



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



The Cloak – Edition 114

6th September 2024

Principal's News



Dear Parents,

There are just two weeks to go until the end of Term Three, which seems unbelievable! There is still much to happen in these weeks and at the start of the next term too.

I am writing to inform you that for the first week of Term Four, I will be on an overseas trip with other Principals from the Eastern Region. We are travelling to Spain to complete part of The Camino, the religious pilgrimage of St James. I will have much to share with you about the experience when I return.

Marita Anderson is taking some LSL at the start of the term, so Jamie Atherton will be Acting Principal in Week One.

[YEAR THREE RECONCILIATION - COMMITMENT MASSES THIS WEEKEND](#)

The Year Three students and their families are invited to attend Mass on Saturday night or Sunday morning to commit to preparing for their Reconciliation program. We look forward to this and the celebrations early next term.

[MACSSIS](#)

Thank you to those who have already completed the MACSSIS Survey. This data is important for our Annual Action Plan each year. Please send through a screenshot to show your completed survey to go into the draw to win one of four \$50 Rebel Sport vouchers!

The Survey closes on Friday 20 September, the end of the term.

[YEAR FOUR CAMP - OCTOBER](#)

In the first week back next term, the Year Four students will be heading to Camp overnight in the city from Tuesday to Wednesday. This is a great experience for them in terms of the venues they visit and a personal development step as they self manage, adjusting to being away from home.

[SPORT UPDATE](#)

In the next few weeks, we have the Mixed Netball State Final, Division Athletics and a Softball Round Robin Day. It's wonderful to see the students enjoying these opportunities.

We look forward to hearing the results, however, I always remind students that it isn't the win that matters, it is about the team, playing fairly and doing your best. We have watched the Olympics and seen some athletes who have been training for years miss out on a race or medal. This is where perspective and resilience are important personal qualities.

We wish all those involved all the very best!

PFA EVENTS

A HUGE thanks to Michelle Don Paul and all the volunteers for assisting with the set up, sales and pack up at the Father's Day Stall last week. I'm sure all Dads and special people loved receiving their presents on Sunday!

It was also great to hear that 60 Dads caught up socially last Friday night. These gatherings help people to get to know each other in and across year levels. Thanks to the sub committee for their organisation and efforts!

Zooper Dooper Days are back on Tuesdays! Please see the PFA section for how to pay for these.

The Disco is to be held during the day on Wednesday 18 September. Please book your child in and pay for this via the link in the PFA Newsletter.

SCHOOL REVIEW VISIT

Our Reviewer, David Allibon, visited the school on Wednesday to discuss his review and the direction options we have. Once the overarching plan is written, we will share the goals with you.

CLASS MASSES

Please note that the days and dates for Class Masses have been included in the Diary Dates. Please check your child's class as some of these may have changed. Teachers will send you an alert approximately three weeks prior to the Mass so you can change work if you would like to attend.

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!

CLOSURE DAYS

Our Closure Dates for the rest of the year are: **Mon 4 November and Mon 2 December.**

Please note these on your calendar.

TEETH ON WHEELS

The 'Teeth on Wheels' offer has been a popular program to support student dental health. It is great that schools and families can be supported in their children's health. This will commence next week.

It has been a busy fortnight, so I hope you all have a relaxing weekend! God bless.

Angela Lacey

PRINCIPAL

GOSPEL REFLECTION - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 7:31-37)

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

This Sunday's reading is the story of the healing of the deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus healed him with the word 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' Although Jesus told the man not to tell others about it, he couldn't help himself and was amazed at Jesus' power.

Next Thursday is RUOK? Day. This is an important reminder to check in with others, to be a support for those experiencing tough times. It shouldn't be a one day occurrence; we need to be aware of others every day!

Is there someone you can reach out to, to 'Be open' to them personally and give time and empathy to their needs? Then we are truly being a neighbour to others. Regular check ins are better than one offs, and going deeper may help unpack a problem with some positive outcomes for a friend.

We have the reminder, now let's 'Be open'!



Sports Report

For the past four weeks, Graham from La Trobe University Hockey Club has been visiting St. Martin's to impart his hockey expertise and teach our Year 4 and Year 5 students essential skills. Under his guidance, the students have learned fundamental techniques such as push passing, dribbling, and shooting, as well as how to properly hit the ball and hold the hockey stick. His skillful coaching has been highly insightful and has significantly improved the students' hockey abilities. We are grateful for the time and effort he has dedicated to the students and hope that his contributions will inspire continued growth and enthusiasm for the sport.



School Advisory Council Members

Please click on the image for further information

ST MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS 2024



Joiebelle Zakanj

Chair

Name: Joiebelle Zakanj

Names and Classes of your children: Mila Year 4, Layla Prep 2025

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

I'm a risk manager and this contributes to the SAC with a governance and compliance lens. I wanted to be part of the SAC to get a deeper understanding of the way the school runs and meet other parents.



Carla Ting

Name: Carla Ting

Parent to three daughters, two of which are in high school (years 7 and 9) and one who is currently in grade 2 at SMOT.

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

I've been a member of the SAC since 2018. I joined because I see active participation in school committees as a chance to enhance my children's school experiences, foster enduring relationships, and contribute to the development of our school community. In my professional life, I operate a consulting business specialising in bookkeeping and administrative support services. The challenges of business have sharpened my problem-solving skills, enabling me to collaborate effectively with others to seek practical solutions.



Adam Boyce

Name: Adam Boyce

Names and Classes of your children in: Harvey 3KR and Evelyn 1SI

Your work / job title- Deputy Ombudsman - Public Transport Ombudsman

Relevant Skills and Experience: I have a legal background. Areas of practice include Equal Opportunity, Anti Discrimination, Employment Law and Child Safety. I spent 8 years (2016-2024) at La Trobe University overseeing Student Conduct, Student Events, and Safer Community Functions as Director, Student Life.

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

I wanted to positively contribute to the school community and take an active role in my children's education. I am limited in being able to participate in school activities during office hours due to work commitments. SAC has provided an opportunity to positively contribute to the school environment around my commitments. I have really enjoyed getting a better understanding of the great work and programs the staff undertake to support our children.



Sebastian Zita

Name: Sebastian Zita

My name is Sebastian, and as the President of the St Martin's Panthers Basketball Club, being part of the School Advisory Council (SAC), means that I am able to enhance community connections between the school and basketball club. In doing so, I am able to continue to promote social connections, inclusion as well as physical and mental wellbeing for those involved in both the School and Basketball Club.

Additionally, the SAC creates opportunities to work collaboratively with the parish, educational leaders and the wider school community. My involvement in the SAC provides a platform to inform and support the decisions made by the Principal and Parish; such decisions include but are not limited to, decisions relating to the wellbeing of students, school improvement, budget and master planning.



Karen McCann

Name: Karen McCann

Names and Classes of your children: Bethany (Year 8 OLMC) Andy (Grade 6) and Emmy (Grade 1)

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

I'm a teacher at Santa Maria College in Northcote. I wanted to be on the SAC so I could make a contribution to our school by working with staff and other SAC members to bring about positive changes. I have been a member of the SAC for 2.5 years and have found it to be a very rewarding experience.



Kelly Nolan

Name: Kelly Nolan

Hello all. I am a parent of three kids, Poppy in grade 5 and Will in grade 3 (both at St Martins) and Maggie our 4 year old cavoodle.

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

I have been on the SAC since 2021. I joined as a way to participate in the school and help contribute to the community. We are so lucky to have so many amazing teachers at the school and I think the connection between families and the school is really important. Feel free to come and chat if you have any ideas about our school that you think might be good to raise through our SAC.



Rachel Kirkham

Name: Rachel Kirkham

I have two daughters: Sidney, in Grade 3 and Zoe, who will commence Prep in 2025.

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

Rachel is a family lawyer who joined the SAC to give back to the school and its community. Rachel and her family love St Martin's for its great family and community spirit.



Maria Vukovic

Name: Maria Vukovic

Names and Classes of your children:

Eva - Grade 4

Felix - Year 7

Your connection to St Martin's:

I was a former St Martin's student and graduated from grade 6 in 1990!

Why did you want to be on the SAC?

I'm an Engineer and AI Scientist having trained in electrical engineering and now working in simulation systems engineering.

I am passionate about STEM and analytical skills but also passionate about foundational reading and writing skills. I joined the SAC to try and help with school-parent communication strategies; this has been getting better since the school introduced Compass. I enjoy giving back to the wonderful school community and look forward to helping the SAC where needed.



Jenelle Heffernan

Name: Jenelle Heffernan

I am a Senior Forensic Biological Scientist at Victoria Police. I currently have children in grade 4 and 5.

I have joined the SAC to strengthen my ties with the school, form relationships with the staff and families and have a positive impact on my children's primary education.

I am an innovative, organised and hardworking individual and I believe that as a member of the school council I will be able to contribute to the governance of the school and enhance the educational opportunities of the staff and students.



Kate Kelly

Name: Kate Kelly

My name is Kate Kelly and I am a proud parent of three sons, one in Grade 5 and two at secondary school.

Aside from being a mum, I am also a primary school teacher.

During our family's 11 years association with the school, we have valued the strong sense of community at St Martin of Tours. This has led to my involvement with both the Parents and Friends Association and the School Advisory Council. Being a member of the SAC has been rewarding in many ways such as contributing to discussions in support of children's learning, policy development and promoting community engagement.



Angela Lacey

Principal



Marita Anderson

Deputy Principal



Fr Michael O'Connell

Parish Priest

ST MARTIN OF TOURS PFA PRESENTS

SCHOOL DISCO

Featuring: Bop Till You Drop

Wednesday 18th September 2024

\$5 ENTRY!

Includes Zooper Dooper and Glowsticks

Purchase tickets at <http://smotpfa.weebly.com/>



Student Wellbeing

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Present Dads, Healthy Kids

TIME is the single most important ingredient in our relationships, especially when it comes to dads and their children.

The research is compelling—kids need their dads. The more a dad is present and involved in his children's lives in a positive way, the better the outcomes for them. Fathers make unique and direct contributions to their children's wellbeing, from better physical health to more prosperity. Children with involved dads are smarter (they have higher IQs!) and more prosperous. They also have a better sense of self-esteem and grow up with more self-control, confidence, and self-worth.

Additionally, it's better for Dad!

Dads who spend time with their kids are more likely to be satisfied with their lives, feel less psychological distress, and have more empathy. They also have a greater sense of self, feel greater general wellbeing, and have more happiness in their relationships. And when a father is emotionally involved with his children, it acts as a buffer against work-related stresses.

It's important to acknowledge that not all children have the privilege of a safe and supportive father figure, and many single parents do an exceptional job raising their children independently. Regardless of family structure, the most important factor is a loving and nurturing environment where children feel safe and valued.

However, if you're a dad who has the opportunity to be involved in your child's life, embrace it. The impact you have on your child's development is profound and lasting.

The Quest for Independence and Identity

"A lot of parents will do anything for their children, except let them be themselves." — BANKSY

This quote hits home for many of us. We all want the best for our kids, but sometimes our efforts to guide them can stifle their individuality. While setting boundaries is essential (think veggies, homework, and bedtime), too much control can backfire.

Revel in Rebellion

Setting limits on our children's behaviour is a natural part of parenting, but it's important to strike a balance between limits and control. Our kids are wired to test boundaries, and that's actually a good thing! Their defiance is often a sign of a healthy desire for autonomy and independence.

Yes, our children's defiance can be inconvenient or even frustrating, but research suggests that those so-called "strong-willed" children often develop stronger self-reliance and well-being later in life. So, if you find yourself parenting a little rebel, take heart – their spirited nature is likely a positive sign of their growth and development.

Be their Safety Net, not their Sherpa

Think of your child's journey as a mountain they need to climb. It's tempting to try to pave the path for them, but they need to scramble, stumble, and figure things out on their own. Your job is to be their safety net, not their Sherpa.

Our role isn't to control, but to guide. By offering a safe space to push against, we empower our children to flourish and become their most authentic selves.

The Identity Quest

The quest to find out who we really are begins early and lasts a lifetime. Letting children be themselves means fostering self-understanding, discovering passions, promoting independent thinking, and allowing autonomy to shape their identity and decisions. Children need the freedom to make choices – even mistakes – to discover who they truly are.

What Lights You Up?

Have you noticed that your child is energised by some things but completely uninterested in others? Each of our children has unique talents, strengths, and gifts. Helping them discover those things that spark delight and enthusiasm, and developing those things over time, will help them discover themselves.

Stars of the week

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

PBL

Well done **Rafael** for being an engaged learner and for showing your interest in learning each day. We love hearing your knowledge in class discussions. Keep up the great work Rafa!

Congratulations **Abram** for working so hard on your writing! You have been so motivated to write lots of ideas and you have been so excited to share them with me. Well done Abram!

PGO

Alessia we are so proud to see you challenging yourself in your learning activities last week! It was also wonderful to see you showing kindness to your friends in the classroom. You are a super star!

Abi thank you for being a wonderful learner! You try your best when completing your activities and listen carefully to feedback from your teachers to challenge yourself in your learning. Keep shining brightly in Prep GO!

Thankyou **Emily** for showing a positive attitude to your learning and the confidence to have a go when you are challenged with your activities. We also love when you share your ideas in class with us because they are so interesting. Such a superstar!

Charlotte thankyou for being such a super dooper learner. We are so proud of how you always try your best in everything that you do. Keep being a wonderful role model in Prep GO!

PJL

Ivy for being so dedicated to your learning! You challenge yourself every day and are self-motivated. You are so excited by learning and show pride in yourself. Thank you for bringing kindness, support and love into the classroom each day. Keep up the amazing work!

Javier for being a proud and enthusiastic learner. I am so happy to see how much you love learning new things and strengthening your skills. It is so great to see you being excited about what you are achieving in your learning. Thank you for putting so much effort into everything that you do. Keep being proud of yourself and keep up the amazing learning!

1HM

Lincoln for trying so hard with your Writing! It has been so fabulous to see you writing out the sounds that you can hear and having a go at writing unfamiliar words. Well done on these achievements Lincoln!

Kennedy for recognising different phonemes in many different words and connecting to her learning of Literacy. It is so wonderful to see you make these connections Kennedy and apply them to your understanding of spelling in your Writing. Well done on these amazing efforts!

1SI

Kinzie - for arriving this morning calm and focused, ready to start the day with a positive attitude and eagerness to learn. Keep up the fantastic work!

Sid- for taking responsibility for your learning and always trying your best. Well done Sid!

2JG

Liam, you have been working really hard to improve your bookwork. Your efforts are to be congratulated.

2MO

Agata for using the split strategy to solve two digit subtraction number sentences and showing all your working out neatly. Keep it up!

Sebastian for 'bumping up' your information report on 'Spring' by adding more detail to it. You're a star!

2RO

Mae - for your persuasive writing about why people should learn to cook. You gave some compelling reasons. Well done Mae!

Rohan - for your thoughtful reflection on where you see Spirit filled people. Well done Rohan!

3CJ

Ava for your outstanding initiative and commitment to keeping up with your class work. Keep up the amazing attitude! You're a STAR!

Gabriel for your enthusiasm and valuable contributions to class discussions. Your energy and insights enrich our learning, and we are grateful for your active participation. Keep it up!

3KR

Samuel for collaborating with a friend and persisting with a challenging coordinates task to complete a drawing of a robot.

Arthur for his great listening during our first aid course and perfectly demonstrating the recovery position with his partner

3LA

Archie: for showing excellent focus during learning time and independently completing all tasks at his desk. Keep it up Archie!

Eva: for completing work within the given time frame and thoughtfully implementing feedback to improve! Well done Eva!

4EP

To **Maddison**, for showing responsibility in ensuring that you have your learning tools ready to help you focus in the classroom. Keep it up!

To all of **4EP**, for the amazing explanation reports you have written and presented about the rock cycle or water cycle! You all have showed great resilience and care when creating these. Keep it up!

4HV

To **Victoria** for trying her best during Mathematics lessons and having a positive and resilient attitude. Great work, Victoria!

To **Jacob** for writing an interesting, informative and engaging information report on volleyball. You made it very clear on what volleyball is, how it is played and how it started. Keep up the great work, Jacob!

4JR

To **Ariel** for growing in confidence when sharing your learning. It is wonderful to see your positivity and persistence each day!

To **Jude** for the amazing way you present your work. Your handwriting is exceptional! Keep it up!

5SM

To **Charlie**, for showing great dedication to your learning, both at home and at school. Take a moment to celebrate all of your hard work!

To **Mia**, for demonstrating a positive mindset towards mathematics. You should be so proud of your efforts!

6BM

Grace for always having a positive mindset when completing a learning task and always willing to help others. Keep up the amazing work Grace!

Pana for showing great determination in your learning and willingness to support others, in particularly with maths tasks.

6RV

Blake - Demonstrating determination and resilience in improving in all areas of your learning. Keep up the great effort Blake!

Mikaela - For showing great determination in your learning and having a growth mindset. Keep up the great work Mikaela!

Parish News

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. This weekend we recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

Renewal of our parish commitment to safeguarding children and young people and vulnerable adults will be formally recognised at all Masses this weekend with the signing of our Commitment Statement by Fr Michael as Parish Priest, on behalf of the parish. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Learn more about online safety

The eSafety Commissioner has advice to help parents and carers be positive role models and keep young people safer online.

Advice and support for parents and carers about how they can help protect children online can be found at thinkuknow.org.au, an AFP-led education program designed to prevent online child exploitation.

For online safety information for parents and carers, visit: www.eSafety.gov.au/parents

For advice on how to set parental controls across home wi-fi, devices, software and more, visit: www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/parental-controls

For online safety information for children under 12, visit: www.eSafety.gov.au/kids

For online safety information for young people, visit: www.eSafety.gov.au/young-people

For resources for parents, carers and for educators, visit: www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers

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.

RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2024/2025

RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and RCIC—Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. We warmly welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith for yourself or for your children/grandchildren. This process is in progress **in the Parish House**. If you are interested, please come and explore.

Please contact Sr Maria or Fr Michael for more information and to register your interest. Please see Fr Michael or Sr Maria for further information

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

SMOT YOUTH PROGRAM 2024 – SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 11.30 AM.

The gathering will be held at Crust Pizza, Lower Plenty Road, Rosanna. Please confirm your attendance by contacting: Ethan Lewis at ethanlewis211@gmail.com OR 0432 880 612
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There will be No Mass on weekdays from 9th September to 5th October. Instead Liturgy of the Word and Communion will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays **at 9.15 am** as usual. Alternatively, you can attend Mass at 9.00 am Tuesday – Saturday at St Pius X Heidelberg, **419 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West.**

MARRIAGE BLESSING — Weekend 12/13th October – All married couples are invited to attend Masses for a special blessing. Couples celebrating their Special Wedding Anniversary this year (e.g. 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years) please contact the Parish office in advance if you want to receive a certificate from the Parish. After **10.00 am** Mass on Sunday 13th October there will be special morning tea in the GECCO to celebrate this event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-COMMUNION TO THE SICK MINISTRY!!

Are you free on Friday mornings to join the team who takes communion to the sick in the Parish? New members are urgently needed. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to participate in this important ministry.



ST MARTIN OF TOURS - PARISH OF MACLEOD



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

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

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Michael O'Connell
Parish Priest

Sr. Maria Bui
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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.

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PARISH GROUPS

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Communion to the Sick
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 7TH & 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024 CHILD SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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EXPLORING THE WORD - 23RD SUNDAY IN OT

The miracle in today's gospel is not wrought by the use of gestures alone. Placing his fingers in the ears and his own spittle on the tongue of the man produces no magic results by itself. To these gestures are added Jesus' gaze towards heaven, a sign of his union with God, and the commanding word of Jesus. It is this combination of the actions and the words of Jesus that produces the results. This man is now open to a whole new way of living in the world, no longer dependent on others but free to take his place in the community. The prophecy of Isaiah in today's first reading has been fulfilled. When the Lord comes, the ears of the deaf will be opened and the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. These are signs of the advent (coming) of the Messiah. In last week's gospel, Jesus had clashed with the religious leadership of Israel and their lack of understanding of who he is. In this text, however, we see that it is the Gentiles who recognise Jesus and are open to his message and ministry.

- * What message may Mark's audience have taken from this point? What message may we take from it?
- * What are the things of the world today that may cause people to fail to recognise Jesus?

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WELCOME !!! For the next three weekends we welcome Fr Tom Cleary SSC to lead our weekend Masses. We thank him for his care to our Community .

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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

It was a busy fortnight with all our Father's Day events. We hope all our SMOT fathers, grandfathers and loved ones had a lovely Father's Day. You were no doubt spoiled with some special gifts from the Father's Day Stall. Thank you to Michelle D.P. for running the stall and all the many volunteers who assisted with setup and the stall. The stall was a huge success with lots of excited and happy shoppers. We raised approximately \$2.6K from the stall and \$973 from the raffle.

Our Father's Social Night was also a great success, with a record number of approx. 60 dads in attendance. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to Gary, B. Luis, R. Joel, H. Justin, C and Emma, R. for their efforts in coordinating this event. The night raised \$350.50.

We were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day for re-commencing Zooper Dooper Tuesdays this week. There are still many spots available for volunteers next term. These spots are now open to all year levels. If you are able to spare 1/2hr between 1:50-2:20pm, please sign up to volunteer at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>.

Tickets are now on sale for our school disco to be held on Wednesday 18th September between 12:30-3:15pm. The disco will be run by Bop Till You Drop and will be split into two sessions: Prep-2 and 3-6. Tickets can be purchased via the PFA website at <https://smotpfa.weebly.com>.

2024 Term 3 Events

10 Sep	Zooper Doopers
17 Sep	Zooper Doopers
18 Sep	School Disco

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



Thank you for your support!

ST MARTIN OF TOURS
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

SMOT FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024
3:30PM - 6:30PM

PURCHASE YOUR KIDS PASSPORT AT:
[HTTPS://SMOTPFA.WEEBLY.COM](https://smotpfa.weebly.com)

BOUNCE CASTLE

FOOD TRUCKS

FACE PAINTING

SHOWBAGS

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STALLS

ENJOY THE WARMER WEATHER WITH
ZOOPER DOOPER TUESDAYS!

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.

\$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.

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St Martin of Tours
Stmartinoftours@oshclub.com.au

Newsletter

September 2024

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What's been happening...

Hi all!

Rise and shine program has been full of delicious breakfasts including fruit and yogurt, pancakes, croissants on a Friday, cereals and toast as well as having time to play a group game before we head off to school. Some of our favorite games this fortnight have been 'Night and the Musicum', Simon says and Charades.

Stay and Play program has allowed us to try many new fruits and vegetables that aren't usually on our fruit and veg platters. They have including sugar snap peas, celery, dragon fruit, grapefruit, blood orange and papaya. We can't wait till summer where more season fruit and vegetables will become available for us to try. We have also continued to have plenty of paper, textas, pencils, stencils and other craft materials such as popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners to allow for the students to express their creativity in such crafts. We have loved having the Hama beads out to create plenty of fun designs as well as playing outside every chance we get.

Our weekly competitions have been a hit with designing a crown and a Nintendo switch game being our designs for the past two weeks. Our winners of the crown competitions were Sidney.K, Stella.A and Hazel.B and the winners for the Nintendo switch game design was Xavier.C, Emma.B and Zoe. V. This week we are designing our own pair of basketball shoes and for our last competition for the term we will be designing our own AFL kit as we come up to the AFL finals season.

Have a great week
SMOT OSHC



Coming Up Fun days

13th
Sept

Spring

- Flower craft
- Afternoon tea picnic

20th
Sept

Last day of term 3

- Create snow globes
- Hama beads

Special Announcements

- Charlotte will be working at Banyule OSHC over the holidays
- We will be open from 1pm when school finishes on the last day of term Friday 20th September
- Please check enrolments to ensure that details are current and up to date especially emergency contacts, medical conditions, and general contact details.

Quality Area Reflection

Out come Area: 2.3 - I am becoming aware of fairness

Our focus recently has been on fairness. We have been playing group games and have also had competitions. For some students they are developing an understanding of sharing and fairness such as not everyone can win.



BSC 7:00AM – 9:00AM
ASC 3:00PM – 6:15PM
Phone Number: 0421751216

oshclub.com.au
1300 395 735

Calendar of Events

TERM 3 2024

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

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 2 nd – 6 th Sep 7 th - 8 th Sep Reconciliation Commitment Mass	<i>MACSSIS Survey Starts</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>First Aid In Schools Program (Prep-Year 6)</i>	<i>First Aid In Schools Program (Prep-Year 6)</i>	<i>PGO Class Mass</i>	<i>Year 6 Interschool Sport Round 7</i>
Week 9 9 th – 13 th Sep	<i>Teeth on Wheels</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>Teeth on Wheels</i>	<i>Banyule Divisional Athletics Carnival</i> <i>Teeth on Wheels</i>	<i>R U OK? Day</i>	
Week 10 16 th – 20 th Sep	<i>Year 3 and Year 4 Basket Supper Dance</i>	<i>Zooper Dooper Day</i> <i>Softball Round Robin Tournament</i>	<i>PFA School Disco</i> <i>State Netball Boys/Mixed State Finals</i>		<i>Last Day of Term 1pm Finish</i> <i>MACSSIS Survey Ends</i>

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 29 January (Staff Return) - 28 March

Term 2 15 April - 28 June

Term 3 15 July* - 20 September

Term 4 7 October - 17 Dec

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Monday 4th November - Report Writing

Monday 2nd December - Planning for 2025

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Year 3

Saturday 7th September - Reconciliation Commitment Mass or

Sunday 8th September - Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Tuesday 15th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation **3KR at 9.15am**

Tuesday 22nd October - Sacrament of Reconciliation **3LA at 9.15am**

Tuesday 29th October - Sacrament of Reconciliation **3CJ at 9.15am**

Year 4 Camp

Tuesday 8th October - Wednesday 9th October

Save the Date

Sunday 20th October - PFA Family Fun Day

Monday 11th November - St Martin's Feast Day Mass (Lead by 6BM) and Feast Day Activities

Monday 9th December - St Martin's Carols Night **Arrive at 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start**

Friday 13th December – End of Year Mass **at 9.15am**

Monday 16th December – Meet your 2025 Teacher

Tuesday 17th December – **End of Term 4 Students dismissed at 1pm**

Dates for Year 6 Families

Wednesday 4th December – Year 6 Excursion

Friday 6th December – Year 6 Graduation Mass **at 9.15am**

Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 Graduation Celebration **6.30pm- 9.30pm**

Friday 13th December – Farewell to Year 6 students **after 9.15am Mass**

Dates for Prep 2025 Families

Thursday 31st October – Prep 2025 Orientation session (1/3)

Tuesday 12th November – Prep 2025 Orientation session (2/3)

Friday 15th November – Prep 2025 Parent Welcome Dinner

Wednesday 20th November – Prep 2025 Orientation session (3/3)

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Term 1 28 January (Staff Return) - 4 April

Term 2 22 April - 4 July

Term 3 21 July - 19 September

Term 4 6 October - 19 Dec (TBC)

North East Link Works Update

Please click on the image for further information




Works Notification


Day and Night works in Watsonia, Macleod and Yallambie









September 2024

With tunnelling underway, we're starting work on the new Greensborough Road Boulevard.

What we'll be doing

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

 **Night works: 6pm to 6am Monday to Friday**

Where	When	Activity	What to expect
Greensborough Road (between Watsonia Road and Yallambie Road)	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tunnelling activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuous day and night shifts, seven days a week to support tunnelling activity
	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Soil sampling on Greensborough Road at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased deliveries for tunnel wall segmentsIntermittent lane closures on Greensborough Road at night
Winsor Reserve, Macleod	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transporting dirt and rock from the acoustic shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuous day and night shifts, seven days a week to support tunnelling activity
	 Throughout September		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased truck movements entering and exiting the acoustic shed
Greensborough Road (between Yallambie Road and Oban Way)	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building the vent tunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Night works
	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assembling a crane south of Blamey RoadBuilding the northern ventilation structureBuilding worker site facilitiesSoil sampling on Greensborough Road at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nighttime oversized deliveries to site via Greensborough and Blamey roadsGreensborough Road reduced to one lane in each direction at nightLeft-turning access only at Greensborough Road for Sydney Street and Strathallan Road while we work at night
Greensborough Road (between Oban Way and Lower Plenty Road)	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moving traffic barriers along Greensborough and Lower Plenty roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Greensborough Road reduced to one lane in each direction at night
	 Throughout September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Piling and excavation work to build tunnel wallsSteel fixing and concrete pours to build the main tunnel area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tunnel construction at night during the week including excavationDriveway restrictions at night along Greensborough Road. We will contact residents who are directly impactedNoise and light at nighttime

Please click on the images for further information



Obeying the law

Road rules, parking and traffic signs are there to protect the safety of all pedestrians and road users.

It is an offence to:

- Double park by stopping next to a legally parked vehicle, even for a short time or to drop off/pick up passengers.
- Stop or park across a driveway, footpath or dividing strip except when picking up or dropping off passengers.
- Stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection or corner that doesn't have traffic lights.
- Stop or park across or in a bus zone.

Council's Local Laws Officers regularly patrol streets and roads around Banyule schools at peak school times.

If you do not obey the road rules, parking and traffic signs, Council's Parking Enforcement Officers can and will issue fines.

If you have questions about restrictions, traffic control or enforcement, please contact us via email on enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au or dial 9490 4222.
www.banyule.vic.gov.au

Riding on footpaths

Banyule encourages our students to walk and cycle to school when they can. Children under 13 are allowed to ride on the footpath, as is anyone older that is accompanying the child.

The safe use of footpaths involves being mindful, respectful of others, and using your common sense.

When riding on footpaths:

- Ride at a relaxed speed.
- Give way to all pedestrians.
- Ride on the left unless it is impractical to do so.
- Pass on the right when sightlines are clear.
- Ring your bell or provide a friendly warning such as "passing on your right" about 30 metres before passing.
- Slow down and take care when passing to be able to stop quickly if necessary.



Safety around schools

CHILDREN CROSSING

A Banyule Road Safety Initiative



Introducing our guest speaker

Caterina Politi



Driven by a profound personal tragedy of the death of her son, David Cassai, who was killed in an unprovoked attack on NYE 2012, Caterina turned her grief into campaigning for violence prevention through **STOP. One Punch Can Kill.** Determined to ensure that no other family endures such pain, she has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the dangers of street and social violence and advocate for a change to community attitudes. Her efforts influenced law reform with the introduction of the Coward Punch Manslaughter Law, which carries a mandatory 10 year minimum.



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REASURE HUNT

ONE FAMILY WILL WIN \$2,000 IN SCHOOL FEES

Competition Closes: **Friday 6 September 2024**

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 tell us 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!

www.catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition



Bringing together women in the community to discuss health and wellbeing issues in a safe and supportive environment.

Tuesday 10th September 2024

- o 7:30pm in the Members Bar
- o \$15 for VC Members (incl spouse cards), or \$20 non members

RSVP essential

- o Via our Facebook Page.
- o Call Angela 0411 772 464 or Cris 0402 057 346,
- o email culture@venetoclub.com
- o See overleaf for all 2024 dates

HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAM



SEPTEMBER 23-24-25

9am to 3pm (EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE)

AGES 6-12 - BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

\$100/DAY OR \$250 FOR FULL 3 DAYS

(EARLYBIRD & FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)

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Kids Treasure Chest & Trinket Box



1.5hrs \$65 per person Ages 5+
Wednesday 25th September 10:30am-12:00pm

Kids Paint a Mug



1.5hrs \$65 per person Ages 5+
Friday 5th October 10:00-11:30am

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Doncaster Squadron Open Night

Monday 14th October, 7.00pm - 8.00pm
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Fun - Friendship - Aviation - Community Service - Leadership
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- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be studying yourself, have a child in school or starting school next year
- ✓ Get regular income (can be you or your partner)*
- ✓ Agree to join free online financial education workshops

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