<i>NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)</i>	

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Week 8 18 th – 22 nd Mar 24th Mar Palm Sunday	<i>NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)</i> <i>School Tour 9.30am</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)</i>			
Week 9 25 th – 29 th Mar 31st Mar Easter Sunday	<i>School Assembly (8.45am)</i> <i>Prep 2025 Enrolment</i> <i>Information Evening 7pm</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>Easter Tableau</i> <i>PFA Easter Raffle Ends</i>		<i>Last Day of Term</i> 1pm Finish <i>Holy Thursday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 29 January (Staff Return) - 28 March

Term 2 15 April - 28 June

Term 3 15 July - 20 September

Term 4 7 October - 17 Dec

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 22nd April

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Friday 26th April - MACS Schools

Friday 7th June - Review Preparation Day 1

Tuesday 11th June - Review Preparation Day 2

Monday 15th July - Staff Professional Learning

Monday 4th November - Report Writing

Monday 2nd December - Planning for 2025

Community News



CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD INFORMATION EVENING

Deciding on where to send your child can be daunting. Marcellin College is hosting an information evening on *Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child*. The evening will cover a host of topics to assist you in making an informed decision.



Join us on Tuesday, 5 March 2024 at 7pm
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For more information visit marcellin.vic.edu.au



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Every student attending a Catholic school in Australia is invited to enter this competition to win:

Prize 1 is for your Family:

\$2,000 worth of School Fees paid directly to your school.

Prize 2 is for You:

\$100 Roblox Robux voucher.

Runner-up prizes:

25 runner-up entries will receive a \$20 Roblox Robux voucher.

Simple steps to enter:

1. Go to Catholic Schools Guide website catholicschoolsguide.com.au
2. Follow the clues to find the 3 treasures
3. Then complete the entry form and tell us in 50 words or less something special about your school's Past, Present or Future.

Competition Closes 5.00pm Friday 6 September, 2024.

Visit our website to enter

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Happy Treasure Hunting!

