



Acting Principal News

Dear Parents and Guardians

A lovely evening was held on Saturday night with a special Mass by way of welcome to our Prep students and their families starting out on their special journey with St Martin's school and parish. The class teachers gave the students an angel bracelet with Fr Michael telling the Preps during his homily the Angels were a reminder that God was watching over them particularly when they were learning at school. After the Mass our families gathered together on the oval to share in a pizza dinner and begin to build long lasting friendships with one another. Angela Lacey, our new Principal, attended the event to start her St Martin's journey with our Prep families.

Our PFA members work extremely hard to provide social events like the pizza dinner to allow families the opportunities to come together as a school community and I thank them for this. Please take the time to read the Compass news feeds to ensure you are aware of upcoming events where you are provided with opportunities to continue to partake in a wonderful school and parish community.



Camp Rumbug

Last Wednesday afternoon we greeted our very tired campers from their 3 day camp at Rumbug in Foster. Despite the feeling of tiredness as a result of being woken up at 1.30am to a loud alarm and the constant traipsing up and down 'that hill' there was a great sense of joy, fun and achievement of participating in a range of activities with success. Kellie Cumming with the great support from Jamie Atherton are to be acknowledged for their precise organisation leading up to the camp. To the teaching staff and Learning Support staff who attended the camp, we thank you all for spending time away from your families to attend and provide this valuable experience for the students. To the staff who were at school, know that you are greatly appreciated also for adjusting to the timetable changes, yard duties, teaching of other year levels and answering "camp" queries during this time. To our parents, thank you for supporting the camp program and ensuring your children were ready for a wonderful experience. Camp cannot happen without a joint effort from all so a massive **thank you** to you all.

Student Leaders - Arts, Choir and Sustainability Leaders

This week we would like to introduce our Arts, Choir and Sustainability Leaders who have been instrumental in taking on all aspects of their new roles. We are proud to introduce these leaders to you...

Arts Leaders - Sienna, Adelaide, Anna and Mayumi

I want to show that Art is more than just drawing. It is more about the passion that you put inside the drawing than the drawing itself. By Sienna

This year I'd like to let students have more of an opportunity to express themselves and step out of their comfort zone by music, dance, drawing, and artistically develop their personality. To show the people that it doesn't matter what it looks like, but the passion that goes inside it. By Adelaide.

I want to help people to enjoy the beauty of art and have fun while doing that. Whether that be performing arts, drawing or just using your imagination. By Anna.

I am excited to encourage students to be creative and manipulate the topic of art to suit themselves. By Mayumi

Choir Leader - Chloe

My aim for this year is to make Choir a friendly environment where everyone feels safe and happy. By Chloe

Sustainability Leaders - Giaan, Christian and Eloise

I want to show you that there is much more to sustainability than compost bins. By Giaan

I will try to make the school a better and more sustainable place. By Christian

This year I am looking forward to leading the school in keeping it sustainable and encouraging students to make sustainable decisions. By Eloise

Prep Enrolments for 2025

The Administration Staff are busily taking enrolments for Prep 2025. School Tours 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. We look forward to showcasing our great school at the Prep Enrolment Information Evening on Monday 25 March at 7pm in the GECCO. 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...

-Monday 18 March

-Weekend School Tour Saturday 16 March 9.30am-11.30am

Staff News

Congratulations to Laura and Phil Butler on the arrival of their new son, Isaac Philip who joined his loving parents on 12 January. By all reports, the family is doing very well.

We congratulate Adele Truefeldt and Nick Meese on the arrival of their new son Jack Kevin who entered this world on 19 February. By all accounts the family is thriving and Jack has already been on some family outings.

We also congratulate Mary Milione on the arrival of her new granddaughter Juliet Eva and Steve Domini on the arrival of his granddaughter Pia Elizabeth. Both Nonna Mary and Nonno Steve are going to be very busy with reading stories to their grandchildren.

We look forward to meeting Isaac, Jack, Juliet and Pia throughout the year. Maybe we might have some future enrolments for St Martin's in 5 years' time.

District Swimming Carnival

On Monday, 22 of our students represented St Martin's in the Heidelberg District Swimming Carnival. It is wonderful to see the students taking part in school events and we are very proud of them for giving their best and having fun along the way. A special thank you to Dave Witchell for his time given in overseeing the trials and supporting the students to achieve their best. Please read the sports report for further information about the carnival.

Holy Week Tableau

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday 26 March** for our Holy Week - Stations of the Cross Tableau which will be held on Top-yard at 10am. Monies raised for Caritas through the Project Compassion boxes will be collected at the beginning of the Tableau. To add to the experience during the Tableau students can wear a dressing gown and pretend they are in Jesus' times as they depict the story of the journey to the cross.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing period begins next Wednesday 13 March and concludes on Tuesday 19 March. There are also catch up sessions to be organised if students are away.

We ask that you please refrain from appointments during the NAPLAN sessions as most of them are morning sessions and we require the students to be present. Please refer to the table below:

Date	Event
Wednesday 13th March 9:00 am	Writing Year 3 (40 minutes) Written in test booklet Writing Year 5 (42 minutes) Chromebooks
Thursday 14th March 9:00 am	Reading Year 3 (45 minutes) Reading Year 5 (50 minutes)
Friday 15th March	Possible catch ups. Last day for Writing catch up
Monday 18th March 9:30 am	Conventions of Language Year 3 (45 minutes) Conventions of Language Year 5 (45 minutes)
Tuesday 19th March 9:00 am	Numeracy Year 3 (45 minutes) Numeracy Year 5 (50 minutes)
Wednesday 20th March- Friday 22nd March	Catch up tests for Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy

It is so important that all Chromebooks are **fully charged for each of the NAPLAN testing sessions** as the school does not have the facility to charge everyone's Chromebook during the NAPLAN session. Every student will also require a set of headphones. Please ensure that batteries have been replaced if they are wireless. Students are also encouraged to use a mouse as it is easier to manipulate the site. Eg use of ruler, ordering responses.

If you have any queries contact

Sandra Tieppo sandrat@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au

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PFA Update - Second Hand Uniforms

In the past this has been a PFA volunteer project whereby funding was accrued by the PFA. A decision by school leadership was made in 2023 for Second Hand Uniform Fundraising to be managed by the School Office and funds raised through this initiative will now be accrued in the school operations. A Compass alert will be sent out shortly providing a link for second hand uniform orders.

Confirmation Bookings for Saturday 20 April

Bookings for the Confirmation Masses will open for Year 6 parents on Tuesday 12 March at 6pm. The booking link will be in the Compass Alert issued to Year 6 parents on Friday 8 March in readiness for Tuesday evening.

NE Link Updates

Each month we publish a '**Works Notification**' from our friends at the NE Link Project. For residents in the Watsonia and Macleod area it provides you with valuable insights to the latest works and how the region will be impacted. We hope that you find this valuable.

Junior Toilets (A notice for parents)

I just wanted to remind families that our student toilets are for use only by our children and are not accessible to anyone else. When on Top Yard, any adults that need to use our amenities will find an Adult toilet in the foyer of the Library (LRC). This is a simple example of a **Child Safe** practice.

Upcoming Events

School Tours for prospective families - Saturday 16 March from 9.30am-11.30am
Confirmation Preparation Masses - Saturday 16 March at 5.30pm or Sunday 17 March at 10am
Catholic Education Week 17th - 23rd March

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. Enjoy the long weekend ahead with family and friends.

Blessings during this Lenten season

Marita Anderson

Acting Principal

Camp Rumberg Reflections- Year 6

6RV

As we arrived at the 2024 5/6 camp a rush of joy came upon us. We immediately knew that this was going to be unforgettable. From the Lake to the Flying fox, Camp Rumberg simply had it all. As we made our way up the dusty driveway after the three hour bus ride, we had friends, cabins and activities taking over our thoughts. Let me tell you they definitely didn't disappoint



Zara- *In my opinion I loved passport around the world! It included teamwork and determination and it was a nighttime activity which I personally have a great liking for. We used our torches and ran up and down hills to find the country and their flags around the campsite. They were definitely not easy to find. They put the flags in places where it was hidden away and almost never to be seen. We had to answer difficult questions about these certain countries and they were about random things that country had to offer. Overall it was an awesome activity!*

Juliette: *Out of all the incredible activities we were given, canoeing was my all time favourite. You had to have a huge amount of patience and balance because if someone moved only the slightest bit, you would fall in with a splash. At one point, you had to find 3 items. Something sticky, something rocky and something interesting. It was awesome and so much fun.*

Chloe B : *My favorite activity would definitely be the giant swing. It included teamwork and courage and was a daytime activity. It also encouraged students to push themselves and try new things. I enjoyed this because the views were incredible. I could see the rolling hills in the distance. And also because I like heights. Definitely the most memorable activity for me.*

Camp, it's one of the most unforgettable school memories, but don't be fooled. There is no such thing as a 'Perfect' camp. The hills. Our ankles burned with pain as we miserably stumbled up the junior Mount Everest's to get to our activities. The pain was indescribable. It was a HUGE shame if you forgot your hat at the very bottom of the hill and had to go get it. Don't be like Juliette, who nearly died doing that! Overall Camp Rumberg is one of the best camps we have been to, we recommend revisiting this painful but very enjoyable place for all the future year 5/6s.



6BM

On the 26 of February the grade 5 and 6's went to camp rumbug. We hopped on the bus, waving goodbye to our families knowing that we wouldn't see them for three whole days. When we finally arrived after a long three hour bus ride the lovely counsellors gave us what was my favourite part of camp...CABINS.

The activities were definitely one of our favourite parts about camp! We participated in activities such as canoeing, the flying fox, raft making, giant swing and annoying our roommates at night. Here are some of the grade sixes we interviewed and their highly enjoyable experiences on camp.

Grace: *My 2 top moments about camp were canoeing and giant swing. Canoeing was fun because I didn't know what I was doing. Also because other people's canoes bumped into mine and Harrys and we basically fell off it. The giant swing was fun because we were on the edge of a cliff and when we fell backwards it felt like you were flying. The swing was about 15 metres high and I went all the way up to the top. It was a very fun camp.*

Sophie: *My favourite activity that I participated in on camp would definitely have to be, passport to the world. It's a really fun game where you are put into groups of 8 and you have to find these plaques hidden all over camp. Each plaque had a country and three questions related to it. You had to answer the questions and return to the counsellor and they'd allocate you a new country. It was really fun especially when you got most of the answers right (which my group did).*

Harley: *When I came I was first sad since some of my best friends couldn't come but at the end it was still super fun! One thing I didn't expect was the food, it was Gordon Ramsay level delicious! I'll tell you some of my favourite moments. When we did raft making, we were meant to get to the other side before the other team so we can get their flag before they get ours, but when we were rowing down I saw one of my friends jump off their raft and I knew that that was literally, the most unhealthy most SMART THING TO DO. Immediately I jumped in with some other boys and we swam to the flag.*

On the same night we did an activity where we would find flags of some countries and there would be questions to answer related to them. Then when we were running up a steep hill, our P.E. teacher, Mr Witchell, said to us “Why are you so slow?”

I was pretty mad so I said “Why are you so ugly?”

On the second night we woke up to a loud ear piercing siren/ alarm. We evacuated and later learned that it was a false alarm. Soon we went back to sleep like nothing ever happened! That's my experience. There were some YAYS and also a lot of ARGGHHS, but overall it was one of my biggest highlights of the year so far.

And that was the Camp Rumbug experience from those 3 amazing people! Hope you guys enjoyed it.

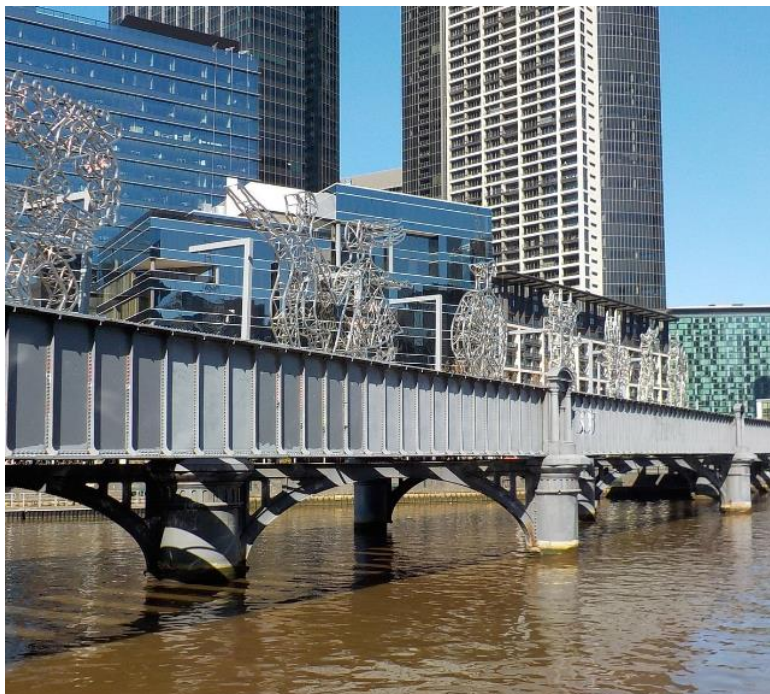


Year 6 Excursion

As well as our fabulous camp the Year 6 students Inquiry unit has included “What is Our Story?” We have been researching and learning about immigration and how it has shaped our wonderful country.

On Tuesday 5th March we attended the Immigration Museum in Melbourne CBD along with the Sandridge Bridge. The pedestrian path along the bridge celebrates its historic role as a place of arrivals and meetings by recording the immigrant history of Victoria on the 128 glass screens.

We are grateful to our parent volunteers who accompanied us.



Stars of the Week

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

PBL

Charlotte, for greeting your teacher and classmates every morning with a great big smile. Thank you for always spreading your cheer!

Michael - for your positive and enthusiastic participation in our whole class discussions. You are always so eager to have a go and I love hearing all of your ideas. Keep it up superstar!

PGO

Thankyou **Emily** for bringing sunshine, kindness and friendship into Prep GO each day.

Thankyou **Alessio** for being such a friendly classmate who makes people smile when they are learning or playing with you. So proud of you!

PJL

Mackenzie for taking on every school day with a positive and hard working attitude. Thank you for always following instructions, being organised and for putting so much effort into your learning each day. I love watching all of the great things you achieve. Keep up the amazing work of being a motivated and focussed learner!

Samuel for being a kind and thoughtful member of Prep JL. Thank you for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards your learning and school life and for making your classmates feel comfortable and respected. You continue to be polite and kind to students and adults within the school which makes you such a valued member of St Martin's.

1HM

Georgia S - For showing amazing resilience in class when faced with a challenge! Well done Georgia for never giving up!

Grace - For the wonderful attitude you bring to school every day! Thank you for giving every task a go and putting a smile on so many faces.

1JV

To **Sasha** for consistently displaying the value of modelling respect by using manners when talking to her teachers and peers, keep it up!

To **Oliver** for always putting forth his best efforts and showing dedication during class work, well done!

1SI

Onari - for consistently giving your all in school and for treating everyone with respect and kindness. Well done!

Noah - for showing such focus and determination, and for sharing his ideas with the class. Well done!

2JG

To **Leon**, for showing friendship and thoughtfulness in the classroom through your random acts of kindness. You are certainly 'filling the buckets' of your peers. Keep it up superstar!

To **Ellie**, for having such a positive attitude towards your learning. You always give everything a go, you work hard to improve, and have an amazing growth mindset. You should be really proud!

2MO

Domenic: for being a very caring, thoughtful and supportive classmate. You should be very proud to have these wonderful qualities Domenic.

Elise: for your welcoming smile and your growth mindset with all your learning tasks. Keep up the amazing learning Elise!

2RO

Maximus - for always trying your best and having a positive attitude towards your learning. Well done Maximus!

Mae: for always trying your best and taking on feedback to improve your learning. Well done Mae!

3CJ

Janice - for your amazing work ethic, focus and participation in class. You always do your best. You are a star!

Noah - for the big improvement you have made to be focused on your work and engaged in your learning. Keep up this great effort.

3KR

Scarlett - For always making the most of every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and a have a go attitude.

Harvey - enthusiastically participating in our community election incursion. You spoke with confidence and showed respect towards the other members of the council table.

3LA

Ivy: for always displaying a positive attitude towards your learning. Keep it up Ivy!

Toby - For being a wonderful role model of our SMOT values and expectations. You're a superstar Toby!

4EP

Sienna - For her bright and positive attitude towards learning. In each session you work hard and bring your 'can do' attitude! Keep it up!

To **Giorgia**, for always trying her best in Maths. You have been focused on practicing different strategies to help you solve 2 and 3 digit problems. Keep it up!

4HV

To **Jacob**, for being one of the first students sitting on the floor showing me you are ready to learn. You are setting a great example for others. Well done!

To **Ellie**, for always offering to help the teacher with jobs and completing your work to a high standard. Keep up the great work, Ellie!

4JR

To **Olivia** for brightening up the classroom everyday with your kindness and respectful behaviour. Thank you for being an amazing role model for your peers.

To **Alfonso**, for his amazing 5 star bookwork and neat handwriting. Keep working hard and putting in your best effort!

5JM

To **Jana** for showing tremendous amounts of bravery on camp, you're a superstar!

5SM

To **Willow**, for your amazing contribution in Maths when solving problems involving multiplication. You are capable of amazing things!

5ZW

To **Joseph V** for always displaying enthusiasm towards his work.

6BM

To **Lauren** for consistently demonstrating the SMOT values both in the classroom and out on the yard. Keep up the excellent work Lauren!

6RV

Chloe B, for demonstrating the SMOT qualities of Respect and Responsibility by always looking out for others and offering kindness, compassion and support when needed. You set an excellent example for others to follow. Keep up the great work Chloe!

Library News



Welcome back to borrowing for 2024

Welcome to the new families of the school and welcome back existing families.

Feel free to pop by the library from 8.30am to say hello, become familiar with returning library books, and have a look at our new display in the library foyer. We hope this new area in the library will be a great addition to our library space. Our lovely armchair has been a feature in the library for many years and by repositioning it teachers can still use the chair for library class storytime, but it can now also be used as a special quiet reading space for students. We kindly ask that students who are given permission by their teacher to use this quiet reading space during their library class time, to please take extra special care of our armchair.



If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the library.

Kind regards,
Fiona Robinson and Patsy Lynch

Sports Report

On Monday 4th March, 22 children from St Martin of Tours competed in the Heidelberg District Swimming Carnival at the Watermarc Swimming Pool in Greensborough.

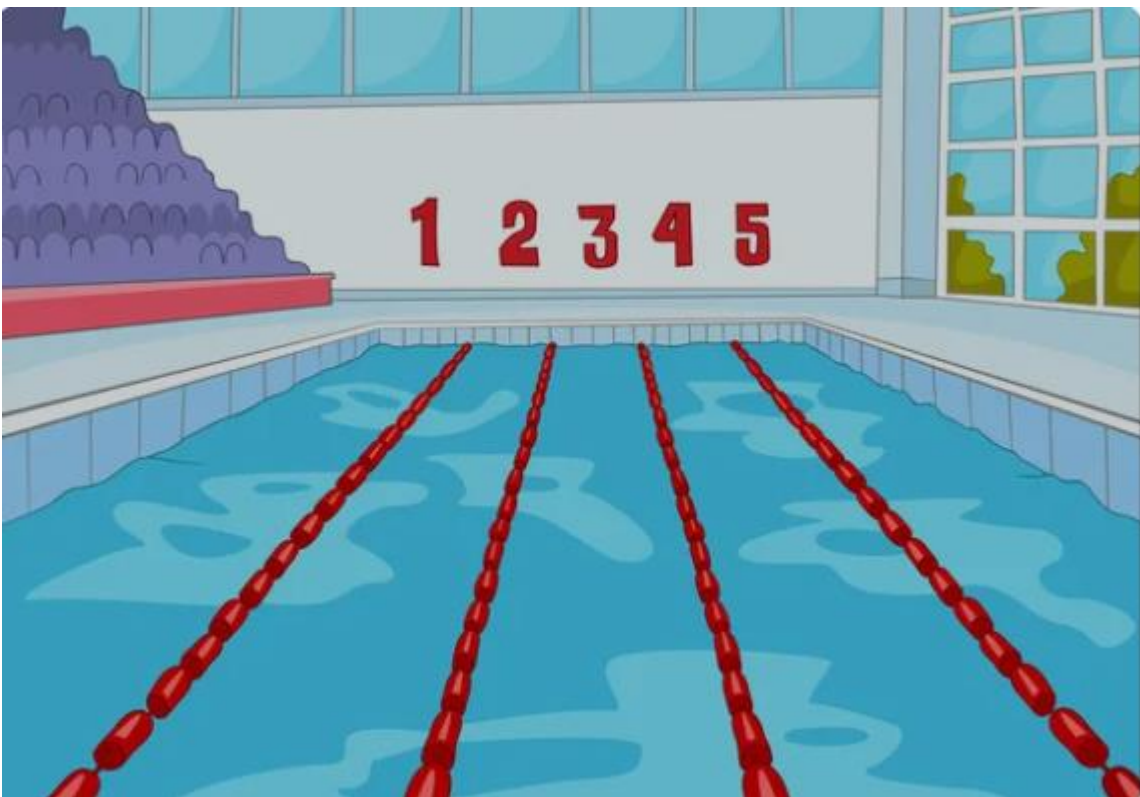
The children were selected for the swimming squad after attending training sessions after school in early Term 1.

The children competed enthusiastically and many achieved personal bests.

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school:

Dain K, Alex V, Charlie C, Sophie B, Abigail C, Maddie Z, Maddie G, Lola G, Brooklyn D, Lachlan C, Henry A, Mattia M, Amelia J, Quinn S, Milana P, Mia K, Kayleigh D, Juliet F, Valentina S, Andrew M, Sophie G and Gian S.

Thank you to Mr Zac and Mrs Jones for helping with the transport and to the many parents who came along to support their children.



Student Wellbeing

This article consists of 2 pages please click on the image for further information



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Low Effort, High Pay-off Parenting

Parents of today parent more intensively than any other generation of parents. Here's what I mean by that:

A thousand years ago, the question parents were asking wasn't "Will my kids enjoy these homemade protein balls?" Instead, it was, "How do I find food to feed my family?" (Although with the current cost of living crisis, maybe we're asking that a little more again today).

A couple of hundred years ago, the question wasn't "Will my 9-year-old like their book week costume?" It was, "Should I send my 9-year-old to work in the local coal mine?" Now today's parents ask, more than ever before, "How can I be a 'good' parent?"

Parenting entered the dictionary as a word in 1918. It's only been a touch over 100 years. But even then, the idea of parenting being something that we "do" only began to be emphasised from around the late 1970s. Before that, you were a parent (*noun*), but you weren't particularly focused on how you parented (*verb*).

Now, there are literally hundreds of parenting books on the shelves. Parenting is intense. Fetishised. Even competitive.

Research is telling us that many parents feel overwhelmed or even burnt out.

The good news is that we can scale back our efforts without it being detrimental to our kids. We can also make tiny adjustments that can have a big impact.

The Pareto Principle (better known as the 80/20 rule) is how this works... although I think after this we should start calling it the Parento Principle! This principle, first observed by the economist Vilfredo Pareto, states that 80% of the outcomes stem from only 20% of the effort. In other words, by focusing on a handful of low effort, high pay-off factors, we can prioritise our efforts and focus on what matters most.

Here are a few simple swaps you can make

These require little to no extra time or planning, and that can maximise the impact we have as parents.

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

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm

EASTER SEASON LITURGY TIMES 2024

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

All Youth are invited to participate in the Liturgy, please contact Sr Maria.

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

All Youth are invited to participate in the Liturgy, please contact Sr Maria.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30 March Easter Vigil at 7.30pm 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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION The Christian Meditation Group meets on Wednesday evenings via Zoom to meditate beginning at 7.30 pm. If you are Interested please contact the office and we can put you in touch with Joan.

WISER WOMENS GROUP Next meeting Thursday 14 March at 11am in the Community Centre. All ladies welcome to join in. 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. Contact Leonie (via the office) or Sr. Maria for more details.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD 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

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

If anyone in the parish would be interested in the position please contact me, Fr Michael.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS - PARISH OF MACLEOD



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

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ABN: 21 504 260 106

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

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

PASTORAL TEAM

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Parish Priest

Sr. Maria Bui
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Parish Secretary
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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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PARISH GROUPS

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Parish Office Team
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Communion to the Sick

Ph 9401 6338

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Helpline
1800 305 330

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9th & 10th March 2024 Year B

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

Will we allow ourselves to be led by God's Grace so that we become more fully God's work of art?



EXPLORING THE WORD

Nicodemus comes in search of truth but has difficulty in accepting who Jesus is. He struggles to reach beyond the understandings of his upbringing within Judaism. In a sense, Jesus' words to him are a reassurance that if he publicly embraces faith in Jesus, his life will be saved. Condemnation only comes to those who have had the opportunity to embrace faith but have refused it. In John's Gospel, the greatest moment in Jesus' life is the moment of his death on the cross. This is not simply a moment of suffering and death but a spiritual exultation because it is at that moment that God's love for the world is made manifest. 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' so that we could have life. The only proper response to this great love and gift of life is to choose light and not darkness.

- What have been some of the moments of exultation in your life?
- What have been the periods of darkness?
- Is there a struggle in coming into the light?

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.



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GOOD FRIDAY 29 March Community Stations of the Cross 10.00am
All Youth are invited to participate in the Liturgy, please contact Sr Maria.
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30 March Easter Vigil at 7.30 pm 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

* Please note the Newsletter will not be available by email until further notice, please find the Newsletter on the Parish Website www.smot.org.au

Please click on the image for further information

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.

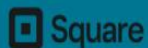
How do I place an order?

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.

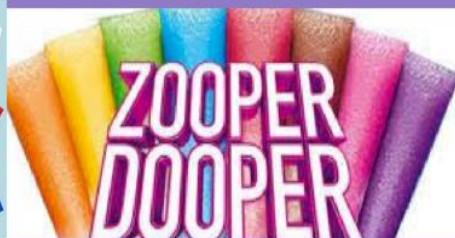
Can I pay for multiple children/events in a single transaction?

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.



ENJOY THE WARMER WEATHER WITH
ZOOPER DOOPER TUESDAYS!



\$2 Zooper Doopers

Second Break Only

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

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

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

NEW ARRIVAL



Pre-paid Zooper Dooper Cards are now available to purchase via the PFA Website (<http://smotpfa.weebly.com>). Please refer to the website for further details.

SMOT 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.

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St Martin of Tours
Stmartinoftours@oshclub.com.au

Newsletter

March 2024



What's been happening...

Hi all!

As we move through the term, we have found activities that the children enjoy such as drawing and colouring sheets. We have continued playing outside and soaking up the sunshine. We have had a few suggestions regarding new foods to have for breakfast adding croissants to Friday mornings and switching up our afternoon tea options. We love having the opportunity to have the children engage in new activities such as some group games as well as various crafts as well as the children having a voice and suggesting activities to do. We have been having a blast!

St Martin of Tours OSHC team

Coming up!

Continuing on with our funday Fridays we have a few exciting themes coming up and will also be adding a few themed snacks to the menu! You'll have to come join us Friday to see what we have instore!

Friday Funday

We look forward to celebrating all the women we love this Friday celebrating Women's Day. We will be making flower presses and girl power bookmarks. The following week we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day with green jelly, leprechaun masks and raining rainbows. Can't wait to update you on all the fun!

Photo Gallery



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

Women's Day

ST MARTIN'S OSHC STAY AND PLAY
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Join us Friday

8th March for:

- Girl power bookmarks
- Flower press creations



Outcome Area: 1.4: I am learning to interact with others with care, empathy, and respect.

Throughout the 2 weeks we have had a focus on our rules and how we show respect to not only the educators but also other children and themselves. This has been shown through mat times in both rise and shine and stay and play as well as when playing group games and when playing together.

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 6 4 th – 8 th Mar	School Assembly (8.45am) Heidelberg District Swimming Carnival (10.15am-1.45pm)	Zooper Dooper Day School Tour 9.30am	PFA Sausage Sizzle		
Week 7 11 th – 15 th Mar 16th Mar School Tour 9.30-11.30am 16th - 17th Mar Confirmation Commitment Mass	Labour Day Public Holiday	Zooper Dooper Day PFA Easter Raffle Starts	NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)	NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)	
Week 8 18 th – 22 nd Mar 24th Mar Palm Sunday	NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5) School Tour 9.30am	Zooper Dooper Day NAPLAN (Year 3 & Year 5)			
Week 9 25 th – 29 th Mar 31st Mar Easter Sunday	School Assembly (8.45am) Prep 2025 Enrolment Information Evening 7pm	Zooper Dooper Day Easter Tableau		Last Day of Term 1pm Finish Holy Thursday PFA Easter Raffle Ends	Good Friday

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 School Closure Day

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

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation - Year 6

Saturday 16th March - Confirmation Preparation Mass **or**

Sunday 17th March - Confirmation Preparation Mass

Saturday 20th April - Sacrament of Confirmation 11am OR 1.30pm Mass

Eucharist - Year 4

Tuesday 7th May - Eucharist Information Night for Year 4 parents 7pm

Saturday 18th May - Eucharist Commitment Mass **or**

Sunday 19th May - Eucharist Commitment Mass

Saturday 15th June - Eucharist Preparation Mass **or**

Sunday 16th June - Eucharist Preparation Mass

Friday 19th July - Eucharist Retreat Day

Saturday 27th July - Sacrament of Eucharist

Sunday 28th July - Sacrament of Eucharist

Saturday 3rd August - Sacrament of Eucharist

Sunday 4th August - Sacrament of Eucharist

Reconciliation - Year 3

Tuesday 27th August - Reconciliation Information Night for Year 3 parents 7pm

Saturday 7th September - Reconciliation Commitment Mass **or**

Sunday 8th September - Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Tuesday 15th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 22nd October - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 29th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Year 4 Camp

Tuesday 8th October - Wednesday 9th October

Works Notification

This article consists of 3 pages please click on the image for further information



Works Notification

Day and Night works in Watsonia and Macleod

March 2024

We're getting our Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) infrastructure ready for tunnelling to start this year.

What we'll be doing

Day works: 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm Saturdays

Night works: 7pm to 6am from Monday to Friday

Where	When	Activity	What to expect
Watsonia Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) site, east of Greensborough Road	Throughout March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utility worksConcreting works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utility works near 12 Lenola Street
	Throughout March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building the enclosed conveyor beltBuilding the TBMs with the gantry crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oversized deliveries to site overnightPedestrian detour at Service Road via Elder StreetOccasional managed noise at nightGreensborough Road reduced to one lane each way at night at times
Winsor Reserve, Macleod	Throughout March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preparing the acoustic shed for use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lane closure on Somers Avenue during the day at times. Local access maintained via Lindsay Street
	Intermittently throughout March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Footpath on Greensborough Road reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Night time lane closure on Greensborough Road and footpath closure for up to three nights

What to expect

Throughout our works, you may experience noise, light, dust, and vibration. We manage these impacts through real time monitoring, water carts and street sweepers, targeted lighting and reducing noise and vibration within the construction zone. We will schedule works to occur during the day as much as possible.

You may also see workers, worker vehicles and machinery in place in and around construction areas.

Right-turn access into Powley Parade and Wattle Drive via Greensborough Road will be restricted at night when we're working on Greensborough Road. We'll have traffic controllers and signage in place to help you navigate the detour.

Community News



MARCELLIN COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Grow, learn, lead



SUNDAY, 17 MARCH | 11am-2pm

Principal's Address 11am, 12pm and 1pm

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

Now accepting Year 7 2026 enrolments | Applications close 16 August 2024

Secure your place today marcellin.vic.edu.au

Apply now

Applications for Year 7 2026
close Friday 16 August



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Petrie Park

Mountain View Road, Montmorency

Enjoy a fun festival for all ages with **FREE** activities and displays showcasing sustainability, pets and lifestyle ideas.

Program includes:

- Market stalls
- Pet photo-booth
- Hands-on workshops
- Face painting and live reptiles
- Live music & food trucks
- Arts & crafts plus a whole lot more to explore!



For more information and to view the full program, scan the code or visit banyule.vic.gov.au/EcoFestival



This is a no smoking, no alcohol, dogs on lead event

Inclusive event
Pet friendly

Jellis
Craig

Active Banyule



Increasing physical activity, through sport and recreation, helps 'improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians at all stages of life.'

- Australian National Preventive Health Strategy 2021-2030

Community wellness through Sport and Recreation

The Sport and Recreation Plan focuses on all types of participation so that our community can achieve active living.

Have your say until 5 April and tell us whether you participate in sport and recreation and what's important to you for the future.

Come along to a community session to learn more about the Sport and Recreation Plan and talk to Council staff.

Community pop-up sessions

In person:

Thursday 29 February, 4pm - 6pm
Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub

Tuesday 5 March, 8am - 10am
WaterMarc Greensborough

Online:

Thursday 14 March, 6pm - 8pm

To complete the survey or to register for the online session, go to shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/SARSN or scan the QR code.





**WINTER
REGO 2024
IS OPEN**

Registration for Banyule Hawks Basketball Club winter basketball season is now open!

ALL AGE GROUPS FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS WELCOME

For more information contact
info@banyulehawks.com.au
www.banyulehawks.com.au



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BASKETBALL**
with
BANYULE HAWKS

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banyulehawks.com.au

Register your child for a free session and chat with our coaches about joining a team - new season starts April 20th

Who? 6-10 year olds

Where? La Trobe Sports Stadium

When? Wednesday 13th or 20th March, 5-6pm



Find The Treasures To **WIN BIG!**

Catholic Schools Guide is giving one lucky entrant the opportunity to win 2 amazing prizes worth over \$2,000!

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

catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition

Happy Treasure Hunting!

