



The Cloak – Edition 109

13th June 2024

Principal's News



Dear Parents,

The St Martin's community has been greatly saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Gerry Mercovich last weekend after a battle with cancer. His wife, Sharon, and daughter, Keeley (6SM), are in our thoughts and prayers as they grapple with this loss. May Gerry rest gently in the palm of God's hand.



When the students returned to school yesterday, the classes all began the day with a prayer service to extend our condolences and support to Sharon and Keeley. I spent the Prayer Service time in 6SM, and visited each of the Year Six classes, where Keeley's friends are. The students participated reverently and with care for those who were upset for their friend. As we discussed the emotions of grief and loss, there was also a deep maturity shared, with thoughts about how we can support Keeley and her Mum in this most difficult time. I thank you for assisting by sharing the conversation with your child, and I am proud of and grateful to the staff for their support of the children. The staff are aware that emotions can surface at any time, and will guide and care for your child if anything arises.

Further information regarding Gerry's funeral will be shared with you separately.

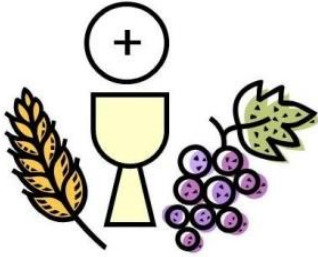
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It is hard to believe that there's just two weeks of the term remaining! I'm sure you all enjoyed the extra long weekend as a chance to sleep in and relax.

The staff had two days of preparation for the Review before and after the long weekend. The emphasis here was on the analysis of survey data and academic data. We then completed our analysis of where we feel our school sits on a continuum scale of 0-4, in five spheres, similar in all Catholic schools ~ Religious Dimension, Learning and Teaching, Leadership and Management, Student Wellbeing and School Community. The Reviewer is to attend twice next term - initially to confirm our compliance with all regulatory requirements, and on the second visit, to meet with representatives of all stakeholders to confirm the 'story' provided by the Review information. Following this, a report is written and a new four year School Improvement Plan is developed.

Since the last Newsletter, the Year One Level had their excursion to Bundoora Park, the whole school celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass, the Preps had their letter parade and party with Milo (who came along to the party in the afternoon!), and the Year Six students completed the Long Walk to Loyola.

YEAR FOUR PREPARATION MASS – THIS WEEKEND



This weekend, our Year Four students and families are invited to attend the 5.30pm Saturday night Mass or the 10am Sunday Mass to continue their preparation for their First Eucharist next term. We look forward to seeing you there with our parish community.

WINTER APPEAL - ST VINCENT DE PAUL

There is still LOTS of time for you to shop and bring in the items we are focusing on for the Winter Appeal this year. Vinnies are really in need of food please!

The tent in the Church has been emptied once, with the boxes being stored for the Vinnies organisation until the end of the month.

You can place your food, clothing or toiletries in the Church or bring them to the Office. As the weather changes and the cold creeps in, it helps to remember how fortunate we are to have a home and three meals a day. It is important for the students to understand that some people in our community are not warm or fed at this time of the year. In speaking with our Vinnies Conference President, Luigi, he shared that the people who are homeless or living in cars have a great need for toiletries and clothing such as socks, underwear and beanies. **PLEASE** contribute what you can.

Thank you for your generous support!

NEW PREP FAMILY INTERVIEWS

Fr Michael and I are meeting with our new families to St Martin's. This is a lovely chance to spend some time with parents and the first child in the family. They all have lovely comments to make about the students who took them around the school on their tour, and everyone is excited about beginning here in 2025!

These interviews continue next week, as do tours for the rest of the term.

2025 ENROLMENTS

We are still accepting Enrolment applications for Prep next year. If you know of any families showing interest in our school, please encourage them to come along to one of our school tours ~ more dates have been added to the website. Keep an eye out in Rosanna and surrounds for our cute red Prep t-shirts! These are the greatest marketing tool we could wish for!

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

The teachers are preparing your child's report, which is a summary of their learning for the semester. It is a summary and a forward planning tool, in that it identifies areas in which the student needs to continue to work in Semester Two.

The reports will be shared with you in the last week of this term. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher/s about this.

YEAR SIX 'LONG WALK' AT LOYOLA COLLEGE

The Year Six students enjoyed their Long Walk to Loyola College last week and the chance to hear from Eddie Betts. It is fantastic for our students to be involved in these events, and we are grateful to Loyola for the invitation.

PFA COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who purchased Cookie Dough in the latest PFA Fundraiser. The money will contribute to the two projects earmarked this year - some new marquees for use at events and some new shade sails and equipment for the Junior sandpit area. The arrival of the Cookie Dough is perfect for the holidays, so happy cooking to you all!

BEANIES

For the next two weeks, I am happy for the students to wear their Fight MND beanies to show support for this worthy cause. The students are not to wear them in class though, as the classrooms are warm and there is no need.

Following the holidays, it is expected that students return to wearing the St Martin's Beanie to school, but not in the classroom.

CLOSURE DAYS

Our Closure Dates for the rest of the year are:

Mon 15 July, Mon 4 Nov and Mon 2 Dec.

Please note these on your calendar.

ALTAR SERVING IN OUR PARISH

Recently, you received an invitation from Fr Michael for children in Year 3 and above to become an Altar Server at weekend Masses. Altar server training is scheduled for NEXT Thursday, 20th June at either 3.45pm or 5pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting Fr. Michael at the Parish Office on 94016338 or emailing Maria.Bui@cam.org.au to confirm which session suits you and your child. We hope many students will take this on as a help to the school and parish Masses. Thank you!

SOMETHING FOR THE DADS

Our Parish is hosting a night in August for Dads called '**Raising Fathers**'. It is run by a group called menALIVE. There is a night in August followed by a retreat weekend in mid November. People do not have to attend both, it's a personal choice.

I have also included some information below from the menALIVE website, so those interested can do their own background reading.

General Information on menALIVE Victoria

<https://www.menalivevic.au/home>

Raising Fathers Evening Event

<https://www.menalivevic.au/raising-fathers>

Parish Men's Weekend

<https://www.menalivevic.au/mens-weekends>

The flyer which is included in our newsletter has all the booking details. Perhaps it's a chance for you to take some time to refocus and develop some new networks? I'm sure you will gain from this experience.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel is the parable of the Mustard Seed, with the message that from the smallest of seeds, big things grow. We have all seen the growth of seeds and know the excitement of the new shoot poking through the soil.

Our own faith is like the development of the mustard seed. It grows and develops with time and nourishment of the Spirit.



Have a great weekend! God bless.

Angela Lacey

PRINCIPAL

Inquiry Learning Showcase



INQUIRY LEARNING SHOWCASE



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR OPEN CLASSROOM
AFTERNOON ON
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2:45PM - 3:20PM

This Term, our whole school Inquiry focus was
'Learning about and living with others'

- Prep - What makes a great community?
- Year 1 - Why do they call it the 'Good Old Days'?
- Year 2 - What makes Australia Unique
- Year 3 - What is the story of our past and how do we commemorate it?
- Year 4 - How have past journeys impacted our nation?
- Year 5 - How did migration in the 1800s shape Australia?
- Year 6 - What do Civics, Citizenship and Government look like in Australia?





Australian Mathematics Competition 2024

The Australian Mathematics Competition is an optional activity available to students in middle (Year 3/4) and upper primary (Year 5/6). It is a one-hour Maths test involving 25 multiple choice and 5 questions involving a number answer, with an emphasis on problem solving strategies. The challenge is quite rigorous and extends students' mathematical thinking and reasoning.

Students wishing to enter the competition need to pay the competition registration fee of \$8.50 **by Wednesday 26th June**. Payment can be made when parents provide consent via the Compass event, which will be sent to families over the next couple of days. Alternatively, parents can provide consent via Compass and make payment via the EFTPOS machine in the school office.

The competition will be held during school hours between the 6th and 8th August. Students who chose to be involved in this competition will be given the opportunity to prepare in year level groups. These students will work on past papers with the Mathematics Leader one session per week.

Further information can be found at [Australian Maths Trust](https://www.australianmathstrust.com.au) or if you have any queries, don't hesitate to email me.

Kind regards

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WHAT IS THE NCCD?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Go to *What is a reasonable adjustment?* below to learn about adjustments.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools in Australia must collect information about students with disability.

The NCCD:

- ensures that the information collected is transparent, consistent and reliable
- provides better information that improves understanding of students with disability
- allows parents, guardians, carers, teachers, principals, education authorities and government to better support students with disability.

Student with disability loading

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading.

Students with disability who are counted in the top three levels of the NCCD (extensive, substantial and supplementary) attract the loading. Funding is based on a per-student amount at each of the three levels of additional support. The amount of the loading reflects the level of support students with disability need to participate fully in school, with higher funding for those who need higher levels of support.

Australian Government recurrent school funding is provided as a lump sum to school authorities including state and territory governments, which can then distribute the funding to their member schools according to their own needs-based arrangements.

The Government expects schools and school systems to consider their funding from all sources (ie Australian Government, state and territory and private) and prioritise their spending to meet the educational needs of all of their students, including students with disability.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NCCD FOR STUDENTS?

The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students.

RAISING FATHERS EVENING



RAISING FATHERS

FATHERING FROM THE FRONTLINE.
A SPECIAL EVENING EVENT



<https://www.trybooking.com/CSJAR>



St Martin of Tours Primary School
Wednesday 21 August 2024 7-8.30pm

WANT TO BE A BETTER DAD?

There is a manual for almost everything these days, except for the most crucial and influential role most men play: **Fatherhood!**

Fathers matter as one of the key drivers of success and happiness in children. Research shows that children perform better in every social indicator if they have an involved, nurturing, and loving father. Fathering in today's world requires men to embrace a more involved and proactive approach to parenting - beyond the traditional roles of "provide, protect, and punish".

With over 20 years experience in engaging with men across the country, menALIVE's RAISING FATHERS evenings bring valuable insights and practical advice on modern fathering in a powerful and transformative evening. The evening is based on the recent book of the same name, co-authored by menALIVE co-founder Robert Falzon together with twelve other men, of varying backgrounds and ages, who share their collective and diverse lived experiences of fathering in today's world. Robert Falzon has presented RAISING FATHERS evenings across Australia together with one of his co-authors.

Event Highlights:

- **Practical Advice for Modern Fatherhood:** Unpack actionable insights for thriving in today's fatherhood landscape.
- **Powerful Stories:** Engage with impactful and informative testimonies and stories of other fathers that resonate deeply with the challenges and joys of modern-day fatherhood.
- **Real Discussions:** Participate in candid conversations with other fathers and community leaders navigating the frontiers of contemporary fatherhood.
- **Inclusive Invitation:** The event welcomes men and their partners from all backgrounds. Come and be part of this transformative experience.

A menALIVE RAISING FATHERS evening has the potential to transform a father's approach to parenting. This has a powerful impact on the lives of the entire family and sets the children on a path to becoming successful, well-balanced, caring, engaged, and productive members of the community.

Attending a RAISING FATHERS event is an investment in the lives of your children's future.

Bookings can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/CSJAR> or via scanning QR code.



Year 1 Excursion

On Monday, the Year Ones visited Coopers Settlement at Bundoora Park Farm. This term we have been learning about 'The Good Old Days' and how our life differs from life in the past. The students had a great opportunity to experience a typical day in the life of a student back in time! Some were quite surprised by strict rules kids had to follow in their olden days classrooms. The students experienced the challenging and time consuming household chores such as washing clothes on a washing board and churning butter from scratch (they should now be well experienced to help at home!). We explored the farm via tractor and had close encounters with native Australian animals while discussing traditional Wurundjeri customs. We had such a great day and learnt so much!

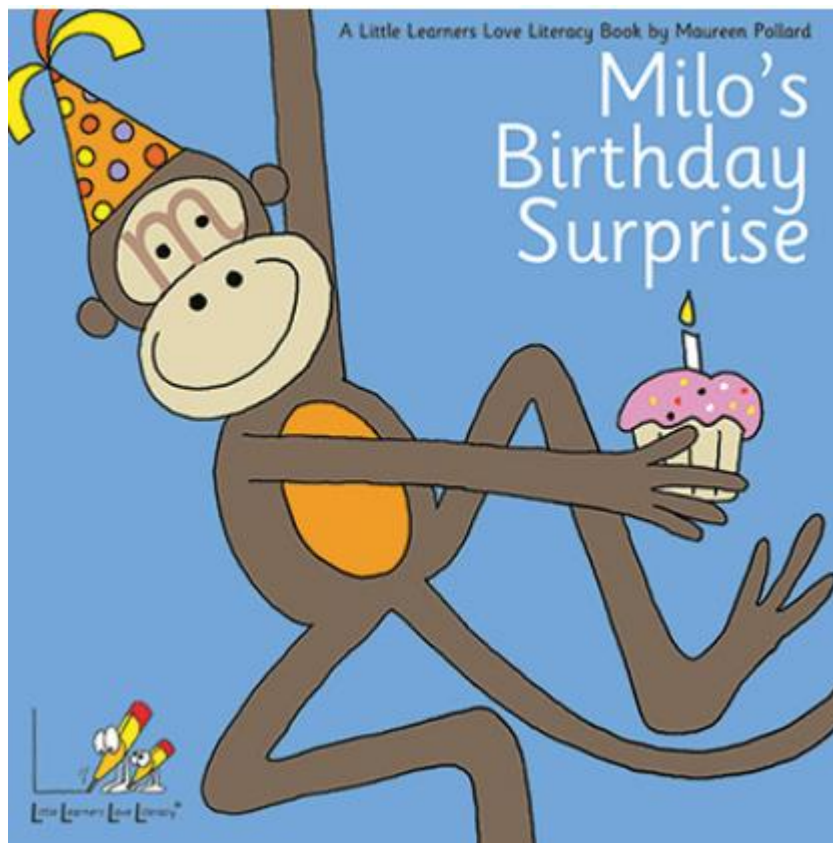


Prep-Milo's Birthday Surprise

Last Wednesday the Prep students celebrated learning all of the letters and sounds of the alphabet! The students learned the letters through a story called 'Milo's Birthday Surprise' where Milo the Monkey invited all of his friends to his birthday. The students dressed up as one of Milo's friends and enjoyed a parade, some alphabet games, alphabet cookies and a disco surprise party for Milo.



They have worked so hard throughout the beginning of Prep and we can't wait to see what they continue to achieve throughout the rest of the year!



Year 6 Reflection

The Long Walk-by Maddison and Sophie 6BM

On the 6th of June 2024, the Year Six students acknowledged the struggles of the Indigenous people and commenced their journey to Loyola College to learn about and show our support for Australia's First Nations People.

We left from school and headed up to Macleod Station, proudly carrying an embroidered Aboriginal flag to show our unity towards the Indigenous community. Our First Nations' people suffered a great loss due to the stolen generation and everything else that they have been burdened with. From Macleod Station, we caught a train to start our journey to Loyola. Once we arrived at Watsonia Station, we walked to Loyola to support Michael Long's journey to make a change for the Aboriginal people.

Once we arrived at Loyola, we participated in a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony. Once that was finished, we entered the auditorium for a special visit by Indigenous AFL star Eddie Betts. His speech was inspirational and opened our eyes to all the challenges first nations people experience every day. Growing up, he shared a house with over 35 people with only three bedrooms and yet he still enjoyed his childhood and loved every minute of it. We finished up by taking a look at the gallery of Aboriginal themed art created by the St Mary's and St Damian's students who also joined in on the Path of Reconciliation at Loyola.


The Long Walk represents the struggle that Aboriginal people went through. Michael Long started the Long Walk tradition in 2004 when he walked all the way from Melbourne to Canberra to address the unfairness towards First Nations' people with the then Prime Minister, John Howard. Many were inspired by his actions and decided to take a stand against racism and join him on his important journey to end racism and discrimination towards Indigenous people. Over the years, this has become a tradition and is held before the DreamTime match at the MCG, where thousands of fans come together and support Michael Long's journey.

This was the first year St Martin's had participated and we all greatly enjoyed the incredible experience.

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APP + GAME REVIEWS

Snapchat



Cyber Expert Reviewer:
Teodora Pavkovic
CERTIFIED DIGITAL WELLNESS EDUCATOR

Reviewed on Dec 7, 2022

Snapchat is a social media and messaging platform where users can share time-limited (self-destructing) content such as messages, photos and videos with connected friends and the public, as well as engage in group chats, private messaging, calls, and playing games with other users.



Snap Inc. the parent company, describes itself as a 'camera company'.

Snapchat's content is unmoderated and the platform has many features, including Snap Map, Stories, My Eyes Only, Discover, filters and lenses, and Spotlight, some of which may pose a significant risk to young people's online safety and security. Accordingly, our online safety experts have given Snapchat a higher age rating than recommended by the App store.

OUR EXPERTS RECOMMEND ⓘ

AGES 14+

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<https://smrosanna.onlinesafetyhub.com.au/parent/app-review/snapchat>

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INSIGHTS

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Teaching Children That Mistakes Are Okay

You won't find a child more chuffed with themselves than a preschooler who is learning to write their own name. In the beginning, they courageously create a jumble of mixed-up letters and back-to-front S's to piece together the first iteration of what will become their signature. Very quickly, those mistakes lead to mastery, and they're equipped with a skill they'll use hundreds of thousands of times throughout their lives.

As our children grow, their fearlessness in the face of mistakes often gives way to a paralysing fear of failure. They become less willing to take risks, try new things, and broaden their experience because of the risk of not getting it "right" straight away.

How do we help our kids overcome perfectionism and make friends with mistakes again?

Here are my top tips for parents and educators:

#1: Talk it through.

Whether it's learning to ride a bike or writing a story, when a child shows reluctance to try before they start, ask them what they're worried about. Give them the chance to share their fears and talk it through. Ask them, 'What's the worst thing that can happen?' Putting words around their fear can help contextualise and minimise it, making 'the scary thing' seem smaller and easier to handle.

#2: Share your story.

Younger children love to hear stories from their parents and trusted adults. Share a story with them of when you were scared, then tried, failed, and learned something from making a mistake. You can make it funny to lighten the load and help diffuse their worry.

How to help your kids cope when someone close to them dies

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When somebody close dies it can be difficult to help your kids cope with their grief, especially as you struggle to work through your own. What kids understand about death depends on how old they are, what they have experienced in their life, and also their personality type.

In all cases though, death must be explained in a child's terms, and you must be honest with them and encourage them to ask questions, even though you may not have all the answers.

The following practical tips and ideas will help you to help your child cope when somebody close to them dies:

- When discussing the death with your children, it is important you let them know you are there for them and that there is no right or wrong way to feel. You should also explain that everybody deals with death in their own way.
- Any spiritual beliefs you have around death can be shared at this point. This can provide some comfort to the child.
- Until they are around five or six years old, a child views the world quite differently to you. So when explaining that somebody has died, you could simply say that the loved one's heart stopped working and the doctor wasn't able to fix it, or something like that to help them understand what has happened.
- It is difficult for children to understand that all people will eventually die and never come back, so be patient with them if they continue to ask when they are going to see them next, or when they are coming back.
- Kids are very curious creatures and may want to know where the loved one is now. If they have been buried, your answer may simply be "At the cemetery", and of course if your spiritual beliefs include the existence of heaven or something similar, then you could tell them that they are now in heaven.
- As your kids get older and in particular into their teens, they begin to gain a full understanding of what death means, so you can talk to them quite differently – more at your level – about the death.
- Whether it is okay to take your child to a funeral or not depends totally on the situation surrounding the death, and how you and your child feel about them attending. No child should be forced to attend a funeral if they really don't want to.
- You should talk to your child about the funeral beforehand, explaining to them what will happen, such as seeing the casket, and of course the fact that there will be people there who may be crying.
- If you are worried about letting your kids witness your own grief, don't be. Allowing them to see your pain allows them to see that crying is a natural reaction to losing someone close. It will also make them feel more comfortable in sharing how they feel.

While children will not show their grief in the same way as an adult, they will grieve in their own way. A teen may not be comfortable confiding in you, but will be able to talk through their grief with a friend, but whatever their reaction you should not take it personally.

It is important at this point to watch for any signs that your child is not coping with the loss. Any significant behavioral changes such as anger, being withdrawn, being extremely anxious or even a dramatic reduction in their grades at school should be taken seriously, and you should therefore seek professional help.

Grieving the loss of a loved one is a gradual process, and it is important you remain patient with your child as they learn to deal with losing someone they love. By offering them support and encouragement, they will be able to cope in their own way.

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UPCOMING LIVE WEBINAR RESOURCES

Championing Neurodiversity

Helping Children Thrive in a Neurotypical World

Life for a neurodiverse child is a journey of highs and lows, marked by the joy of mastering new skills and the challenges of setbacks. As their parent or teacher, your support is crucial.

Empower your school staff and parents with our “Championing Neurodiversity” webinar, designed specifically to equip parents and teachers with the knowledge and strategies they need to help neurodiverse children flourish.

Who is this webinar for?

This webinar is for educators, parents, and carers of children who are diagnosed as neurodiverse, are undergoing assessment, or are suspected to be neurodiverse.

Webinar Highlights:

- Celebrate Unique Strengths: Recognise and nurture the unique strengths of neurodiverse children.
- Support Individual Needs: Tailor support to meet the individual needs of each child.
- Provide Behavioural and Emotional Support: Implement effective strategies for better behavioural and emotional support.
- Improve Communication and Social Skills: Enhance communication and foster positive social interactions.
- Build Resilience: Help neurodiverse children build resilience and confidence.
- Encourage Collaboration and Advocacy: Promote collaboration and advocate for the needs of neurodiverse children.

Monday 19 August

7pm AEST | [check my time zone](#)

Share this URL: <https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/championing-neurodiversity/>

**Note that the link will only work if you are already signed into your school's page*

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Each year St Martin's students support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal which runs throughout the month of June.

St Vincent de Paul are in need of winter clothing which includes scarves, warm jackets, beanies, jumpers, gloves, socks, slippers as well as new underwear. They always seek cans of non-perishable foods to pass on to those in need. Blankets are also most welcome at this time of year. This year, Vinnies is also requesting toiletries to assist those 'doing it tough' for example - toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.

A tent has been placed outside the school office as a collection point. Please place your generous donations into the tent and the school captains will gather these items each day to pack into boxes for collection.

Thank you for your generous support of others. With the higher cost of living, all donations make a HUGE difference. **Thank you!**



**Vinnies
Winter Appeal**



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LET ALL THINGS
BE DONE WITH
CHARITY.

The students of St. Martin of Tours Primary School will be participating in the
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal throughout the month of June.

Students, Families and Parishioners are welcome to make donations of winter clothing
items, toiletries and non-perishable food.

Please place your items in the tent inside the foyer of the church.

Thank you for supporting the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers.



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Stars of the week

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

PBL

Levi for demonstrating respect during the Sacred Heart Mass this week. You set a great example! Keep it up!

Willow thank you listening carefully to the steps that you need to follow to complete your activities. You are a superstar at following instructions and completing your work neatly. Well done!

Alexander for always having a go and sharing your ideas during class discussions. I really love hearing your ideas! Keep it up!

PGO

Abi thank you for the respect you show your teachers and friends by being a wonderful listener in Prep GO. We also love listening to you when you share your thoughts and ideas with us. Too cool for school!

Lenny you are so wonderful challenging yourself in your reading and writing and number activities. We love the enthusiasm you show in your learning and thank you for showing understanding and patience with your friendships.

Patrick we are so happy to welcome you back into Prep GO after your big holiday. It is so wonderful to share our days with you at school and thank you for making good choices about how to work with your learning partners. Such a superstar!

PJL

Lila for being a kind and hardworking member of Prep JL. Thank you for always following instructions and giving your very best to learning each day. Thank you for spreading kindness and making your classmates feel loved and supported. We are so lucky to have you. Keep shining brightly.

Sophie for being a superstar learner and a great friend. Thank you for giving your very best to learning each day. You take so much pride in your work and challenge yourself. Well done on always adding extra detail to your learning. Your love of learning and excitement for school shines in our classroom. Thank you for being a supportive and kind friend to your classmates. Keep shining brightly!

1HM

Georgia D - for your welcoming smile and your growth mindset with all your learning tasks. Keep up the amazing learning Georgia!

Enrico- for taking responsibility for your learning in Writing. Keep up the growth mindset! You should be really proud.

1JV

To **Hamish** for his attention, questioning, enthusiasm and all round amazing behaviour at our Bundoora Park excursion, well done!

To **Hannah** for her resilience shown when presented with challenging tasks in the classroom, you are a superstar!

1SI

Gisele - 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!

Dante - For pushing himself in Mathematics and completing extra tasks on his own. Great job, Dante! Keep it up!

2JG

Ellie for always being a kind, caring and supportive member of the class. You put so much effort into your work each day. You constantly display the SMOT vales of responsibility, fairness and kindness. Keep shining bright!

Marco for always participating in classroom discussions. You always give everything a go and share your thinking with the class. You have an amazing positive outlook. It has been wonderful to see you grow in Term 2.

2MO

Amy for making gains with your learning especially with your writing. You have such a positive attitude. You work hard to improve and have an amazing growth mindset. You should be really proud!

Isabelle for always being a happy class member. You show kindness and respectful behaviour. You are an amazing role model for your peers. Keep on shining bright Isabelle!

2RO

Jack - for working hard to improve your handwriting. Keep challenging yourself Jack. Well done!

Senara - for always working hard and having a positive attitude towards your learning. Well done Senara!

3CJ

Jack for your great effort in editing your writing and for your interesting retell of Bunjil. Keep up the good work.

Georgia for your good planning and interesting beginning to your Dreamtime story about your clan animal, the emu. You are a persistent learner who always tries her best. You are a star!

3KR

Joseph for demonstrating his understanding in different math topics. Your confidence continues to grow each day, keep it up!

Freddie for seeking feedback and working hard on his dreamtime narrative, keep up the great work!

3LA

Alexzander: for demonstrating fantastic listening skills and regularly participating in class discussions. Keep it up Alexzander!

Ethan: for being a respectful, responsible and conscientious member of 3LA. You are a superstar Ethan!

4EP

To **Alessia**, thank you for being a kind and caring member of 4EP. You are always one of the first to offer help to your peers and teachers. Keep it up!

To **Sebastian**, for showing great enthusiasm when completing your math work. You are always willing to share your strategies with your peers. Keep up the great work!

4JR

To **Noah** for working hard to improve your handwriting. Keep challenging yourself Noah. Well done!

To **Orla** for the focus and dedication you apply to all areas of your learning. Your hard work is paying off and you are making gains with your learning especially with your Maths! Keep up the amazing work!

5SM

To **Jack** for taking more responsibility for your learning and being an enthusiastic learner, especially in maths.

To **Joseph** for showing great dedication to your learning whilst also showing positivity and good humour.

5ZW

Sachin, 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.

To **Amelia**, for always displaying enthusiasm towards your work. You are a role model in the classroom. Keep up the great work.

6BM

To **Sophie** for planning, revising, editing and publishing two outstanding persuasive writing pieces on technology replacing pens and paper and the appropriateness of wearing school uniforms.

To **Jake** for showing more initiative when working on tasks, both in groups and individual tasks.

6RV

To **Juliette**, for consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic. You approach every task with enthusiasm and determination, inspiring your peers to do the same. Keep up the great work Juliette!

To **Jack N**, for the great effort you have put into following and displaying our SMOT values, both in the classroom and out on the yard. Keep up the great effort Jack!

ABC-Music Program

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

At ABC Music, we're passionate about nurturing well-rounded students, and our music program plays a key role in that mission. From learning to play the guitar to mastering the piano, our students are immersed in the wonderful world of music, and the benefits are truly remarkable. Research shows that music education can significantly enhance a child's cognitive development, academic performance, and overall well-being. When students engage with music, they sharpen their focus, improve their memory, and develop enhanced problem-solving skills – qualities that undoubtedly translate into academic success.

ENROL ONLINE DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS / ONLINE ENROLMENTS CLOSE 1ST WEEK OF THE TERM

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS



ABC Music Group
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We provide a range of musical instruments to learn, but this will differ from school to school. However, Keyboard and Guitar lessons are offered in all the schools we teach.

- Students can enrol for group, paired or private lessons
- Lessons are 30 min long every week during the school term
- We supply keyboards/guitars/drums for lessons (other instruments to be supplied by the student)
- Students progress reports are provided in term 2 and term 4
- Students concerts/performances run in term 4
- YES *We can prepare students for AMEB Exams!
- New students are required to purchase a music book on enrolment, the book will be delivered in class
- Instrument hire or purchase is available via our website
- Enrolment is on a subscription basis, and fees are charged every 3 months (once per term) via direct debit

Enrol Online on our Website www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enroll-now/

Save the Date

ST MARTIN OF TOURS
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION



SAVE
the
DATE

SMOT
FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Parish News

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal 2024

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The Lions Club of Heidelberg -Warringal in conjunction with The Lions Cancer Foundation are conducting free Skin Cancer checking by Dermatologist.

Date: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June 9.00am - 3.30pm

Venue: Charles La Trobe College 235 Kingsbury Drive, Macleod

Ph: 0414 780 234 for an appointment or just drop in.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS: Sr Maria is available for home visits on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For an appointment call 9401 6338 or email Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

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 at Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

During the 10am Sunday Mass, all primary school children are welcome to attend.

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DONATION POINT TAP TERMINAL IN THE MAIN CHURCH FOYER

The Donation Point Tap Terminal is available for use again, with new features. It is situated in the main foyer of the Church and 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 **\$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20** per tap. Simply select the amount you wish to donate and tap your card. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS - PARISH OF MACLEOD



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

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.smot.org.au FACEBOOK @Smot Parish

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

Fr Michael O'Connell
Parish Priest

Sr. Maria Bui
Pastoral Associate
Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Parish Secretary
macleod@cam.org.au

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

St Martin of Tours School
School Principal
Angela Lacey
principal@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au

Tel. 8458 7500

PARISH GROUPS

Parish Pastoral Council
Marianne Love (Chair)
Ph 9401 6338

Child Safeguarding Committee

Sandra Ryan
Robert Broadbent
Parish Office Team
Ph 9401 6338

Communion to the Sick

Ph 9401 6338

St Vincent de Paul Helpline
1800 305 330

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th & 16th June 2024

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel (Mk 4:26-34)

If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.

Jesus uses this example from everyday observation to teach about the growth of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realizing it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life of faith and in your friendships and give thanks.

In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature.

This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'.

Intercom, a Catholic Pastoral & Liturgical Resource June 2024

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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Our Billy G's Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser has now finished! Thanks to your support we sold a total of 442 tubs of irresistible gourmet cookie dough, raising \$1,768 toward our 2024 fundraising goal. Congratulations to our highest fundraiser - Matilda S in 5ZW who sold a whopping 56 tubs!

The cookie dough tubs and incentive prizes will be delivered to the school on Wednesday 26 June - keep an eye out for more information about dough-livery day!

Rank	Name	Group	Tubs Sold
1st	Matilda S	5ZW	56 Tubs
2nd	Lolly W	PBL	37 Tubs
3rd	Sophie H	PJL	30 Tubs

We have commenced planning for our **SMOT FAMILY FUN DAY** to be held on **Sunday 20th October**. Please save the date in your calendar and keep an eye out for further details to be announced soon.

If there are any businesses that would be interested in sponsoring or providing a donation for the event, please email smotpfa@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au.

2024 Term 2 Events

15 May	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Starts
12 Jun	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends
26 Jun	Cookie Dough Delivery

ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2024!

OUR GOAL \$25,000

Our Last Event Was:
Cookie Dough Fundraiser

We Raised: **\$1,768**

Total Raised To Date: **\$13,561.37**

Raised Funds Will Go Toward:
Junior Sandpit Upgrade and Shade Sails
House Colour Marquees

Thank you for your support!

BEANIE FUNDRAISER

Beat the frosty winter mornings!!
Help raise funds for our School while keeping your head warm and looking stylish!

Order your St. Martin of Tours School beanie today!

\$20

Beanies can be ordered via the PFA Website (<http://smotpfa.weebly.com>) until the end of Term 2.

Beanies will be sent home via the blue tubs. Please allow 2-3 business days to receive your order.

Calendar of Events

TERM 2 2024

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

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 10 th – 14 th Jun 15th - 16th Jun Eucharist Preparation Mass	King's Birthday Public Holiday	School Closure Day	PFA Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends		School Tour 9.30am Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 6
Week 10 17 th – 21 st Jun				4EP Class Mass	Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 7
Week 11 24 th – 28 th Jun		School Tour 9.30am	PFA Cookie Dough Fundraiser Delivery Year 3 Excursion	4HV Class Mass Inquiry Learning Showcase	Last Day of Term 2 1pm Finish

TERM 3 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 15 th – 19 th Jul	School Closure Day	Students return Term 3 PFA Pie Drive Begins		4JR Class Mass	Year 4 Eucharist Retreat Day
Week 2 22 nd – 26 th Jul 27th - 28th Jul Sacrament of Eucharist	1JV Class Mass	PFA Meeting 7pm			Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 1

Further dates will be shared in the next newsletter

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 CLOSURE DAYS

*Monday 15th July - Staff Professional Learning

Monday 4th November - Report Writing

Monday 2nd December - Planning for 2025

SACRAMENTS

Eucharist - Year 4

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

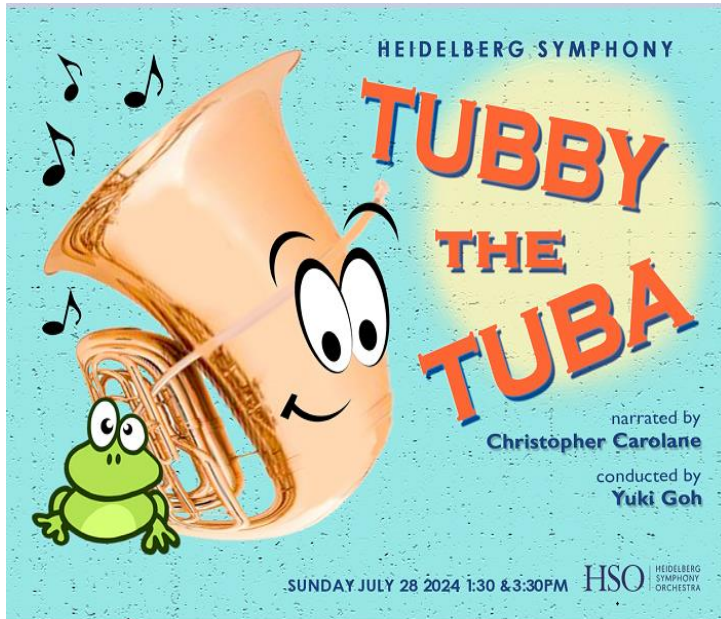
Tuesday 29th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Year 4 Camp

Tuesday 8th October - Wednesday 9th October

Community News

Please click on the images for further information



HEIDELBERG SYMPHONY

TUBBY THE TUBA

narrated by Christopher Carolane
conducted by Yuki Goh

SUNDAY JULY 28 2024 1:30 & 3:30PM

HSO HEIDELBERG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Tubby the Tuba

Music by George Kleinsinger & lyrics by Paul Tripp

Narrated by Christopher Carolane
Conducted by Yuki Goh

Heidelberg Symphony's ever popular Children's Concerts are back in 2024 to tell the heartwarming tale of *Tubby the Tuba*! This classic story famously narrated by actor Danny Kaye, has won the hearts of children and adults all over the world and has been translated into over 30 languages.

Come and meet all the instruments of the orchestra and follow the journey of Tubby; a lonely little tuba that just wants to be like everyone else who finds his own special voice with help from an unlikely friend.

Fun for the whole family and suitable for children of all ages, join HSO a for a joyous afternoon of music and storytelling!

Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment, both sessions will sell fast!

Sunday 28 July 2024 1:30pm & 3:30pm

Each concert runs for approximately 50 minutes

Performing Arts Centre
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School
Noel St, Ivanhoe VIC

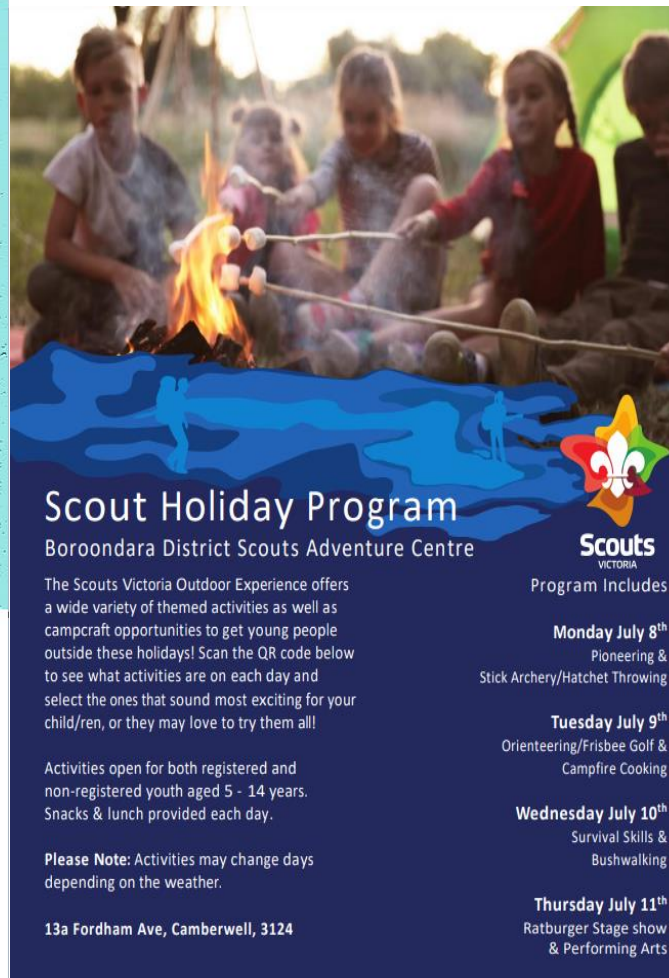
All tickets: \$16 each

Tickets are transferable but not refundable. No restriction on the number of tickets purchased.

Bookings:

PH: (03) 9005 1792

info@heidelberg-symphony.com.au

Scout Holiday Program

Boroondara District Scouts Adventure Centre

The Scouts Victoria Outdoor Experience offers a wide variety of themed activities as well as campcraft opportunities to get young people outside these holidays! Scan the QR code below to see what activities are on each day and select the ones that sound most exciting for your child/ren, or they may love to try them all!

Activities open for both registered and non-registered youth aged 5 - 14 years. Snacks & lunch provided each day.

Please Note: Activities may change days depending on the weather.

13a Fordham Ave, Camberwell, 3124

Program Includes

- Monday July 8th**
Pioneering & Stick Archery/Hatchet Throwing
- Tuesday July 9th**
Orienteering/Frisbee Golf & Campfire Cooking
- Wednesday July 10th**
Survival Skills & Bushwalking
- Thursday July 11th**
Ratburger Stage show & Performing Arts



For bookings and more information contact our School Holiday Program Team 03 8543 9818

Scan the QR code to register
<https://www.trybooking.com/CSLJ>

scoutsvictoria.com.au | 1800 SCOUTS

Book Today!
From \$100 per day
Programs run from
9am - 4pm



Salutegenics
presents

Parent Workshop

Understanding Resilience

Sessions

Monday 3rd June 2024

7pm – 9pm

(registration, tea/coffee & light supper from 6.30pm)

\$65.00

Clocktower Centre
Moonee Ponds

In this 2 hour Parent Workshop: **Understanding Resilience**, we will explore the principles of resilience and how we can help our children develop this vital skill; advancing despite adversity.

We will discuss dysregulation, the RESET button, anxiety, and the concept of how brains are shaped by our experiences.

Sessions

Tuesday 18th June 2024

7pm – 9pm

(registration, tea/coffee & light supper from 6.30pm)

\$65.00

NEC Hangar
Tullamarine

As part of this workshop, you will receive a comprehensive workbook packed with practical strategies and insights, valuable resources to enhance your knowledge and a certificate of attendance upon completion.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enrich your skills and knowledge.

Register Now

For further information or to register for your preferred date:

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National Mind Health Consultants

Maria Ruberto is a Psychologist and Founder & Director of Salutegenics. With over 30 years of clinical experience, consultant to helldriven.com, Beyond Blue and reachout.com.

Maria is a research partner to Southern Cross University and Swinburne University and co-designer of Resilience First Aid – nationally accredited resilience program



WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 1st July to Friday 12th July
- Excluding weekends



We are excited to be back for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including lots of Sports, awesome games & **MUCH MORE**



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It's not too late to join NAB AFL Auskick.
Try it out - 5 weeks and exclusive goodies for \$55!

Scan the QR code to find a centre near you!



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EURO2024 PROGRAM EDITION

WINTER SOCCER

School Holiday Program

Heidelberg Eagles Soccer Club

July 8th, 9th & 10th • 9AM to 3PM
Girls & Boys • 5 to 15 years old



Soccer skills
Game mindset
Quiz
EURO2024
Comp + Highlights
Daily prizes



Early bird discount \$20

REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 17th
PROMO-CODE: 'EAGLES'

0450 043 150

admin@heidelberg eagles.com.au

James Reserve - Heidelberg Heights

Hawks Holiday Camps

<p>BOYS & GIRLS</p> <p>MINI HAWKS CAMP</p> <p>5-10yrs Beginners Camp 9am - 12pm</p> <p>\$45</p> <p>TUESDAY JUL 2</p>	<p>BOYS & GIRLS</p> <p>DOMESTIC CAMP</p> <p>7-12yrs EDJBA PLAYERS 1pm - 4pm</p> <p>\$45</p> <p>TUESDAY JUL 2</p>	<p>BOYS & GIRLS</p> <p>HAWKS NEXT LEVEL</p> <p>NATHAN CROSSWELL</p> <p>WEST MELBOURNE UNITED ACADEMY HEAD COACH</p> <p>10-15yrs Skill Development & Decision Making 9am - 12pm</p> <p>\$60</p> <p>WEDNESDAY JUL 3</p>	<p>GIRLS ONLY</p> <p>ALL GIRLS CAMP</p> <p>5-12yrs Mini Hawks & Domestic Players 1pm - 4pm</p> <p>\$45</p> <p>WEDNESDAY JUL 3</p>
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All Camps at NETS Stadium, 2 Somers Ave, Macleod
For registration enquiries: info@banyulehawks.com.au

Register Now!

banyulehawks.com.au/hawks-holiday-camps



SCAN TO REGISTER