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Principal's News



Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to Term Four! It is hard to believe we are in the final stage of the year, with November not far away! On returning to Melbourne though, after my trip, I was so glad to see warmer weather and daylight at the end of the day. We have much to look forward to this term.

FAMILY FUN DAY

It's almost here! The excitement is building for this weekend's Family Fun Day. It is great to hear that the community is volunteering as helpers, that Passports have been purchased and that the weather looks great for the day. This is one of those days which the students remember - a fun day with their friends. I am looking forward to meeting more parents on the day too, as you have the chance to socialise with each other.

A few reminders about the day:

- This is a **NO ALCOHOL** event in line with Child Safe legislation
- Parents are responsible for their children at all times
- All passports purchased prior to midday today have been sent home today via the blue tubs. Otherwise, please collect your Passports from the Cashier at the start of the event
- Cash and card payments will be accepted on the day
- BYO chairs or rug to sit and enjoy the food trucks and the music on the day
- Parking will be limited to the Community Centre car park and street parking
- It's not too late to volunteer for half an hour or so on the day. Please sign up here: <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>
- Staff will be present but are not 'on duty' as such, so please be aware of where your children are, including supervision on the playground and when going to the toilet

Thank you to the members of the PFA, led by Michelle Don Paul, for their efforts in organising this activity for us all. We also look forward to meeting our new Preps and members of our parish attending.

SEE YOU THERE!

Special thanks to Jamie Atherton for stepping in as Acting Principal while I was on Conference Leave in Week One. It is hard to believe that I was still in Spain this time last week.

2025 CLASS ORGANISATION

If your family is not returning to St Martin's in 2025, could you please **advise me in writing as soon as possible**, as we are beginning the organisation of classes and need to know numbers.

Students will usually have a different teacher and be with different peers each year. When teachers organise classes for the following year, they seek a balance of academic ability, emotional, behavioural, social and physical capabilities, and gender. The separation of twins / siblings / relatives is expected, however this factor may be considered in a child's Prep year. Prep lists will be finalised after the Orientation sessions.

If you have any relevant information regarding the placement of your child, please email me (principal@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au) detailing the reason/s (please note that a request for a specific teacher is not permitted as teachers in the year level may change). Social factors such as students not relating well together will be considered, but this reason must be submitted to me via email: This information will be taken into account when teachers are placing students in classes. **Emails need to be sent to me by 4pm on Friday 1 November 2024.**

In fairness to all, emails after this date will not be considered. Please note that the teachers will ask the students to nominate students with whom they work and play well with. The students will be placed with a minimum of one of the nominated peers. Please note that placement information for your child is to be emailed to me, not to the teacher/s. Any previous discussions with your child's teacher/s, must be redirected to me.

Students will have time with their new teacher/s on the day allocated for the following year's Transition session. Parents will be informed about their child's class for the following year on that same day. No changes will be made after this day. Class teachers for the following year will be made known to families via the final School Newsletter in December.

I ask you to trust the teachers' judgement and professionalism in making a decision that is in each student's best interest.

2025 SCHOOL FEES

A letter regarding 2025 School fees and levies will be sent to families next week.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – SLOW DOWN

There is a growing concern about the speed at which cars are driving down Silk Street in particular. There are times when drivers are distracted or on the phone and this can result in a lack of attention close to the school crossing, resulting in sudden braking or errors of judgement about distance close to where the students and adults are walking across the road. PLEASE be aware of the crossing and alert in Silk Street for the safety of all. Thank you.

YEAR THREE RECONCILIATION

The Year Three students have commenced the celebrations of the sacrament of Reconciliation. It was lovely to join 3KR and their families on Tuesday. The students were well prepared and responded to the gospel and Fr Michael's homily. Thanks to Fr Michael and Fr Wayne from Heidelberg West for sharing the sacrament with the students. I look forward to attending with 3LA and then 3CJ in the coming weeks.

MACSSIS

Thank you to those who completed the MACSSIS Survey last term. The winners received a \$50 Rebel voucher. Congratulations to:

1. Bottos Family
2. Quizhpe-Montalvo Family
3. Phillips Family (Year 3)
4. Mercovich Family

YEAR FOUR CAMP - IT'S A WRAP!

Thank you to the staff who attended and organised the Year Four Camp last week ~ **Kellie Cumming, Neesha Valvo, Elaine Priest, Chloe Jones, Sandra Randles, Lil Mosbauer, Ida Fruci and Fiona Henderson**. Special thanks to Sandra Tieppo who was instrumental in the organisation, but was then unable to attend. Her thorough planning resulted in a fabulous experience for the Year Four students, which will assist them in being prepared for subsequent camps. Thank you parents for your flexibility in transporting your child to Heidelberg when the trains were not running from Rosanna.

WELCOME

We welcomed three new students to St Martin's this term. Welcome to Elisabeth, Emilio and Helena. We hope you and your families love being a part of St Martin's school and community!

SPORT UPDATE

Basketball

On Monday this week, the Boys' basketball team played in the Hooptime second round. In the first game, the boys lost by 1 point, which was heartbreaking as they all played so well but just got beaten by a very good player. In the final game, the boys had to win by 8 to go through to the next round against the team who beat the team we lost to earlier in the day. The boys ended up winning by 26 points and made it through to regionals. Miss Molloy and Ryleh were so proud of the boys' resilience and determination. Well done and we look forward to the next stage!

Regional Athletics

A team of 16 students attended the Athletics day yesterday. Results will be shared via a Compass feed, but we do know that we have a Relay Team off to the State Finals in November! Super job!!

PFA - MANGOES

The Mango orders close next Friday 25 October, so please make sure you order ASAP. These are so divine at this time of the year.

FIRE CARRIERS ASSEMBLY

Next Thursday, at 2.45pm, we will induct the new Fire Carriers to their role for the rest of this year and 2025. This is an important role in continuing a greater understanding of Indigenous culture in our school community. Parents are welcome to join us on the Top Yard.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

On Friday 25 October, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. Being a teacher is a responsibility in helping children grow in knowledge and to be people who care for others and the world. We have FABULOUS teachers at St Martin's, so if you'd like to share a message or make them a card before next Friday, I know the staff would appreciate the gesture.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Next Friday is also the Day for Daniel, a day where we remind children of the need to be safe and to talk to a trusted adult when they don't feel safe. All students will participate in a lesson to focus on who they can trust and what to do to be safe. The students can wear something red that day – t-shirt, bandana, socks etc to remember this focus.

ALL SAINTS MASS

The whole school will be attending Mass at 9.15am on Friday 1 November to celebrate all saints. Parents are welcome to join us for this Mass.

CLASS MASSES

Please note that the days and dates for Class Masses have been included in the Diary Dates. 1HM Mass has been added to the calendar. 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

The 2025 Prep students are coming in on Tuesday next week for a Library session, before Orientation begins the following week.

It will be great to have them all together to share a story and an activity. Maybe they will arrive in their red t-shirts!

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.

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.

It is going to be a huge term, so please keep informed of all the events to come before we conclude 2024.

See you on Sunday for our Fun Day!

Angela Lacey

PRINCIPAL

CAMINO REFLECTION

I had a wonderful time on the Camino with 22 other Eastern Region Principals, and will share more of the experience with you in the coming weeks. The emphasis when completing the Camino is that you do it in your own way; it is a journey to a special place in Spain called Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St James are held. At the time of year when we were in Spain, the weather is expected to be pleasant, about 24 degrees, so not too hot for walking 114 kms to Santiago. This year, it poured rain on the first day, was okay on the second and third day, but very wet on the fourth and for half of the fifth day. Then, a Hurricane formed off the coast of Spain, with our final two days providing more rain. Thankfully, the wind and rain settled by the day we flew out.

The Camino is a religious pilgrimage which can begin in a number of countries ~ France, Portugal, Spain ~ depending on how much time you have. The journey can be up to 800km, if you have the time. It is a time for self reflection, conversations with others, contemplation of nature and a renewal of spirit. You cannot help but be in awe of the beautiful architecture in some of the cities we visited, nor the simplicity of life as we walked through some of the villages in the countryside. It is a spiritual opportunity for renewal and a physical challenge.

I thought of you all as I walked, and lit some candles at the Cathedral for all the intentions I knew needed special mention at the time, and the many people I love and are grateful for in my life. Perspective is a gift.

The way...



St James' Cathedral



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

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



BOUNCE CASTLE



FOOD TRUCKS



FACE PAINTING



SHOWBAGS



LIVE DJ



STALLS

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

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

St Martin of Tours Parents and Friends' Association

MANGO FUNDRAISER

It's Mango season! Indulge in fresh, juicy Kensington Pride mangoes direct from North Queensland. We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during premium harvest. Each tray will have between 12-20 mangoes and weigh approx. 7kgs.

\$29 PER TRAY

Highest fundraiser receives one of their trays for FREE!

**ORDERS DUE FRIDAY 25TH
OCTOBER 2024**



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INSIGHTS

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ISSUE 1 | TERM 4 | 2024

15 Ways to Raise Kids Who Bounce Back: No Fluff, Just Grit

Here are two propositions that matter when it comes to understanding resilience.

i. Life is hard. Full stop. End of story. Despite what Instagram promises, it rains when you need sunshine, the kids will be “too tired” when you’re running late...and the potty-training toddler, who’s been dry for a week, will save a truly epic nappy blowout for the moment you strap them into their car seat for a four-hour road trip. Oh, and don’t forget the inevitable chorus of “I’m hungry!” that erupts precisely three minutes after you’ve finally cleaned up the hurricane of a meal they just declared they “didn’t like.”

ii. People are resilient. It’s in our nature. We are designed that way. Unfortunately, we are fed a lie. We are told that challenges break us. And so we try to make life comfortable. We try to avoid the hardships that are guaranteed to hit us. And we do the same with our kids, scooping them up out of harm’s way so we can “protect” them.

But what if I told you that resilience is a muscle built through experiences and relationships? What if I told you that you can’t be resilient unless you face those hardships?

If you want kids who face life’s curveballs with their heads held high, here’s the blueprint:

- 1. Forge Unbreakable Bonds:** Kids need to know they’ve got a corner in this crazy world where they’re safe, loved, and unconditionally accepted. That’s the foundation for everything else. The best research tells us that this is numero uno. They need to know you’re there for them no matter what. (But that doesn’t mean you’ll do everything for them!)
- 2. Give ‘Em the Reins (Sometimes):** Let them make choices, even small ones, so they learn to trust their gut.
- 3. Feelings Aren’t the Enemy:** Teach them that it’s okay to feel ALL the feels. But also give them the tools to navigate those emotions without getting swept away. Emotions come and go, just like waves on the beach. Help them learn to recognise and ride those waves... the good ones and the not so good ones.
- 4. Celebrate the Climb, Not Just the Summit:** My eldest daughter and I hiked a huge hill in the Rocky Mountains. It was exhausting. After an hour of climbing I stopped and stared at the summit. She started to tell me it was too far. I spun her around and asked her what she could see. “We’ve come a long way huh? That view is amazing.” She turned to face the mountain and kept walking up it.

Upcoming Event

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Unplug Childhood

A presentation for parents of primary school aged children



The Screen Smart Series


Online Event for Australian Schools

LIVE on October 29th | 7pm AEDT & 8pm AEDT

In today’s digital age, parents face unique challenges in guiding their children through the complexities of the online world. The Screen Smart Series provides your school with an unparalleled opportunity to equip families with the knowledge and strategies they need to foster healthy relationships with technology.



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The Power of Habit

James Clear, author of *Atomic Habits*, writes that,

“Goals are for people who care about winning once. Systems are for people who care about winning repeatedly.”

We rise or fall according to the level of our systems. But family systems often don't exist. Chaos, rush, and stress dominate. Spontaneity works on some days. Exhaustion wins on others.

If systems and habits are at the core of our successes, developing effective, usable systems becomes a skill that matters.

Can you write out your morning system? Your weekly meal system? Your exercise routine or system?

What's the system for strengthening your relationship with your spouse or partner? Your kids?

Here are three practical systems I recommend:

Mornings

- Prep everything from uniforms, shoes, and schoolbags to breakfast choices and lunch decisions the night before.
- Get enough sleep (that's children and parents).
- Wake up early enough to be ready before the kids need to get started.
- Wake your children up with at least a 15-minute margin in case of challenges.
- Reduce correction and direction and build connection by asking how you can help.

Develop your morning system along these guidelines and watch your family's effectiveness and connection shift.



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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.



AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST

Congratulations to the 106 students from Year 3 to 6 at St Martin of Tours who competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition earlier this year. The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is a competition with 30 mathematics problems that demonstrate the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives. This program is organised by the Australian Maths Trust. The competition challenges students to apply their mathematical problem-solving skills across a range of topics within the Victorian Curriculum. All students who participated will receive a certificate. Special mention to Alan H in Year 4 who received the award for best result in our school.

The solutions and answers have been added to the AMT google classroom for you to view.

Special mention to the following students who will be acknowledged at the next assembly.

Credit

Year 3 - Alexander C, Orlando D, Miles G, Will H, Arthur J, Sofia L, Rosie O, Lucia P,

Year 4 - Samuel D, Harry D, Marcus D, Jacob L, Noe M, Amelia P, Mila Z

Year 5 - Chiara C, Blake D, Luke G, Josie M, Sophie N, Zara P, Hugo P, Sachin P, Micah P, Jonty R

Year 6 - Elliott T, Sienna C, Alessio C, Sebastian C, Joshua D, Sophie G, Maddison H, Jack N, Oliver T

Distinction

Year 3 - Georgia B, Harvey B, Archie D, Harry D, Emma G, Bosco H, Alexzander V, Liam W

Year 4 - Joshua B, Alan H, Atish N and Ellie N

Year 5 - Grace D and Milla P

Year 6 - Jack D, Andrew M, Archie P, Scarlet W, Nancy W

Best in School - Alan H

Stars of the week

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

PBL

Levi for being so excited and motivated in your learning this week! I love seeing you try your best with everything that we have been doing in class! Keep it up Levi!

Luca for being a great helper all week. Thank you for offering your help to your teacher and classmates when they need! Superstar!

PGO

Prep GO for being so fabulous and settled returning to school for our last fun term together.

Thank you **Peyton** for being a brave reader and choosing more challenging decodable books to read at home. You should be so proud of yourself!

PJL

Avery for coming back after the holidays focussed and motivated! It is so wonderful to see and hear you thinking deeply about your learning and putting in your best effort. Keep up the amazing work and keep being a superstar learner!

Raphy for starting Term 4 with a focussed attitude. Well done on calmly and quietly doing learning tasks and for putting great effort into your learning. Keep up the amazing work!

1HM

To **James** for settling into Term 4 so well after a long break with an injury! It's so wonderful to see you focusing on your work and to see you back with your friends James. A wonderful effort after a long absence. Well done!

To **Grace** for your excellent efforts in writing your recount about your holidays! You put so much effort into your writing ensuring you had neat handwriting and you did a great job at following the procedure of writing a recount! Great work Grace!

1JV

To **all of 1JV** for returning to school with enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn all they can in their last term!

To **Lilly** for showing such kindness to her peers and always volunteering to help others, keep up the great work Lilly!

1SI

To **all of 1SI** for starting term 4 with a positive attitude and settling back into the class routine well. Keep up the great work! Only one term to go!

Noah, for following instructions well and for being eager and ready to learn. Great job!

2RO

Michael - for settling back well to school after being away for a whole term. Well done Michael!

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

3CJ

Tommy: for your persistence to independently plan your Marvellous Machine narrative and for starting with an interesting beginning. Great work!

Janice: for your detailed narrative plan and your interesting and audience captivating beginning! Great work!

3KR

Harper for an engaging story about the "Marvellous Machine". You included punctuation and paragraphs to organise your thinking. Great work!

Jacob for enthusiastically sharing what he understands about fractions. You are able to explain your thinking clearly with other people in the class. Keep up the great work.

3LA

Ayesha: for using the 'show, not tell' technique in her narrative writing, bringing her stories to life with vivid descriptions! Keep it up Ayesha!

Orlando: for always being ready to lend a helping hand to both his classmates and teachers. You're a superstar Orlando!

4EP

To **all of 4EP** for the wonderful way you participated, asked questions and followed directions throughout our Camp and City experience! You showed great independence and resilience! We are all very proud of you!

To **Sienna** for showing independence and resilience in the classroom when completing learning activities. You have shown that you are willing to have a go before asking for help in Maths. Keep up the wonderful work!

4HV

To **all of 4HV** for their enthusiasm and participation on our City Experience. You showed resilience, respect and gratitude throughout the two day experience and we are all very proud of you.

4JR

To **all of 4JR** for the amazing way you conducted yourselves on camp, showing responsibility, teamwork, and a positive attitude throughout the experience – you've truly made us proud!

To **Sophie** for the positivity she brings to our classroom each day. You always approach learning

6RV

Zoe D - For respectfully participating in class discussions and giving her best to all learning tasks. Keep up the great effort Zoe!

Elliott B - For your positive and respectful contributions to our class discussions and the fantastic effort you are making to stay focused on your tasks. Keep up the great work Elliott!

MenALive Invitation

Dear fathers, grandfathers and men of St Martins Primary School and the School community

I would like to invite you to our MenALIVE event. A MenALive weekend is coming to St Martin's Parish ROSANNA on 16 and 17 November. It is for all fathers, grandfathers and adult men of the Parish, the School and men from our neighbouring Parishes and Schools are very welcome.

What is MenALIVE?

MenALIVE is an Australian Catholic lay men's ministry that was founded over 20 years ago. It encourages men to practice a deeper spiritual life of daily scripture and prayer and have regular fellowship with other men in the parish community. <https://www.menalivevic.au/>

During menALIVE men's weekend, the MenALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face, and the hope that they have in seeking to walk this journey with God. Perhaps the most important thing the weekend offers is space for the men to reflect, and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives. There are testimonies on the MenALIVE website from those who have attended these weekends and what it means to them as a participant. Here's a direct link to one of them: <https://youtu.be/GtsbOqgyTwk>

Come and join other men for this weekend experience. This will be a day and a half of challenge and fulfillment in God's purpose for you and for the other men – for you, for your families, for your world.

What Do You Need to Do?

Start by showing your commitment by registering and then, by praying for our life-focused and maybe life-changing event.

- This involves all of us. It starts with those attending the weekend.
- Anyone who wishes to help grow this vision within the St Martin's or a neighbouring Parish or School are asked to contact one of the St Martin's organisers who are mentioned in the brochure. The more we have the easier it will be for those helping to make this a special weekend for all who can make it.
- For those who cannot come and cannot directly get involved, would you all pray for the weekend: Pray that workers would be brought in to help with the big harvest.

Above all, it is important to promote this to your friends and family. We all know someone who could be invited. The more who come the wider the benefits will be for all of us. There is an excitement in that by building men up, families and the community will benefit sustainably. God will grow in men's hearts.

Register soon and pray for the weekend's success in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scan the QR code or go to the TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CVKJF>



The webpage for the weekend is available at <https://rosanna.menalivevic.au>

Helping men become fully alive - Lead an intentional life filled with purpose and meaning.

The St Martins MenALive Organising Committee.

What others have said...

"An enjoyable and very grounded experience of spirituality for men."

"A great weekend of talking, eating, laughing and prayer."

"Offers a clear vision for being Catholic and Christian in the contemporary world."

"The format and talks helped me to confront issues in my life - really helped me to go outside myself - found the weekend format terrific."

"Offers something practical and down-to-earth that most Catholic guys can relate to."

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and friendliness of the team and all the participants in general. I gained a lot from the weekend."

"Thank you for a great weekend. You have inspired my faith."

"The weekend was a great opportunity for men to come to be together and be set on fire. The vision of menALIVE was well presented and the format enables practical ways this could be accomplished."

"This is something the Church desperately needs."



menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

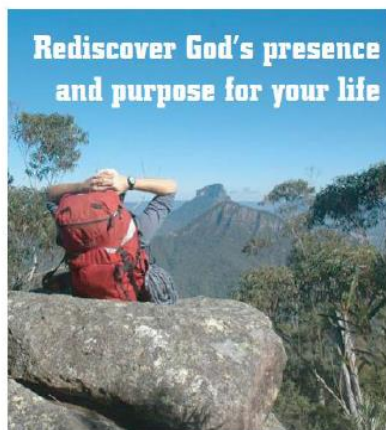
Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

16/17 November 2024

St Martin of Tours Parish,
Community Centre
1, Silk Street,
Rosanna, VIC 3084.

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

God is glorified when men are fully alive
St Irenaeus



The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

During the weekend, the menALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God.

Perhaps the most important thing the weekend offers is space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives.

The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.

The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

menALIVE Men's Weekend

16/17 November 2024

St Martin of Tours Parish,
Rosanna

Parish Community Centre
1 Silk Street, Rosanna, VIC 3084.

Program

SATURDAY

8 am-8:45 Registration
9 pm End of Day #1
(Lunch and Dinner Provided)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Start
12:30 pm Mass
1:30 pm Finish

INVESTMENT

\$55 per person*
Includes: Workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

MORE INFORMATION

via QR code or
<https://rosanna.menalivevic.au>



RSVP: 6th November 2024

ENQUIRIES:
Name: John O'Connell
Phone: 0429 596 948
Email: johnoc@optusnet.com.au

* Please contact organisers if you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like some assistance

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/mobile: _____

Email: _____

Year of Birth: _____

Parish: _____

Special Needs (diet, mobility, etc): _____

Registration and payment via TryBooking.

Scan QR Code or go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/CVKJF> to register and pay*.



*If you need help with registration or payment, please contact John O'Connell, 0429 596 948, johnoc@optusnet.com.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
<https://rosanna.menalivevic.au>

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

MEMORIAL MASS 2024

The Annual Memorial Mass at St Martin's will be held on **Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Church**. We welcome you, your relatives and friends; all who have lost loved ones over the year to this special Mass. You are welcome to place a photo of your loved one at the foot of the altar. There will be a memorial book located beside the altar to write the name of your loved one in. *If you have lost a loved one during 2024 of whom we are not aware please contact us by Thursday 27 October if you would like them remembered by name at the Memorial Mass*. For further information phone the Parish Office on 9401 6338 or Sr Maria by email maria.bui@cam.org.au

PLEASE NOTE NOVEMBER 2024 DATES

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER- All Saints - 9.15am Mass with Parish School

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER- All Souls Mass at 8.30 am

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - Memorial Mass at 7.30 pm

CHILDREN'S MASS – Participant request

St Martin's parish will be dedicating the **10am Mass on Sunday 20th October** to the children of the parish. Children from all year levels are invited to take part in, and attend the 10:00am Mass along with their families, then join parishioners for refreshments afterwards in the GECCO.

Please contact Sarah Gittins wspr.gittins@bigpond.com

Take the Way of the Gospel: Sr Maria, Gay and I attended the 19 September meeting of the Eastern Region group. Fr Michael was on his well-earned holiday and Fulvio was very busy with end of semester corrections at ACU. Take the Way of the Gospel is the Archdiocese of Melbourne's response to Pope Francis' dream of a 'missionary option'. For parishes, it is an invitation to come together in prayer and discern how they might grow as vibrant, vital, and viable communities of faith, so that a fresh energy and apostolic vigour can animate us well into the future. Parishes want to be : Vibrant (flourishing faith communities); Vital (have clear direction and purpose) and Viable (demonstrate responsible stewardship).

A resource guide was launched during our meeting and we will continue to share its information with you as it unfolds. Thank you and may God bless you. Marian Power on behalf of our TTWOTG group at St Martin's.

SIGNS OF HOPE - PEOPLE OF FAITH: Concert-reflection with singer-guitarist Peter Kearney on **Friday 22nd November from 7.30-9.00pm** (with interval) in **St. Martin of Tours Church**, 5 Silk Street, **Rosanna**. Donations welcome at interval. Light refreshments provided. Enquiries: (03) 9401 6338. Peter's concert will weave songs, stories, and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought hope and compassion into our world. Peter's hymns and songs, published in fifteen albums, include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where is Your Song my Lord?'. Some of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.

MenALive weekend is coming to St Martin's Parish on 16 and 17 November

Helping men become fully alive - Lead an intentional life filled with purpose and meaning.

Be part of this important weekend. Come and join other men of our Parish and surrounding areas. This will be a day and a half of challenge and fulfillment in God's purpose for you as a man – for you, for your family, for your world. Scan the QR code or go to the TryBooking link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CVKJF> The webpage for the weekend is available

at <https://rosanna.menalivevic.au> . More details will be provided over the coming weeks.

So start by registering and start praying for our life-focused and maybe life-changing event.

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When was the last time you felt really alive?

God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Irenaeus

MEN'S WEEKEND

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November

**St Martin of Tours Parish Community Centre
1 Silk Street, Rosanna, VIC 3084.**

For more information, scan the QR Code,
visit <https://rosanna.menalivevic.au>
or contact:

- John O'Connell, 0429 596 948, johnoc@optusnet.com.au
- James Theseira, 0478 403 070, theseira888@gmail.com



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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

We are super excited ahead of our SMOT Family Fun Day on Sunday 20th October. The weather forecast is looking good so we would love to see as many families attending as possible. We have currently sold 306 kids passports. They can still be purchased online (<https://smotpfa.weebly.com>) and at the event. However, they will now need to be collected from the cashier on the day.

We are still in need of volunteers from each year level to assist on the day to ensure the event is a success. If you are attending, and have a valid WWCC, we ask that you please volunteer 1/2hr of your time so that our other volunteers, teachers and organisers can also spend time with their families on the day. Please sign up at <https://signup.zone/smotpfa-volunteer>.

Thank you to all those who have donated books for the second hand book stall. We hope they will find a new home and bring joy to someone else. A special thank you to the Harris family for designing and printing the amazing kids passports, Finnegan Partners and family for their contribution toward the DJ and Adept IP for providing some decorations for the event.

Our mango and colour explosion fundraisers are also underway. Mangoes can be ordered at <https://smotpfa.weebly.com> by Friday 25th October. For the colour explosion, please follow the instructions in the booklet to create a new profile (like the cookie dough fundraiser) and start fundraising!

2024 Term 4 Events

20 Oct	SMOT Family Fun Day
22 Oct	Zooper Doopers
25 Oct	Mango Orders Due
29 Oct	Zooper Doopers
11 Nov	Colour Run
12 Nov	Zooper Doopers
19 Nov	Zooper Doopers
26 Nov	Zooper Doopers
27 Nov	PFA AGM
TBC	Mango Delivery
3 Dec	Zooper Doopers
10 Dec	Zooper Doopers



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



Thank you for your support!



Get your Colour on, St Martin of Tours Parents and Friends' Association is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on Monday 11th November,

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes. To get started, follow the instructions to create a new profile and start fundraising.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

PFA Incentive Prizes!

- ★ Hot Chips Lunch: Highest fundraising class in the school will receive a hot chips lunch on Wednesday 13th November.
- ★ Zooper Doopers: Raise a total of \$10K* or more across the whole school and each student will receive a Zooper Dooper at the completion of the run.

*Note – The school will receive 56% of the total amount raised.

For further information, please email smotpfa@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au.

Happy fundraising!

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What's been happening...

Hi all!

What a lovely start to the term we've had. All the happy familiar faces we have welcomed back into our space over the past few weeks have been a refreshing start back into our routines for the new term.

Our OSHC mornings have consisted of plenty of colouring, drawing and designing with our weekly competition theme, with it also starting to warm up we enjoy playing outside in the sun before school.

Every morning recently, we have been packing up early and getting the children to run their own mini games. They have loved having the responsibility of choosing what game to play, explaining the rules and running it themselves. A few of our favorite games have been silent ball, night at the museum, among us and hide and seek

We have loved having our weekly competitions in which we have created our own Halloween pumpkin and Halloween costume with a prize for our top 3 favorites! We have also started to continue to incorporate this into our afternoon sessions too.

This term we have spent plenty of time in the afternoon's outside as its beginning to warm up, we have made bracelets, water colour painting, loom bands, origami and Lego building. We also got time to decorate our room for Halloween it's looking very spooky!

We can't wait to show you what's in store for us in term 4!

- SMOT OSHC

What's to come...

Oct

Spooky season activities

- Toilet rolls mummies
- Yarn pumpkins
- Yarn mummies
- Spider web paintings



Special Announcements

- OSHC will be CLOSED Monday 4th November
- **Hats are required at OSHC** this term Please remember to keep a spare hat in your bag for when at OSHC.
- 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 4 2024

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

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 <i>Prep 2025 Story time 2.45pm</i>	School Tour	2RO Class Mass Fire Carriers Assembly 2.45pm	PFA Mango Fundraiser Ends World Teacher's Day Day for Daniel
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
Week 5 4 th – 8 th Nov	<i>School Closure Day (Report Writing)</i>	Melbourne Cup Day	Prep Incursion	1SI Class Mass School Tour	
Week 6 11 th – 15 th Nov	St Martin's Feast Day Mass (Lead by 6BM) Colour Run Feast Day Activities	Prep 2025 Orientation Session (2/3) Zooper Dooper Day			Prep 2025 Parent Welcome Dinner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 18 th – 22 nd Nov 23rd Nov Year 2 Family Mass	5SM Class Mass	School Tour Zooper Dooper Day	Prep 2025 Orientation Session (3/3)	1JV Class Mass	
Week 8 25 rd – 29 th Nov	5ZW Class Mass PFA School Fee Raffle Begins	Zooper Dooper Day	PFA AGM	3CJ Class Mass	
Week 9 2 nd – 6 th Dec	School Closure Day (Staff Planning Day 2025)	School Tour 1HM Class Mass Zooper Dooper Day	Year 6 Excursion		Year 6 Graduation Mass 9.15am
Week 10 9 th – 13 th Dec	Carols Night 5.30pm	Zooper Dooper Day	Year 6 Graduation Celebration 6.30-9.30pm		End of Year Mass 9.15am Farewell to Year 6 Students (after Mass) PFA School Fee Raffle Ends
Week 11 16 th – 20 th Dec	Meet your 2025 Teacher PFA School Fee Raffle Drawn	Term 4 Ends 1pm			

Term Dates 2025

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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Works Notification

Day and Night works in Watsonia, Macleod and Yallambie

October 2024

With tunnelling underway, we're starting work on the new Greensborough Road Boulevard and the widening of Lower Plenty Road.

What we'll be doing

From early October, activities to support tunnelling works will take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During this time, we'll aim to minimise noise and light impacts away from your property as much as possible.

Where	Activity	What to expect
Greensborough Road (between Watsonia and Yallambie roads)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tunnelling activityRemoving temporary tunnelling support structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased truck movements delivering the tunnel wall segmentsContinuous operation of the enclosed conveyor into the acoustic shed
Winsor Reserve, Macleod	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transporting dirt and rock from the acoustic shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased truck movements entering and exiting the acoustic shed
Greensborough Road (between Yallambie Road and Oban Way)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building the ventilation tunnelAssembling a tower crane near Blamey Road to build the northern ventilation structureExcavation and concreting worksBuilding worker site facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuous works to build the ventilation tunnelShared path closure between Yallambie and Blamey roads along the east side of Greensborough RoadSimpson Army Barracks/Greensborough Road bus stop on route 514 Eltham to Glenroy via Greensborough closed until 2028
Greensborough Road (between Oban Way and Lower Plenty Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moving traffic barriers along Greensborough and Lower Plenty roadsPiling and excavation works to build tunnel wallsSteel fixing and concrete pours to build the main tunnel area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Greensborough Road reduced to one lane in each direction at nightTunnel construction at night including excavationSome residential driveways will be impacted. We will contact residents who are impacted directly

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Game Ready: (7-10yrs)
Prepare for domestic basketball through 5v5 game play

All Girls: (5-10yrs)
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Mini Hawks: (5-6yrs)
Fun and games with an emphasis on developing motor skills and ball literacy

Mini Hawks: (7-10yrs)
Designed for those starting out in a safe and supported environment

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12 October 2024

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