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Catholic Schools



The Cloak – Edition 115

19th September 2024

Principal's News



Dear Parents,

The term has been busy but the last few weeks have flown by with so many events and activities happening for the students ~ Sports Gala Days and Finals, District Athletics, Discos, Footy Day, incursions etc. We all need the chance to rejuvenate for the final term ahead.

In the first week of next term when I am on leave, Jamie Atherton will be Acting Principal, so please address any queries you may have to him.

FOOTY DAY

TOMORROW is Footy Day! Students are encouraged to wear their footy colours. If your child has no AFL team affiliation, we encourage them to dress up in something related to the game. The children will participate in an active skills session on Bottom Yard as well as a variety of classroom activities.

All families are welcome to join us on top yard at the start of the day for a 30 min AFL parade from 8:45 - 9:20am.

YEAR THREE RECONCILIATION

The Year Three students and their families are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and we look forward to 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 vouchers!

The Survey closes on Friday 20 September, so you do have one more night to complete this!

YEAR FOUR CAMP - OCTOBER

On Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week back next term, the Year Four students will be heading to Camp overnight in the city. 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

Mixed Netball State Final ~

Congratulations to the Boys/Mixed Netball Team on making it to the SSV Netball Finals in the Boys/Mixed section. Whilst the team lost the semi final, they won two of their three games and played fairly and well together.

I would like to acknowledge every player in the team, who gave up break times to train, and who worked together so well as a team leading up to the Finals.

The students have done themselves proud, were greatly supported by their families (thank you to all those who were able to attend and support them), and had a wonderful coach in Sean Martin, who drew them together to perform their best in a sport in which some of them had never played! Thank you also to Sean Martin, for his time coaching at breaks and commitment to building a strong and skilled Netball team.

To be equal third in the State is a magnificent achievement and will be one of the students' great highlights of Year Six! **A superb team and Finals day ~ well done St Martin's!**

Division Athletics ~ A team of 24 students attended the Athletics day last week. Of these, 13 are going on to Regional level, including three relay teams, triple jump, long jump, high jump, hurdles, 200m and 100m. This is a phenomenal achievement.

Special mention of Zoe S (5SM) who will represent Victoria in Sydney later in the year in the U11 100m Sprint and the 4x100m relay. Congratulations!

Softball Gala Day ~ Well done to the Softball team who attended the Gala day this week. They learned a great deal and improved every game, so a great effort. Thank you to Brian Anderson and Sean Martin for their coaching throughout the day.

PFA EVENTS

The Disco yesterday was a fun way to finish off the term. Using the Undercroft carpark meant that there was more space to spread out and to have a break if the dancing or music noise was too much. Everyone had a fantastic time! Thank you to our DJ from 'Bop Til You Drop', Michelle Don Paul and the other volunteers, as well as the teachers who assisted with organisation and supervision.

The next BIG event will be the Family Fun Day in October, so please read the flyers and start to get organised for this community day.

OPENING OF THE OVAL NETS

It is great that we can now use the oval again, following the installation of the nets and better weather. Thank you to Jamie Atherton for the organisation of the grant application, and Official Opening on Monday morning. It was fabulous to have Mayor Tom Mullican present for the official proceedings. The safety of our equipment and that of the traffic on Greensborough Road is now much less of an issue! Thank you particularly to North East Link for the grant to complete this improvement.

BASKET SUPPER

A wonderful night was held on Monday at the Loyola College Ballroom (gym)! It was lovely to see the hard work of the students across the term come to fruition in such a positive way. It was a great chance for families to get together, and to have some fun. The students have come a long way in their skills and will always remember the dances and skills taught when at other formal occasions.

Special thanks to **Ken Marshall** for his dedication to teaching dance and for hosting the evening for us. In addition, many thanks to the staff for their assistance with setting up and packing up the venue, particularly the Level 3 and 4 teachers, Kellie Cumming, Marita Anderson, Gary Bendall and Jamie Atherton; to our Office team for their assistance with organisational aspects, and to the parents who helped on the night. Thanks to Jamie Atherton for his organisation of many aspects of the night with Ken, Loyola and for being the MC. I hope your children enjoyed the experience! There were probably a few tired students and feet of the parents after a Monday night out. Thank you for attending and supporting this activity.

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 Nov and Mon 2 Dec**. Please note these on your calendar.

FAMILY FUN DAY

When we return next term, the focus will be on coming together for our Family Fun Day. Preparations are almost complete, so please book your Passport and collect books and items for lucky dips over the break!

What a wonderful opportunity for the students to have a fun, memorable experience with all their friends, and it will be wonderful for parents to reconnect too.

It has been a huge term, so please have a good rest over the holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all back next term. God bless.

Angela Lacey

PRINCIPAL

GOSPEL REFLECTION (Mark 9:30-37)

Jesus teaches that to rank first, disciples must serve all.

This weekend's gospel is known to us. It is a reminder to not push ourselves forward as more important than others, but to be humble and to serve others. To 'serve' is not meant literally; it is to care, to respect, to show empathy to others in greater need than ourselves. When we do this, we are more like Jesus wants us to be, and this also brings a closer connection to those around us. One example of service we have seen in our time is of Pope Francis, who not only visits those who are in jail, but shows them God's forgiveness through the washing of their feet on Holy Thursday night as Jesus did at the end of the Last Supper.



SMOT Family Fun Day

Please click on the image for further information



ST MARTIN OF TOURS
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

SMOT FAMILY FUN DAY

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

BONUS FIDGET
IF PURCHASED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER

KIDS FUNZONE PASSPORT

GET YOUR KIDS PASSPORT NOW!
[HTTPS://SMOTPFA.WEEBLY.COM/](https://smotpfa.weebly.com/)

GIVE YOUR BOOKS A NEW HOME!

Donate your well-loved books in good condition to the SMOT Family Fun Day 2nd Hand Book Stall.

Please place them in the black crates outside the GECCO between
Monday, 16 September - Wednesday, 16 October.

You may even find a new favourite at the stall to take home!



DONATE FOR LUCKY DIP

We're collecting small, fun items for the Lucky Dip! If you have little treasures suitable for kids in Prep to Year 6 (think toys, stationery, or fun gadgets), please donate them to make the Lucky Dip extra special.

Please place them in the black crates outside the GECCO between
Monday, 16 September - Wednesday, 16 October.

Bring a smile to a child's face with your contribution!





WHEN IS THE SMOT FAMILY FUN DAY?

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER, FROM 3:30PM TO 6:30PM.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE FAMILIES OF ALL CURRENT STUDENTS AND STAFF INCLUDING PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SIBLINGS AND GRANDPARENTS. THE DAY IS DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY TOGETHER.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT AT THE EVENT?

WE'VE GOT A FUN-FILLED DAY PLANNED INCLUDING:

- KIDS FUNZONE – JUMPING CASTLES, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, FACE PAINT/TATTOOS**
- ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES**
- STALLS – 2ND HAND BOOKS, LUCKY DIP AND SWEETS, SHOWBAGS AND SNOW CONES**
- FOOD TRUCKS AND COFFEE VAN**
- LIVE DJ**

IS IT FREE TO ATTEND?

YES, IT IS FREE TO ATTEND THE EVENT. HOWEVER, FOR CHILDREN (INCLUDING YOUNGER AND OLDER SIBLINGS) TO ACCESS THE KIDS FUNZONE, YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE A KIDS PASSPORT AT [HTTPS://SMOTPFA.WEEBLY.COM/](https://smotpfa.weebly.com/).

IS THERE AN EARLY BIRD OFFER?

YES, ALL KIDS PASSPORTS PURCHASED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER WILL ALSO RECEIVE A BONUS FIDGET.

HOW MUCH IS THE KIDS PASSPORT? WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

THE KIDS PASSPORT IS \$10. IT INCLUDES:

- 1 X JUMPING CASTLE**
- 1 X KICK A GOAL "BEAT THE CAPTAINS"**
- 1 X HANDBALL**
- 1 X FACE PAINT/ TATTOO (TATTOO CAN BE TAKEN HOME IF YOU DON'T WANT ANYTHING ON THE DAY)**
- 1 X SNOW CONE (REDEEMABLE UPON COMPLETION OF THE FOUR ACTIVITIES)**

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE KIDS PASSPORT?

THE KIDS PASSPORT WILL BE SENT HOME IN WEEK 2 OF TERM 4.

Please click on the image for further information



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The Case for Risky Play in an Age of Overprotection

Remember playgrounds? I'm talking about the real deal: towering metal structures, splintery wooden forts, rocket ships you could climb up into for forever, and swings that sent you soaring; playgrounds where skinned knees and the occasional lost tooth were badges of honour, not cause for panic.

Today, those playgrounds are becoming an endangered species. In their place, we've erected sanitised, plastic-coated play areas that prioritise safety over adventure. Rather than making playgrounds as safe as necessary, we're making them as safe as possible. Swings barely leave the ground, monkey bars are disappearing, soft fall cushions the ground, and the merry-go-round? It's been banished to the realm of nostalgia.

We've become so obsessed with a well-intentioned desire to protect our kids from every possible bump and bruise that we've forgotten something crucial: kids need risk.

They need to climb, jump, fall, and get back up again. They need to test their limits, push their boundaries, and experience the thrill of conquering a challenge.

And I'm talking about all kids. Typically developing kids, children with disabilities, neurodivergent kids... the lot. Taking risks is how we build competence, and with competence comes confidence and self-esteem.

Renowned psychiatrist and mental health expert, Professor Patrick McGorry, has found that Australian young people are second only to US youth when it comes to mental health challenges. And researchers like New York University's Jonathan Haidt have linked the decline in risky play to the rising rates of anxiety and depression Professor McGorry describes in his recent studies. The argument: kids who are constantly shielded from risk may grow up feeling ill-equipped to handle life's inevitable challenges. They may become overly cautious, afraid to step outside their comfort zones, and paralysed by fear of failure.

It makes sense, though. We love our kids. We want them to be safe. The last thing we want is for them to break their arm. And yet... aren't those some of the very best stories we tell for the rest of our lives? Stories of adventure and misfortune; stories about how we scored our scars?

The Biosphere 2 experiment offers a cautionary tale. Scientists tried to create a perfect, self-sustaining ecosystem, but they failed miserably. The trees grew tall, fast, and straight. But then they toppled. They were too top heavy. Their roots were too shallow because there was no wind in Biosphere 2. The trees lacked the "stress wood" that develops in response to challenges (like windy days).

Our kids are like those trees. They're growing up in a controlled environment, protected from the harsh realities of the world. But when they finally venture out on their own, they're going to get

Stars of the week

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

PBL

Well done **Willow** for going above and beyond to help others. This week you have been so kind to help others when they have felt sad, or have hurt themselves. Thank you for spreading kindness throughout our classroom. Keep it up!

Congratulations to all of **Prep BL** for another fantastic term of learning! I am looking forward to coming back for another exciting term with you all after the holidays. Enjoy the break!

PGO

Julian thank you for your fantastic efforts in your writing. It's so great to see you challenge yourself and being so proud of your achievements. You are just too cool for school!

Ariel thank you for bringing happiness and kindness into Prep GO each day. It's wonderful to see you enjoying learning your 'Heart Words' to use in your story writing and reading your numbers from 11-25. Keep being a super star!

Thank you **Valentina** for the wonderful enthusiasm that you show in your learning. We are so proud of the way you challenge yourself in your learning activities and how you have learnt that making mistakes helps you to be a better learner! Keep shining brightly in Prep GO.

Lenny thank you for your fantastic writing efforts in your 'Animal Discovery Booklet'. Over the past few weeks you have grown in your motivation to write more ideas down and it has been fabulous to see you excited with your achievements. What a super star!

PJL

Elyse for being an insightful and confident contributor to class discussions. You strengthen your learning and the learning of those around you through your knowledge and ideas. Thank you for showing resilience and strength and for being a happy and excited learner. Keep up the amazing work!

Lily O for being a dedicated and motivated learner. Each day you show that you are a focussed learner and work so hard to do your best. Thank you for being a great listener and for following instructions. You should be very proud of yourself for being an independent and hard working learner. Keep up the amazing work!

1HM

To **Zoe** for your wonderful contributions to class discussions by sharing your wonderful thoughts and insights. It has been so pleasing to see your confidence improve and we have loved hearing you share!

To **Franklin** for working hard to listen to directions and complete your work to the best of your ability. It has been so impressive to see you asking for clarification if you are unsure and then trying your best to complete the task. Keep up the great work Franklin!

1JV

Christy - for her positivity and kindness shown toward her peers both in the classroom and the yard, keep up the great work Christy!

Zac - for returning to school with an enthusiastic and ready to learn attitude which has been wonderful to see Zac, keep it up in Term 4!

2MO

Elise for being a kind, caring and supportive member of the class. You constantly display the SMOT vales of responsibility, fairness, kindness and gratitude. Your positive attitude and helpful nature make our classroom a happier place. You're a super star Elise!

2MO: for the hard work you put into preparing and writing your weather reports! I loved how many of you embraced the role of weather reporters with your creative outfits. It made the oral presentations more engaging and fun. Keep up the fantastic work 2MO!

2RO

Bronte - for working hard to understand worded problems on multiplication. Well done Bronte!

2RO - for your enthusiasm during our weather presentations! You worked hard to write and prepare your amazing weather reports. Keep shining like the sunshine on a clear day, 2RO!

3CJ

Miles for your energetic and respectful participation in our dance lessons and your enthusiasm and awesome moves on the dance floor at Loyola. Fabulous and talented!

Lucia for your great attitude and respectful participation in our dance classes and your enthusiasm and wonderful moves on the dance floor at Loyola. Fabulous and talented!

3KR

Annalise for working hard on her poetry slideshow, she worked on the feedback she was given to make sure that she had the correct structure for all her poems.

Scarlett for continuing to work hard on understanding a text to be able to correctly answer questions about it.

3LA

Ivy: for trying her best to make good choices and being very helpful to both her peers and the teacher. Keep it up Ivy!

3LA: for their amazing dancing at the Basket Supper. You all performed brilliantly. Well done superstars!

4EP

To **Amelia** for using the correct structure and persuasive techniques to write a fantastic persuasive letter. Well done!

4HV

To **Evie** for applying herself and being focussed and on task whilst writing her explanation report. Keep up the great work, Evie!

To **Rory** for writing and publishing a brilliant explanation report. You provided lots of great information and created an engaging and visually appealing slide show on Google Slides. You also did an amazing job dancing at the Basket Supper. Great effort, Rory. We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to **4HV** for working hard this term and trying your best. Mrs. Hutt and Miss Valvo are extremely proud of you all!

4JR

To **Riley** for his enthusiasm in writing time. You have written some expressive and well-structured pieces. Well Done

Congratulations to **4JR** for working so hard this term. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday with your families.

5SM

To **Micah**, for always being such a great role model and showing amazing respect to your peers and teachers.

To **Allegra**, for consistently thinking about others and brightening up you peers and teachers day.

5ZW

Anthony, for demonstrating the SMOT qualities of Respect and Responsibility. Always looking out for others and offering kindness, compassion, support and never afraid to ask a question.

Braxton - for working hard to improve your maths skills. Keep challenging yourself. Well done!

6BM

Lauren for her dedication to her learning and always displaying a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Lauren!

Giuseppe for always trying his best and contributing positively to class discussions. Keep up the great work Giuseppe!

6RV

Jake - For regularly contributing to our whole class discussions and approaching all your learning tasks with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Jake!

Chloe - 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 effort, Chloe!

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.

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

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-WELCOMERS MINISTRY!!

New members are needed for this role at mass. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to participate in this important ministry.

SMOT YOUTH MASS—SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER AT 10.00am

The gathering after mass will be held in the OSHCLUB room, Snacks and drinks will be provided.

All Youth are invited to take part in the liturgy on the day.

For further information contact Ethan Lewis on 0432 880 612 OR

Sr. Maria Bui at Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

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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.

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Elizabeth Jernejcic
Parish Accounts Mgr.
Elizabeth.Jernejcic@cam.org.au

If you need the ministry of Fr Michael or Sr Maria please ring the Parish Office. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

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1800 305 330

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 21ST & 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

EXPLORING THE WORD - 25TH SUNDAY IN OT

In earlier texts in Mark, Jesus had already introduced the disciples to the fact that he must suffer and die, but that he would rise after three days. They do not understand this talk. Even after the extraordinary events of the transfiguration, just preceding this text, they do not understand. This text confirms the disciples' confusion. For Jesus, the die is cast. He is fully aware of his ultimate fate and he is at pains to ensure that his followers understand why it is necessary for him to die. He takes them aside, away from the crowd for private instruction, but still they do not understand. Perhaps they do not want to! The disciples wanted Jesus to be a messiah in the line of David—a liberator who will restore Israel to greatness—but Jesus makes it clear that this is not the plan. They do not want to question him further. They are afraid of the truth that the messiahship of Jesus is the messiahship of service rather than of great pomp or celebrity. It is not about being first but about being least. The great kingdom that the disciples want is not the kingdom of Jesus. In drawing the child to himself in an embrace, Jesus is telling the disciples that they must be open, trusting and receptive, as children are, rather than devising their own version of what the kingdom of God is like, and expecting God to conform to that.



- * Are there times when we expect God to conform to what we want?
- * What would we have God do for us?
- * Is this different from what God would have us do for him?
- * How can you become more 'child-like'—that is, open and trusting—in your faith?

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognized for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings. Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment.

These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.

Laudato Si' No 208

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WELCOME !!! For the next two 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

This week we had our school disco, which was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and the children had a wonderful time dancing and even doing some karaoke! Thank you to everyone who supported this event, we raised approximately \$1.4K toward our 2024 fundraising goal.

Plans for our SMOT Family Fun Day on Sunday 20th October, are well and truly underway. We have a fun-filled afternoon planned and hope as many families as possible will be able to attend.

The event will be free to attend. However, children will require a Kids Passport to access the Kids Funzone, which can be purchased at <https://smotpfa.weebly.com>. **EARLY BIRD OFFER** - All Kids Passports purchased by the end of September will receive a BONUS FIDGET.

There will be a second hand book stall and lucky dip at the event and we are now collecting donations. Donations can be placed in the black crates outside the GECCO until Wednesday 18th October. A flyer will be sent home with further details.

We will need volunteers from each year level to assist on the day to ensure the event is a success. Please sign up at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>.

For further information, please email smotpfa@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au. You can also follow our website and FaceBook page for the latest details and information.

2024 Term 4 Events

8 Oct	Zooper Doopers
15 Oct	Zooper Doopers/ PFA Meeting
20 Oct	SMOT Family Fun Day
22 Oct	Zooper Doopers
29 Oct	Zooper Doopers
11 Nov	Colour Run
12 Nov	Zooper Doopers
19 Nov	Zooper Doopers
26 Nov	Zooper Doopers
3 Dec	Zooper Doopers
10 Dec	Zooper Doopers

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
HELP US ACHIEVE OUR
FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2024!



Thank you for your support!

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LIVE DJ
STALLS

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GIVE YOUR BOOKS A NEW HOME!

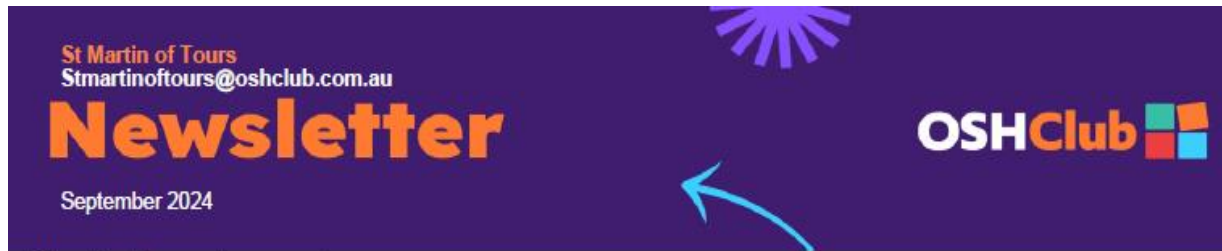
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FICTION
DIY
COOK BOOKS
NON-FICTION
YOUNG ADULT

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What's been happening...

Hi all!

As we come to the final weeks of the term, we can reflect on what an amazing term we have had. We have had many delicious breakfasts of a morning including fruit and yoghurt, pancakes, croissants, cereals and toast. In the afternoons we have enjoyed pizza muffins, pasta, sushi, nachos, noodles and yoghurt cones. As we have had a great time trying plenty of new foods specifically many different types of fruits such as dragon fruit and papaya, hopefully we can continue to try more foods in the future.

We have enjoyed plenty of group games in the morning with some of our favorite games this fortnight being 'Night and the Musicum', 'Simon Says' and 'Charades'. In the afternoon we love being outside playing group games such as 'Among Us', having a kick of the footy together or practicing our basketball skills.

Our creativity has been flowing as we enjoy our Hama beads, painting, drawing, coloring and even some baking.

Our weekly competitions have been a hit with designing a pair of basketball shoes as well as an AFL kit being our designs for the past two weeks. Our winners of the basketball shoes competition: Janice.H, Owen.H and Hazel.B and the winners for the AFL kit design was Elyse.D, Audrey. B and Sophie.H. We look forward to the next few competitions for our final term of the year!

We hope everyone has a wonderful time during the school holidays we can't wait to see you back for our final term of the year!

Have a great week
SMOT OSHC

Coming Up Fun days



Last day of term 3

- Create snow globes
- Hama beads
- Baking

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

Outcome 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 10 16 th – 20 th Sep	Year 3 and Year 4 Basket Supper Dance	Zooper Dooper Day Softball Round Robin Tournament	PFA School Disco State Netball Boys/Mixed State Finals		Last Day of Term 1pm Finish MACSSIS Survey Ends

TERM 4 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 7 th – 11 th Oct	Term 4 Starts PFA Mango Fundraiser Begins	Year 4 Camp Year 2 Billy Cart Incursion Zooper Dooper Day	Year 4 Camp		Last Day of Term 1pm Finish MACSSIS Survey Ends
Week 2 14 th – 18 th Oct 20th Oct SMOT Family Fun Day		3KR Sacrament of Reconciliation Zooper Dooper Day PFA Meeting		2JG Class Mass	
Week 3 21 st – 25 th Oct		3LA Sacrament of Reconciliation Zooper Dooper Day		2RO Class Mass	PFA Mango Fundraiser Ends World Teacher's Day
Week 4 28 th Oct– 1 st Nov 2nd Nov All Souls Day		3CJ Sacrament of Reconciliation Year 2 Excursion Zooper Dooper Day		Prep 2025 Orientation Session (1/3)	All Saints Mass

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

Year 4 Camp

Tuesday 8th October - Wednesday 9th October

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Year 3

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

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)

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**

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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)

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Soccer try-outs are back for Watsonia Heights FC and we're inviting all students to come along!

Local junior soccer club **Watsonia Heights FC** has started preparations for the 2025 Junior season and is seeking players for the following teams:

- MiniRoos Boys & Girls - U7, U8, U9, U10, U11
- Junior Boys & Girls - U12, U13, U14, U16, U18

Planning early helps us prepare for the 2025 season and lock away teams and coaches which helps us to hit the ground running in February for pre-season training and practice games.

Whether you've always wanted to give soccer a go – or you're a current player who is keen to try another club – all boys and girls are welcome to attend our upcoming WHFC October try-out days.

Attendance at try-outs is compulsory for players with an interest in playing at the highest level (U7-U11 Kangaroos or U12-U18 A Grade).

Register now at <https://whfc.majestri.com.au/2025-trials-team-selection> or via the QR code below.



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School Holiday Basketball Camps

Mini Hawks	5-10 years	24.09.24
Mini Hawks - All Girls	5-10 years	24.09.24
Kate Thomas - All Girls	10-15 years	24.09.24
Domestic	6-10 years	25.09.24
Development - All Girls	8-12 years	25.09.24
Next Level - All Boys	10-15 years	25.09.24
Mini Hawks	5-10 years	01.10.24
Development - All Boys	8-12 years	01.10.24
Domestic	6-10 years	02.10.24
Bella Niven-Brown	10-15 years	02.10.24



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Tuesday 8th October 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

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Associate Professor Michelle Jongenelis is an award-winning research academic with expertise in health promotion, intervention development and evaluation, behavioural psychology, and clinical psychology. She works across multiple and diverse health-related areas, including alcohol and tobacco control, nutrition, physical activity, sun protection, and healthy ageing. Michelle works as a researcher and consultant for a broad range of organisations covering the not-for-profit and government sectors.

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